

# 40 DAYS OF LENT



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 24, 2019

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### HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday** - 4:30pm - Confessions  
 - 5:00pm - Rosary  
 - 5:30pm - Vigil Mass

**Sunday** - 10:30am - Mass

**Please Note:** On every Friday during this season of Lent there will be Mass @ 6:30pm, Stations of the Cross @7:00pm followed by Soup.

### WEEK DAYS

**Monday to Wednesday** - 5:40pm - Rosary  
 - 6:00pm - Mass

**Thursday** - 3:00pm - AMCC

**Friday** - 3:00pm - QCC

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Please Signup for Lectors and EMHC, and Soup after Stations on Friday.
2. Those who are interested to serve as Lay Presiders, please see Fr. Kumar after the Mass.
3. Please take the C R S Rice bowl from the table in social hall to help feed the poor people across the globe.
4. The Word Among Us booklets for Lenten Journey are at the back table in Social Hall. Please take your copy.
5. There's Religious Education after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday.
6. Parish Council Meet on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> after the 6pm Mass.

### READERS AND EM'S FOR MARCH

#### First Sunday of Lent

**Saturday March 9**  
 5:30pm Lector Sandi Nehriri  
 EMHC

**Sunday March 10**  
 10:30am Lector Julie Farley  
 EMHC

#### Second Sunday of Lent

**Saturday March 16**  
 5:30pm Lector Leona Mayac  
 EMHC Sandi Nehriri

**Sunday March 17**  
 10:30am Lector Emily Hofstaedter  
 EMHC

#### St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 19<sup>th</sup>

7pm Lector  
 EMHC

#### Third Sunday of Lent

**Saturday March 23**  
 5:30pm Lector Katherene Scott  
 EMHC

**Sunday March 24**  
 10:30am Lector Sean Penetac  
 EMHC

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Saturday March 30**  
 5:30pm Lector Leona Mayac  
 EMHC

**Sunday March 31**  
 10:30am Lector K&N McTigue  
 EMHC

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

**The 2019 Lenten season begins on Ash  
Wednesday, March 6, for Latin-rite Catholics  
with Easter Sunday on April 21.**

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by **giving alms**, and to sacrifice self-control through **fasting**. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this **reflection**. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ."-- Pope Francis

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

On these pages, you will find a variety of suggestions and resources to help you "raise up," "sacrifice," and "offer" during this Lent and to embrace your baptismal commitment.

Catholics are also encouraged to make going to confession a significant part of their spiritual lives during Lent. The U.S. Bishops' statement, "**God's Gift of Forgiveness: The Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation**" can be distributed and shared in parishes. Dioceses are encouraged to make the sacrament available often during Lent and to use **these resources** to promote participation. We also have **resources to help individuals** who have not been to confession in a while "rediscover" the sacrament.

On 17th March 2019 is \$ 507. Thank you very much for your generous contribution.

**FAMILY CONNECTION**

We may be unfamiliar with fig trees, but we might know about the growth of spring flowers. Perhaps we have looked at a dry, brown flower bulb and wondered how this produces the colorful tulip or daffodil blossom that we expect to bloom in the spring. Perhaps we've even thought about the patience and hope that are required to plant flower bulbs in October. We don't have to be gardeners, however, to know about patience and hopefulness. As parents, we practice these virtues each day with our children. We may become frustrated and even angered by their willfulness and lack of cooperation. Yet we continue to offer our attention and guidance in hope that one day our efforts will bear fruit. Today's parable suggests that God is like that with us, working with us in patience and in hope that one day we will show evidence that such work is not in vain. As parents, we know God's kindness when we find evidence for our hope for our children. Does God find such glimmers of hope as he works with us?

Gather your family and show a spring flower in bloom. Recall that in the fall this flower was a dry bulb (if a flower bulb is available, show this as well). Talk about the hopefulness and patience shown by those who plant flower bulbs in the fall in the hope that they will bloom in the spring. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 13:1-9. Compare the parable of the barren fig tree to your discussion about spring flowers. Consider the patience and hopefulness that God has with us as he works with us, calling us to return to him when we sin. Offer prayers of thanks and praise to God for his patience and hopefulness towards us. Conclude by praying together today's Psalm, Psalm 103.

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