

Mass Intentions (March 18-24, 2023)

Sat. Mar 18/4:30 p.m. Grace Gough - Norma Hayes
Sun. Mar 19/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Inaki Sarasola - Myrna Sarasola & family
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families
Maddalena & Nicolino Cicchino - Nick Cicchino
Joe Giancola & Giuseppe Venanzi - Venanzi family
Rosaria Bertucci & Vito Andreacci - Elisabetta Nardi

Wed. Mar 22/10:00 a.m. Special Intentions for Kristina Shanahan - Teresa Baird

Thu. Mar 23/10:00 a.m. Benedetta Di-Murro - Daughters

Fri. Mar 24/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Families - Teresa Baird

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

First Reading (1Samuel 16:1.6-7. 10-13)

God gives Samuel a special insight to choose Jesse's son David.

Second Reading (Ephesians 5:8-14)

God has brought us out of darkness so we can live in the light of the Lord.

Gospel (John 9:1-41)

A blind man is healed and, in the face of opposition, comes to faith by seeing Jesus as his saviour.

Reflection:

How is your spiritual sight? Lent is the time to examine our faith.

Our readings speak about seeing not just with human vision, but also with spiritual vision – the eyes of GOD. The First Reading describes what GOD sees in the person of David. The Responsorial Psalm is the familiar Psalm 23, "The LORD is my Shepherd." In The First Reading Saint Paul describes the darkness that unbelievers once experienced and how that has changed to light that gives sight because of their acceptance of faith.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives not only physical sight to a blind man, but also new spiritual vision to him.

We see the process of coming to faith dramatized in today's Gospel. There is physical and spiritual sight. How do we see our relationship with GOD? Do we need to have our spiritual vision checked? Are we humble enough to admit our spiritual blindness? We can easily be drawn to the darkness of unbelief by the pressures of the world. The paths of spiritual darkness include vain deeds and shameful activities.

We should ask GOD to remove those things that hinder our sight.

Easter offers us the opportunity to go beyond our physical sight and to see the world with the eyes of faith and, like the blind man, recognize Jesus as the light of the world.

May the Lord Jesus continue to gift you and may you respond in a graceful and grateful way, giving thanks to GOD for opening your eyes of faith.



What Lent means to me

Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

The Gospel is God's "love letter" to the world, written on a cross, sealed in blood and opened in the resurrection. It is a letter to be read to the entire world:

Exposition and Holy Hour Every Friday - 9:00 to 10:00 am

**Meditations on the Stations of the Cross
Every Friday after the 10:00 am mass.**

Lenten Reflection

If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds.

The miracle of inner change is possible.

Change requires the substituting of new habits for old ones. It calls for self-discipline.

You have to command yourself and make yourself do what needs to be done.

The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer.

Our Father

**Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us for the times when we take more than
our share of the bread that belongs to all.**

**Let us help You fill the starving with good things,
not with scraps from our table.**

**Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep.
Clothe us with Your love that we may complete
each good work you created us to do.**

**Place in our hearts Your compassion for each
starving child and use our little acts of love
so that they starve no more.**

Amen.

**Lord, as the Spirit led you into the desert to face temptation,
so may that same spirit guide us this Lent as we seek
to follow your way more faithfully.**



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
Giving Thanks to The Lord.**



Share Lent is an annual highlight for our organization.

It is when the bishops of Canada encourage the faithful to give to Development and Peace, especially through the collection on Solidarity Sunday, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Next Saturday & Sunday March 25 & 26 a Second collection will be taken after Communion.

An envelope for this contribution is in your box.

This Lent, let us walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South. "So many people even today hope to have enough to eat. The planet has food for all, but the will to share with everyone seems to be lacking. To prepare the table for all, and to ask that there be one table for all. Doing whatever we can so that everyone has food, but also reminding that world's powerful that God will call them to be judged one day, and it will be demonstrated whether they truly tried to provide food for Him in each person and whether they acted in order that the environment would not be destroyed but would be able to produce food."

Thank You for your ongoing support for this humble cause.

RECONCILIATION MASS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Next Sunday Fr. George Joseph will be celebrating the Sunday mass and Fr. Luc P. Lantagne will be hearing confessions in English and Italian from 9:45 am to 11:30 am. Please invite your family and friends for this important celebration.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PASSION SUNDAY

02 April - 10:00 am Mass at the Parish

HOLY THURSDAY

06 April - 6:00 pm Mass of the Last Supper (Washing of the Feet)

GOOD FRIDAY

07 April - 2:30 pm Confession
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
4:00 pm Meditations on the Way of the Cross

08 April - 6:30 pm **Easter Vigil**

EASTER SUNDAY

09 April - 9:00 am Mass at the St. Patrick's Square
10:00 am Mass at the Parish