

Second & Third Sunday of Lent 1 & 8 March 2026 — Year A



Mass Intentions

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| Saturday, 28 February For the needs of all Parishioners | 4:00 PM |
| Sunday, 1 March † Shirley Byers by <i>Josef & Mary van Ruyven</i> | 9:00 AM |
| Monday, 2 March | No Mass |
| Tuesday, 3 March † Macoritto family by <i>Anita Nevar</i> | 6:30 PM |
| Wednesday, 4 March † Marie Leon by Paul Leon | 8:00 AM |
| Thursday, 5 March † Angela Grimaldi by <i>John & Teresa Morcone</i> | 8:00 AM |
| Friday, 6 March Stations of the Cross | 6:00 PM |
| † Claude Marceau by <i>Pat & Lynn Dyson</i> | 6:30 PM |
| Saturday, 7 March † Dave & Irene Stepanchuk by <i>the family</i> | 4:00 PM |
| Sunday, 8 March For the Needs of all Parishioners | 9:00 AM |
| Monday, 9 March | No Mass |
| Tuesday, 10 March † Roger Graveline by <i>Ron Graveline</i> | 6:30 PM |
| Wednesday, 11 March † Dudley Yapp Jr. by <i>Frank & Dorothy Yapp</i> | 8:00 AM |
| Thursday, 12 March † Bridget Quinn by <i>Dan Quinn</i> | 8:00 AM |
| Friday, 13 March Stations of the Cross | 6:00 PM |
| Intention of George & Margaret Hodgkinson by <i>family</i> | 6:30 PM |
| Saturday, 14 March † Francesco Spada by <i>the Spada family</i> | 4:00 PM |
| Sunday, 15 March For the needs of all Parishioners | 9:00 AM |

FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK

I am pleased to inform you that Father Michael Basque has been transferred to Hotel Dieu Shaver Rehabilitation Centre, in St. Catharines, to continue his path to recovery. Visitors are welcome. Let us continue to pray for Father Basque's healing.

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for 2025 are available after all Masses. They will be in alphabetical order for your convenience.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Parish leaders interested in running VBS or other Summer Camp programs are invited to attend an information night on Wednesday, March 4 beginning at 7:00PM at the Catholic Centre. The evening's agenda:

1. Coordinate our weeks so we are not competing against each other.
2. Share resources and materials
3. Diocesan promotional support
4. Summer Camp 101 questions

NIAGARA ICE DOGS

Join Bishop Bergie to cheer on the Niagara Ice Dogs against the Ottawa 67s on Saturday, March 15 at 2:00PM. A limited number of tickets are available. Parishes are asked to collect all the funds and forward 1 payment by March 11 to the Youth and Adult Ministry Office. Tickets are \$20. Please contact Frank to ensure a ticket purchase

If there are any questions, and for more information, please contact Frank Capisciolo, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, at youth@saintcd.com or call 905-684-0154 #204.

YOUTH RETREAT

St. Michael's Parish (310 Central Avenue, Fort Erie) will be having a Youth Gathering for students between Grades Eight and Twelve on Saturday, March 7 from 3:30PM until 7:00PM. For more information or to register call 905-871-0692 or go to stmichaelfe.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Adults and youth interested in having Youth Ministry at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish are invited to a meeting to be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, March 8 from 10:00 until 11:30 AM. Everyone is welcome.

MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIV FOR LENT 2026

The 2026 Message of Pope Leo XIV for Lent is titled "*Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion.*"

In his message, the Holy Father writes: "Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life." [Read the entire message on the Vatican website.](#)

LENTEN VINEYARD

Here is the link to the Lenten issue of the Vineyard. <https://www.saintcd.com/diocesan-directory/the-vineyard>

Stations of the Cross in JERUSALEM



The Background:

The mood of a city

The Way of the Cross in Jerusalem, the "city of our God and King" - "the city of Jesus Christ", is a unique experience. It leads you in the footsteps of Jesus up to Calvary. It makes you feel the presence of those dramatic moments in the life of this city.

It was a day like many others way back toward the year 30 AD, but it was a day of tremendous events. The city was in a festive mood.

Thousands of Jews had flocked to the city to celebrate the *Feast of Pesah* - Easter of the Jewish Faith. They were obliged to make this pilgrimage (*Exodus 23,14.17*) and on this particular feast of Pesah there was nothing unusual. They had come to celebrate. They filled the streets, enjoyed the view of the marvelous Temple and surely they were proud to have such a temple in their city to compete with the pagan monuments of their pagan rulers.

They engaged in gossip and some hard-headed Zealot whispered words of hatred against the foreign rulers.

There was no corner in Jerusalem which was left unoccupied. All inns were full and the slopes of the *Mount of Olives* offered some caves for shelter. The shepherds had gathered on the outskirts bringing their flocks in order to sell their lambs to those who were going to eat the paschal meal. And they had to kill by the hundreds.

From the Temple came not only the agitated loud voices of the vendors and money changers but also the singing and praise to the Lord. The air was filled with the smell of incense and the burnt meat of the offerings. It was a hectic day. It was a Friday, the eve of Pesah, the 13 of Nisan (*John 19,31*) most probably the 7th of April 30 AD.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, how many times you came into this city of yours! How many times you celebrated with your people in your temple! How many times you saw how the Law and the Prophets had been transformed into a yoke on the people's shoulder. How many times, sitting in the Temple's spaces you must have felt insulted by the way your people offered their prayers and their sacrifices. I can hear you muttering the words of the Prophet: "The multitude of your sacrifices - what are they to me? I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats". (*Is 1,11*). Teach me Lord to love you with my heart and not with my words!

CWL FUNDRAISER

St. Therese of Lisieux CWL still has Tomato Sauce for sale. Please contact Mary Nan at 905-834-9520 or Alba Farkas at 905-835-5337. Cost is \$9

SOUP SUNDAY

St. Therese of Lisieux Parish CWL will be holding its annual Soup Sunday in the Parish Hall after the Masses on the weekend of March 7-8. Take out is available. Cost is \$5 for either eat-in or take-out.

APPLE PIE SALE

St. Therese of Lisieux Parish Catholic Women's League is having an Apple Pie Sale. Cost is \$ 13 each or 2 for \$25. Pies can be ordered starting this weekend and picked up on the weekend of March 28-29 after the 4:00 PM Mass (Saturday evening) and 9:00 AM Mass (Sunday morning). To order a pie call Mary Nan at 905-834-9520 or Alba Farkas at 905-835-5337. Please order early so you won't be disappointed.

CWL MEETING

The next CWL meeting will be held on March 3 at 1:00PM. A vote will be taken on amendments made to the constitution & bylaws. A quorum is needed to pass any changes. Please plan to attend.

CWL 68th ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS (CONVENTION)

The 68th Annual Meeting of Members (AMM) of the St. Catharines Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada will be held at the St. John the Theologian Ukrainian Catholic Church, 91 Lakeshore Rd., St. Catharines ON, L2N 2T6 on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026.**

What a delight it will be to gather once again in faith and fellowship to participate in the Mass, conduct CWL business, and listen to the guest speakers: in the morning, Joanne Heritz, PhD., and in the afternoon, His Excellency, Bishop Bergie.

Kindly note that the hard deadline for the Registration will be Wednesday, April 1, 2026

We look forward to seeing members from each of the Councils at the AMM/Convention. Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for Us. Please contact Mary Nan at 905-834-9520 to register.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year, our parish is hosting the World Day of Prayer. It will take place on Friday, March 6 beginning at 2:00PM. Please see the poster for more information

WEEKLY COLLECTION

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| February 14/15 | Sunday Offering | \$ 1,209.00 |
| | Repairs | \$ 35.00 |
| February 21/22 | Sunday Offering | \$ 1,480.00 |