

1st SUNDAY IN LENT



March 9th, 2025

THIS WEEKEND

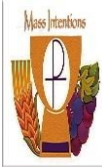
Saturday March 8th

4 pm ** Intention of People

Sunday March 9th

9 am ** Thanksgiving

11 am ** Birthday ~ May VanMil



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4~10

Psalms 91: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading: Romans 10: 8~13

Gospel: Luke 4: 1~13



My Dear Parishioners: One of the most awkward things that the parish priest has to address from time to time is money, especially in terms of the weekly offertory. However, it is the pastor's responsibility to inform parishioners of the financial health of the parish. Since the new year, our Sunday offertory has dropped. It is typical that the winter months experience a decrease in the collection due to bad weather or winter travel. The collections have dropped significantly from what we count on to meet our parish expenses.

I am very much aware of the sacrifices that my people make for the good of our

parish. Your contribution of time, talent and treasure is always appreciated and is never taken for granted. As every contribution is helpful and significant, I would like to ask that we all consider a modest increase in our weekly contribution so that our parish can financially meet its commitment to provide ministry, maintenance, programs, salary, etc. for the good of our parish and for our spiritual and pastoral needs. I for my part have increased my monthly contribution as have a few faithful. If we all do our part, our parish's financial health will continue. Parishes must remain current on assessment, insurance, and other obligations to the Archdiocese of Toronto. Sadly, we are currently in arrears to the Archdiocese for \$15,000.00 for unpaid past assessments, which doesn't include the building renovations debt on our Promissory Note of \$363,908.91. That is the cold hard truth.

In closing, I would like to express my deep gratitude to the faithful who have supported the efforts of the parish and thank you for your ongoing devotion and commitment to our community. It is my privilege to be your pastor and your parish priest ~ your prayers, efforts and generous gifts help sustain our parish.

ARCHDIOCESE

REFLECTION ~ IN THE DESERT

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, and then the devil tested him. Moses and the Israelites had been in the desert for forty years before being led to the land of milk and honey. There were

times when they called out to God, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." We sometimes spend time in the desert as well. Not a literal desert most of the time, but a desert in which it seems difficult to perceive God's presence, times when we face difficulty and are tempted to leave God's ways behind. On this First Sunday of Lent, Jesus shows us what to do in these moments: stand firm and trust in God.

*Don't just observe Lent;
Live it!*

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH!

Love St. Joseph, love him with all your soul, because he, together with Jesus, is the person who has most loved our Blessed Lady and has been closest to God. On Wednesday March 19th it is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Patron of Canada and Patron of the Universal Church ~ Mass will at 6:00 pm.

PARISH COMMUNITY

THANK YOU

Thank you to our Knights of Columbus for the delicious Lenten brunch which was served last Sunday. We had a capacity crowd and *everyone* enjoyed themselves! Well done Brother Knights!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Devotions 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.**

LADIES SOCIAL PAINT NIGHT

The 3rd paint night will be on Tuesday March 18th @ 6:30 pm (weather permitting) in the Hall. No experience required and a \$5.00 donation is requested for supplies. If you would like to attend, please register ASAP to our hostess Diane Cooper@ JosiesJoys@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

** living or + deceased.

March	Time	Mass for
Tuesday 11 th	6:00 pm	+ Family Souls
Wed. 12 th	6:00 pm	+ Auntie Resquinha
Thursday 13 th	6:00 pm	+ Antonio Gapas
Friday 14 th	6:00 pm	+ Linda Ballesteros
Saturday 15 th	4:00 pm	** People's Intention
Sunday 16 th	9:00 am	** Theo Vvigo
	11:00 am	+ Helena Podoba

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

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

DONATIONS TO YOUR PARISH

Building Fund \$ 420.00
Sunday Envelopes/Loose 1,632.25

*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!!