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## Sunday, March 8th, 2026

### 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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Sat. Mar 7	4-4:45pm		<b>FIRST SATURDAY MASS AND ADORATION CANCELLED</b> <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	✠	Mary Ferrara (Ferrara Family)
Sun. Mar 8	10:00am	✠	John Blaszyński (Mary Ann Biggar)
Mon. Mar 9			<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. Mar 10	9:30am	✠	Emilia Rajda & Wladyslaw & son Lesek (Danuta Mazur)
		✠	Andy Miedema (Nancy Horton) For peace & protection of North America & For the sick (Carolle Gilbert)
	7-8pm		<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>
Wed. Mar 11	9:30am	✠	Stefan Hozjan (Sean Horvot)
Thurs. Mar 12	9:30am	✠	OPP Constable Greg Pierzchala (Nohara Family) Robert Colburn (John & Tara DiMartile) Genevieve Nohara (Adelaine Nohara) For children in parish and Community (Nancy Horton)
Fri. Mar 13	9:30am		<b>No Mass</b>
	7:00pm		<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat. Mar 14	4-4:45pm		<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm		All Parishioners
Sun. Mar 15	10:00am	✠	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Jolant Brigie (Teresa & Marek Kazmierski)

**Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.**  
**Stations of the Cross** every Friday during Lent beginning at 7pm....praying through the Passion and Death of Christ.

### Third Sunday of Lent John 4:5-42

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, "Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way." That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: "**One sows and another reaps**" (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

**Lenten challenge:** Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

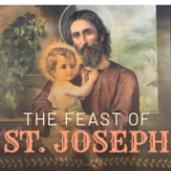


**Women protecting the Earth**  
In Brazil, the lives of several rural communities are disrupted by industrial agriculture, mining and the Carajás railway. Women are at the heart of the fight to protect the land and the environment from the air, water and soil pollution that they cause. This pollution damages their kitchen gardens and harms the health of their children, families and neighbours.

Courageously, these women resist to continue to exist on their land. To assert and protect their rights, they formed a women's association called *Seeds of the Earth* with the support of **Justiça nos Trilhos** (JnT), a partner of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada. **Solidarity Sunday is March 22nd.**

### Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

**On Saturday, March 21, 2026** in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available from 10:00am – 2:00pm to hear individual confessions. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration during this time. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

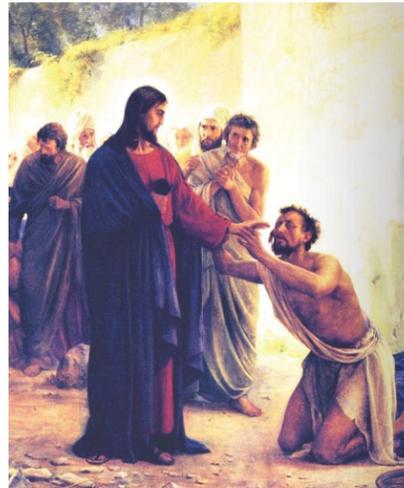


### Solemnity of St. Joseph— March 19th

Renowned offspring of David, Head of the Holy Family, Pillar of Families, protector of the Holy Church, St. Joseph, Pray for Us.

**Easter Flower Memorial:** The beautiful Easter lilies and spring flowers that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Easter in our parish. We invite all parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by using the **Easter Flowers Memorial Envelopes in your offertory boxes dated March 15th or you may use a plain envelope with your contact information. Or....e transfer.**

## Sunday, March 15th, 2026



### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

Mon. Mar 16	9:30am		<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. Mar 17	9:30am	✠	Giuseppe & Angiolina Iamonaco (Melissa Middleton) Fr. Jacek & His Intentions (Parish) Cadavid/Velasquez Family (Nohara Family)
		✠	Souls in Purgatory (Carolle Gilbert)
Wed. Mar 18	9:30am	✠	Marianne Myszczyzyn (Gloria Egert & Family) Special Intention Brian, Katherine, Francesca, Emilio, Ava & Lorenzo Lostracco & Angela Covatta (Katherine Lostracco) Grace & Blessings Fr. Janusz (Adelaine Nohara) Marion/Gilbert Families (Carolle Gilbert)
Thurs. Mar 19	9:30am		<b>No Mass</b>
	7:00pm		<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Fri. Mar 20	9:30am		<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
Sat. Mar 21	4-4:45pm		All Parishioners
	5:00pm		<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
Sun. Mar 22	10:00am		Sixteenth Birthday Blessings Emma Aldana (Marek & Teresa Kazmierski)

**Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses**

**St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Food Drive:** As we begin our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we invite you to consider donating to our Lenten Food Drive, (baskets are located at the top of the stairs) or placing a monetary or gift card donation in the donation box (also at the top of the stairs) as an expression of your care for our neighbours in need. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference. Together, through your compassion and generosity, we are able to be Christ's hands and heart in our community. Thank you for all that you have already done — and for all that you continue to do.

**We welcome the following in Baptism, Loni Catherine Stack,** daughter of Tyler Stack and Kelsey Molnar & **Jeanvier Azaiah Youtchekou Wood,** son of Neil Wood & Clarice Wood.

**Respect for Life Mass....** Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 7pm, The Annunciation of the Lord. Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. Rosary for Life and Confessions 6pm.

### Fourth Sunday of Lent John 9:1-41

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?**" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "**Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.**" He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "**I am the light of the world**" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you not see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark. Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze re-frame how we see ourselves and one another.

**Lenten challenge:** Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

### The 2026 Message of Pope Leo XIV for Lent is titled "Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion."

In his message, the Holy Father writes: "Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life." [Read the entire message on the Vatican website.](#)

**St. Patrick, March 17th-** Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world. St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family. His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.

### HELP SAVE LIVES IN NIAGARA!



You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers! Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community: Vigil location: The public sidewalk outside the Niagara Falls Hospital, 5546 Portage Rd, Niagara Falls.

Vigil hours: 8 am - 8 pm daily Local contact: Angela 905-931-0363 Annette 905-325-1251 Email inquiries: [actionfor-life@outlook.com](mailto:actionfor-life@outlook.com) Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at this web address. [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

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**Offertory February 28th & March 1st, 2026—\$1,960.00**  
**Maintenance- \$325.00**



