



Sunday, March 17, 2024

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Readings for Next Weekend

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7
2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11
Gospel: Mark 14.1-15.47

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 this weekend (March 17).

Financial Information (March 9/10)

Offerings	Deposit
Offertory	\$2,281.00
Choir Appeal	350.00
Easter Flowers	90.00
Capital Fund	26.00
TOTAL	\$2,747.00

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

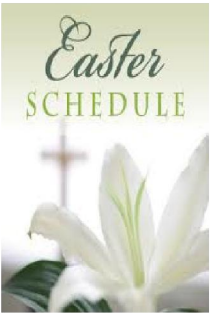
Mass Schedule & Intentions (March 18-24)

Monday/Tuesday (March 18/19) – **NO MASS**
Wednesday, March 20
9:00 am
7:00 pm – Taize Prayer Service (Before Knights of Columbus Meeting)
Thursday, March 21 – 9:00 am
Friday, March 22
11:00 am – Adoration
11:30 am – Stations of the Cross
12:00 pm – Mass
Saturday, March 23 – 4:00 pm
Sunday, March 24 – 9:00 am
Mass for the People
Sunday, March 24 – 11:00 am
For Ron Moriarity (RIP) requested by Jeanette Emslie



Easter Schedule

Mass of Chrism – Monday, March 25, 2:00 pm (Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, Ptbo)
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Holy Thursday, March 28 – 7:00 pm
Good Friday
Friday, March 29
11:00 am – *Tamil Service*
1:00 pm – *Outdoor Stations of the Cross*
3:00 pm – *Communion Service*
Easter Vigil
Saturday, March 30, 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 9, 9:00 am, 11:00 am



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

This Lent, please give generously!

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s Reaping our Rights campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South. by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give.
Thank you for your solidarity!



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 Pandy, Randy Luciano, Kathy Garvey, Louis Lalande (RIP), Cindy Pearce, Fr. John, Louise Lalande



Taize Prayer Service

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm
For several years now, during Advent and Lent, the Saturday Evening Choir has put on the unique form of Prayer Service based on the music of the brothers of Taize in France. This prayer service offers an hour of tranquility just before Holy Week.



Good Friday Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus 3rd 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.

Life Corner

In addition to the loving support we need to give anyone we know contemplating suicide or assisted suicide, there is a crisis number available: 988.
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. 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 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.*

