

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



March 2nd, 2025

THIS WEEKEND

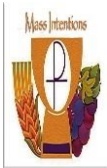
Saturday March 1st

4 pm

Sunday March 2nd

9 am

11 am



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 27: 4~7

Psalms 92: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: Corinthians 15: 54~58

Gospel: Luke 6: 39~45



THERE IS NO SOUND TREE THAT PRODUCES ROTTEN FRUIT

The readings for today (the final Sunday before Lent) remind us how words and actions illustrate what lies in the heart of each person.

*The **First Reading** speaks of the true test of a person being what they say, and thus the importance of listening carefully to others. We also need to be conscious of our own choice of words.*

*In similar vein, St Paul encourages the early Christian community in Corinth to persevere in serving the Lord (**Second Reading**). Paul reminds them – and us – that following the example of Jesus will never be in vain.*

*In the **Gospel**, we see Jesus using striking visual images to illustrate his teaching. Firstly, he warns us of the dangers of following others blindly, and then speaks of the danger of judging others whilst not acknowledging our own failings.*

*Three of our four readings this week speak of the care and conditions that trees need in order to produce sound fruit. So, as Pilgrims of Hope in this **Jubilee Year**, we pray that we may be ever mindful of the impact our ways of living can have on the natural environment. We pray that we will make good choices to protect God's creation.*

ARCHDIOCESE

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops decrees that the days of fast and abstinence in Canada are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. **On Ash Wednesday (March 5th, 2025), ashes will be distributed at the 9:15 am & 6:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph's Church.**

It doesn't take a lot of time to prepare for the beginning of Lent. . . it just takes desire and focus. God can do so much with that. We could wake up each morning, and for something like a half a minute to a minute,



stand by the edge of our beds, and just ask the Lord for the grace to let this day be one in which I long for the beginning of Lent.

Perhaps we need to ask for specific help or graces to get ready to begin Lent. Whatever we try to say, our Lord can understand the Spirit trying to speak through our simple words. And all it takes is the time to find and put on our slippers. And each night, in the days ahead, we can practice giving thanks to God before we go to bed. This simple pattern, in the morning and evening can stir our spirits to look forward to and prepare for Lent, as a season of grace.

***May our Lord bless us all
On this journey ahead!***

PARISH COMMUNITY

LENTEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST

This morning following the 11:00 am Mass, the Knights of Columbus will be serving a pancake brunch. Everyone is invited to join us for a parish celebration *before* the beginning of Lent!

A free will offering is appreciated.

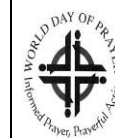
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This ecumenical service is open to all men and women in the community and this year is written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands.

When: Friday March 7th, 2025

Where: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Beaverton @ 11 am ~ lunch to follow.

ALSO Knox Presbyterian Church Gamebridge @ 7:30 pm ~ light refreshments provided.



Please see posters on bulletin boards.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Devotions will begin Friday March 7th and will continue every Friday evening throughout Lent following the 6:00 pm Mass in Beaverton. Please note there will be **no morning Mass on Friday's during Lent.**

MASS INTENTIONS

** living or + deceased.

March	Time	Mass for
Tuesday 4 th	6:00 pm	
Ash Wednesday 5 th	9:15 am	
	6:00 pm	
Thursday 6 th	9:15 am	
Friday 7 th	6:00 pm	

PRAY FOR THE SICK, HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED & FOR THOSE IN NEED

Jean Adams, Lt. (N) Anthony Adams, John Dziuran, Ana Figueiredo, Derek Francis, Angela Hoffbauer, Louise Kozolowski, Brock MacDonald, Mary Porter, Erika Rihel, Joanne & Rick Scrannage, Ralph Slaney.

DONATIONS TO YOUR PARISH

Building Fund	\$ 115.00
Food Bank	70.00
Sunday Envelopes/Loose	1,475.80

Have you prayed about your stewardship support level? When was the last time you increased your financial support?

Thank you to those who have!

Thank you and God Bless!!