

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**



**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**THIS WEEKEND**

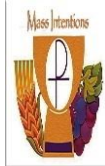
**Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**9 am + Burns Family Souls**

**11 am + Warlito Sevileno**



**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



*The readings this week encourage us to repent. Reflecting on what happened to the people of God in the Old Testament can help us to avoid making the same errors.*

*As St Paul tells us in today's Epistle, many Israelites fell away from their belief, in spite of God's goodness.*

*In the **First Reading** Moses is drawn towards a burning bush, where God reveals himself as the creator of all things and indicates his name: 'I am who I am'.*

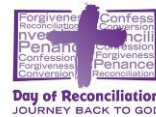
*St Paul (**Second Reading**) reminds the Corinthians of how their forebears failed to please God in the desert. This should be a warning to them: they must be on their guard at all times. Being baptised is no guarantee against falling into temptation.*

*This same compassion is exemplified in the **Gospel**. After a call to repentance, the parable of the fig tree illustrates how patient God is, even when, like that tree, his people ~ us ~ do not bear fruit over a long period of time.*

*As Pilgrims of Hope in this **Jubilee year**, we pray to be granted greater compassion and forgiveness towards those who repent of their trespasses against us. Perhaps we can also look more closely at our own lives. What might we change this Lent to bear more fruit?*

**ARCHDIOCESE**

**DAY OF RECONCILIATION & GRACE**



During the week of March 30 to April 5 parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto for Lent will be participating in a Day of Grace Reconciliation. In our parish that day is **Thursday April 10th**. Times are from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, at St. Joseph's Church. We will have a visiting priest from a local parish during these times.

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)**

The Archdiocese of Toronto established a PAG plan to assist you in your support of the work of your parish through your

regular parish offerings. Our parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners. PAG allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. These funds are deposited directly into the parish account. Benefits of participating include;

- Convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of each month
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away
- Continual support of ministries & programs funded through the parish.

Information (brochures) on how to enroll are at the back of the churches or please contact the parish office @ 705-426-7424 or email:st.joseph.church@rogers.com.

**PARISH COMMUNITY**

**LADIES OF THE PARISH**

The March meeting for the Ladies has been re-scheduled for Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Hall.

**LADIES SOCIAL PAINT NIGHT**

The paint night which was postponed from last Tuesday has been rescheduled for Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup>, @ 6:30 pm 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).

**IT'S A MYSTERY**

If you use envelope #5425 or #5301, please contact the parish immediately ~ if you

would like a tax receipt at the end of the year. This will be the last notice!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Devotions 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 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	+ Souls in Purgatory
Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	** Judith Peter
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	+ Felix & +Leticia
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	+ Maier Family Souls
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	* Intention of the People
Sunday 30	9:00 am	+ James Stevens
	11:00 am	+ Alfred Greulich

**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**

(For the new hall)

Weekend Collection 1,663.40

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

***Thank you and God Bless!!***