



## Sunday, March 10, 2024

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**Reconciliation:** Individual Confession - Saturday, 3:30pm, Sunday, 8:30am, 10:30am

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The parish office is open Tues/Wed/Thurs, 9am – 3pm.

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### Readings for Next Weekend

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jeremiah 31.31-34

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 5.7-9

**Gospel:** John 12.20-33



### Homebound Visit

If you are aware of someone homebound and would appreciate a visit and Communion, please call the office.

### SSVP Information

For assistance, please call 365 404 2000 weekdays 9am – 5pm. Food donations are greatly accepted at any time of the year.



### Children's Bulletin

Parents can access this children's weekly bulletin online to learn about our faith in a fun way. <https://thekidsbulletin.com>

### Children's Liturgy Information

There will be no Children's Liturgy on the following Sundays: March 10 & 17.



### Financial Information (March 2/3)

Offerings	Deposit
Offertory	\$1,960.00
Choir Appeal	1,152.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
Sacrament Donation (K of C)	200.00
Camp Northern Lights (K of C)	250.00
Capital Fund	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,652.00</b>

**\*2023 Tax Receipts are in the gathering room for pick up. \***

### Mass Schedule & Intentions (March 11-17)

Monday/Tuesday (March 11/12) – **NO MASS**

Wednesday, March 13 – 9:00 am

Thursday, March 14 – 9:00 am

Friday, March 15

11:00 am – Adoration

11:30 am – Stations of the Cross

12:00 pm – Mass

Saturday, March 16 – 4:00 pm

*Mass for the People*

Sunday, March 17 – 9:00 am

*For Alex Latimer (RIP) requested by the Hibbs Family*

Sunday, March 17 – 11:00 am

*For the living and deceased members of the Barcelos Family requested by the Fitzpatrick Family*



### Easter Flowers

Donations in memory of your loved ones will contribute to enhancing the church's ambiance with Easter flowers. A Mass will be offered to honour the departed members during the Easter season.

Kindly include with your donation your name, address, or envelope number, along with the names you wish to be commemorated by March 24/25. We appreciate your participation. *Thank you!*



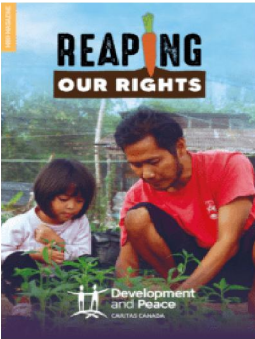
### Development & Peace – Caritas Canada

#### Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia

In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty.

Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women.

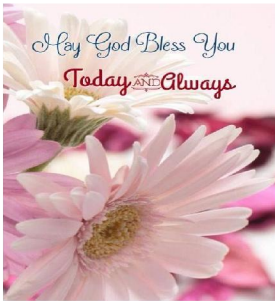
This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).



### Birthday Wishes & Prayers

We wish God's Blessings to these parishioners, our loved one's and those who have gone before us celebrating an Anniversary or Birthday or any special occasion in March especially...

Rhonda Roberts, Cathy Pandey, Randy Luciano, Kathy Garvey, Louis Lalande (RIP), Cindy Pearce, Fr. John, Louise Lalande

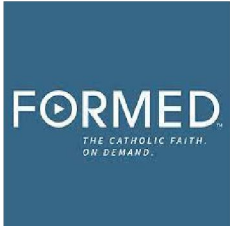


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### Good Friday Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Good Friday Fish Fry will take place after the Good Friday Service, March 29, one piece dinner fish and chips \$10 and two-piece fish and chips \$15. Purchase your dinner in the gathering room after Mass.



The St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus continue the "40 Cans for Lent" program. **Simply donate one can of food or a non-perishable food item for the "40 Days of Lent"**. Donations may be dropped off in the gathering room through Easter Sunday. This program benefits those in our community served by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Lent provides an opportunity for each of us to live generously, to show gratitude for God's gift to us and to share those gifts with others.

### Life Corner

Our group met last Friday. Please note that in addition to the loving support we need to give to anyone we know contemplating suicide or assisted suicide, there is also a crisis number available: 988.

Sadly there has been a delay in the implementation of Hope's Cradle (the safe surrender cradle for a baby who might otherwise be abandoned.) Discussions are ongoing. Please pray that difficulties be overcome.

We are planning a parish get together on May 26 (midway between Mother's and Father's Day) to celebrate the Moms and Dads of our parish. Stay tuned!

*Blessings to all. Choose life.*



### St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Group

The St. Francis of Assisi first prayer meeting will be on Monday, March 18, 7:00pm in the parish hall.

At the first meeting we will develop a core committee to ensure stability and explore different meeting formats in addition to prayer and workshop. *Please be on time as we have a full agenda.*



### Electric Organ

If you or someone you know is interested in an electric organ, please contact the parish office.