

Third Sunday in Lent

March 24th, 2019



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 3: 1~8a, 13~15

Psalms 103: The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Second Reading: Corinthians 10: 1~6, 10~12

Gospel: Luke 13: 1~9

REFLECTION

Between the burning bush and the fig tree, this week's readings demonstrate that God's gardening is a bit different than ours. As you make your way through Lent, working to sacrifice and pray, to grow virtue and meditate on Christ's suffering, how is God at work doing something with your life that you would find hard to see? In what ways could your life be a burning bush, or a tree struggling to produce fruit? Can you marvel at the miracle-in-progress God is working in you, even while you do not understand or appreciate it all? Thank God for the tending He is doing in your life, and give Him permission to keep gardening.

ARCHDIOCESE

SHARELIFE SUNDAY

How can you "Live the Gospel" when life is so busy?

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to "Live the Gospel" by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign.

Next Sunday, March 31st is the first of three ShareLife Sundays.

Please give generously.

Our parish goal this year is \$15,000.00.

DAY OF RECONCILIATION & GRACE



During the week of March 31 to April 6 parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto for Lent will be participating in a Day of Grace Reconciliation. In our parish that day is **Wednesday April 3, 2019**. Times are from 9:00 am – 10:00 am and 4 pm – 6:30 pm, at St. Joseph's Church.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

A project of Campaign Life Coalition the National March for Life takes place on Thursday May 9, 2019 at Parliament Hill in Ottawa. The Rally begins at 12:30pm and the March is at 1:30pm. Again this year, there is a 56 passenger coach bus which will be leaving Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Port Perry at 6:15 am on May 9th and returning about 9:30pm that evening. The cost is \$30 a person. If you are interested, and would like to reserve your seat please call Regina Gedge at 1-905-985-9496.

PARISH NEWS



REMINDER: Stations of the Cross devotion is every Friday evening throughout Lent after the 6:30 pm Mass.

SACRAMENT CLASSES

First Holy Communion Class has been cancelled for today and **rescheduled for next Sunday March 31st after Mass.** We apologise for any inconvenience.

THANK YOU!!

The parish would like to thank the Ladies of the Parish for providing last Sunday's Feast of St. Joseph's luncheon. The soups, assorted sandwiches and dessert were very tasty and the event was well attended. Thank you Ladies!

EASTER FLOWERS

Collection will be at Palm Sunday Masses. We are offering parishioners a chance to sponsor Easter flowers for the Sanctuary; there are flower envelopes at the back of the church.

FR. OSWIN'S BIRTHDAY

It's a surprise!! All are invited to join us downstairs after Mass on **Sunday March 31st for cake and refreshments.** If you see Fr. Oswin on Thursday March 28th, please wish him a very happy birthday.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Ladies ~ Lunch	\$ 241.60
Maintenance	595.00
Offertory	1,495.85

Thank you to all parishioners for your generous contributions.

Please remember your parish in your Will or Estate Plan.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

We join in prayer with those who have requested that Masses be offered for their loved ones, living (*) or deceased (+).

Date	MARCH	Time	Mass for	Requested by
Friday 22 nd		9:15am	Pro Populo	
Saturday 23 rd		5 pm	+ Jean (John) Labrie	Fern & Rosa Gosselin
Sunday 24 th		9 am	* Adrian & May VanMil	Adrian VanMil
Tuesday 26 th		6:30pm		
Wednesday 27 th		11 am	Lakeview Manor	
		6:30 pm	+ Araceli Y. Zaragoza	Family
Thursday 28 th		9:15am	* Thanksgiving	Family
Friday 29 th		6:30pm	+ Fr. Joseph MacDonald	Family
Saturday 30 th		5 pm	+ Francis Savie	Family
Sunday 31 st		9 am	+ Souls of Family Members	Family
		11 am	Pro Populo	

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March 2019



**Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities
That Christian communities, especially those who are
persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their
rights respected.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick and the hospitalized of the parish especially: Pam Bassett, Bob Bernier, Candice Boccocio, *Nicola DeLuca, Dr. George Emery, Herman Evertman, Elaine Nangini, Pat Mallen, Michael Martin, Penny Muston, Lillian O'Neill, Margaret Quinn, Rosa Maria Santos, Jim Smith, Dorothy Stewart, Pete VanMil, and all the sick of the parish.*

Please contact the parish office to have someone placed on or removed from the sick list.