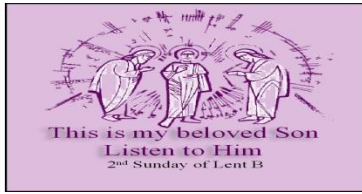


**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**



**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**THIS WEEKEND**

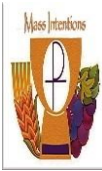
**Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**4 pm \*\* Intention of People**

**Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am \*\* Theo Vigo**

**11 am + Helena Podoba**



**ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Lenten Greetings: One of the most difficult topics that the parish priest has to address is money or lack of it ~ especially in terms of the weekly offertory. However, it is the pastor's responsibility to inform his parishioners of the financial health of the parish.*

*For more than a few months now and especially in the past months of January and February, our Sunday offertory has fallen, so much so that we have dropped below the baseline for a healthy, productive and thriving parish.*

*When you contribute to the offertory, you are actively participating in the ministry of this church, enabling us to reach out to those in need, provide quality programming, sacramental instruction and to create a warm welcoming space for worship.*

*Our offertory/weekly collection/building fund is the lifeblood of our church, covering essential expenses that allow us to operate effectively. The collections have dropped significantly from what we count on to meet our parish bills. In other words, our monthly bills exceed our monthly income. This has been ongoing for quite some time.*

*Did you know that parishes must remain current on assessment, insurance, taxes 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 for the new hall.*

*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 encourage each of you to prayerfully consider to giving a little extra to the weekly collection this month & onwards. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference in our mission to serve the church and our community. It is the joy of giving and the privilege of being part of a community that supports each other. Each one of us must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for "God loves a cheerful giver."*

*In Mark 12:41~44, we learn from the widow's offering and her act of sacrificial*

*giving. This parable highlights that true generosity is not about the amount given but the intent behind it. The significance of giving from the heart rather than from abundance should inspire us all to approach our giving with a cheerful and selfless spirit. This type of giving reflects the genuine love and commitment we have for God.*

*As we gather today, let us remember that our church is a vital part of our community, providing support, guidance and love. This can only be achieved through the collective commitment of our parishioners.*

*In closing, thank you for your ongoing devotion and commitment to our churches. Your prayers, efforts and generous gifts help sustain our parish.*

**ARCHDIOCESE**

**MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH!**

*On Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> it is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Patron of Canada and Patron of the Universal Church ~ Mass will at 6:00 pm.*

**PARISH COMMUNITY**

**LADIES OF THE PARISH**

*The March meeting for the Ladies is scheduled for Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Hall. New members are always welcome.*

**LADIES SOCIAL PAINT NIGHT**

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> paint night will be on Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 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](mailto:JosiesJoys@gmail.com).*

**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.***

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*\*\* living or + deceased.*

<b>March</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Mass for</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	+ Fr. Daniel Palillo
Wed. 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	+ Fr. Rodolfo Imperial
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	** HFC School
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 pm	+ Maier Family Souls
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4:00 pm	** Intention of the People
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am	+ Burns Family Souls
	11:00 am	+ Warlito Sevileno

**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.*

*Parish Promissory Note **\$363,908.91**  
Weekend Collection 1,667.10*

***When was the last time you increased your financial support???***  
***Thank you to those who have!***  
***Thank you and God Bless!!***