

# MARCH 2, 2024 – MARCH 10, 2024

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Saturday: March 2, 2024** Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25;  
John 2:13-25

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Barry Burgess and for the Intentions of  
the Vocationist Fathers

**Sunday: March 3, 2024** Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25;  
John 2:13-25

8:30 am St. Edward † Richard & † Regina Provost and  
† Joseph Patenaude

9:30 am St. Mary: † Ben Leblond, † Rachel Geoffroy and  
† George Ingelfinger

10:30 am St. James: † Real Giroux, † Brenda & † Joanne Giroux,  
† Michael Reynolds and † Duane Powers

11:00 am St. Mary: For the Beloved Vocationists and their Staff  
& Volunteers

**Monday: March 4, 2024** 2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30

### Saint Casimir: Patron Saint of Poland

9:00 am St. Mary: † Frank Goad

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Nancy Goulet

5:30 pm St. Edward: St. Edward's Living & † Deceased Pastors

**Tuesday: March 5, 2024** Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

9:00 am St. Mary: NO MASS – Priests on Retreat

4:00 pm St. Mary: NO MASS – Priests on Retreat

**Wednesday: March 6, 2024** Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

9:00 am St. Mary: St. Mary's Living & † Deceased Pastors

4:00 pm St. Mary: Deacons Serving in Vermont

**Thursday: March 7, 2024** Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

### Saints Perpetua & Felicity: Martyrs

9:00 am St. Mary: Selection of a New Bishop for Vermont

2:00 pm Northern State Correctional Facility: NO MASS

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Fr. Charles Davignon

**Friday: March 8, 2024** Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

### Saint John of God: Religious

9:00 am St. Mary: † Romuald Kuczek.

10:30 am St. James: Stations of the Cross

11:00 am St. James: St. James Living & † Deceased Pastors

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Susan Ivory

4:30 pm St. Mary: Stations of the Cross

5:00 pm St. Edward: Stations of the Cross

5:30 pm St. Edward: Blessings for Fr. Shiju on his Birthday

**Saturday: March 9, 2024** Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

### Saint Frances of Rome: Religious

9:00 am St. Mary † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Saturday: March 9, 2024** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23;  
Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

4:00 pm St. Mary: † Maurice & † Jack Nadeau, † Paul &  
† Alice Chicoine and for the Intentions of  
the Vocationist Fathers

**Sunday: March 10, 2024** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23;  
Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

8:30 am St. Edward: † Fr. John Hamilton

9:30 am St. Mary: † Ben Leblond, † Leonard Lizotte and  
† Richard Krisak

10:30 am St. James: † Girard Giroux and † C.M. Daniels

11:00 am St. Mary: Intentions of the Daughters of the Charity  
of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in celebration  
of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of  
their Order

## Saturday: March 2, 2024

9:30 – 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction

3:00 pm St. Mary: Confession w/ Fr. Tom

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

Fr. Rijo will be attending Fr. Michael's 25<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Celebration in N.J. this weekend.

## Sunday: March 3, 2024

Fr. Rijo will be celebrating Fr. Michael's 25<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Celebration in N.J. this weekend.

## Monday: March 4, 2024

9:30 – 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction

10:00 am St. Edward: Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament w/Fr. Jim

10:00 am – 12:30 pm St. Edward: Adoration

12:30 pm St. Edward: Benediction w/Fr. Jim

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

## Tuesday: March 5, 2024

9:30 – 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction

3:00 – 4:15 pm St. James: **NO** Catholic Faith

Formation for St. James Students

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm St. Mary: Eucharistic Revival

Session 4: Why a Church? w/Mater Dei's  
Eucharistic Revival Team

## Wednesday: March 6, 2024

9:30 am St. Mary: Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament w/Fr. Rijo

9:30 am – 3:30 pm St. Mary: Adoration

3:30 pm St. Mary: Benediction w/Fr. Rijo

6:00 pm St. Mary: Bible Class w/Fr. Rijo

7:00 on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

## Thursday: March 7, 2024

9:30 – 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction

9:30 am NCH: Hospital Visits w/Fr. Jim

10:30 am Barton: Deanery Meeting w/all Priests

2:00 pm NSCF: NO Prison Ministry

6:00 – 7:00 pm St. Mary Rectory Chapel:

SDV Adoration w/all Priests

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

## Friday: March 8, 2024

### Day of Abstinence from Eating Meat

9:30 – 10:30 am St. Mary: Adoration & Benediction

10:30 am St. James: Stations of the Cross w/Fr. Jim

2:00 pm St. Mary: VAUS Prayer Group w/Fr. Rijo

4:30 pm St. Mary: Stations of the Cross

5:00 pm St. Edward: Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm St. Edward: Bible Class w/Fr. Tom

7:00 pm on Zoom: Parish Holy Rosary

## Saturday: March 9, 2024

12:00 Noon – 4:30 pm St. Johnsbury: Confirmation

Retreat w/all NEK Priests

3:00 pm St. Mary: Confession w/ Fr. Tom & Fr. Jim

## Sunday: March 10, 2024

Sacramental Preparation for St. Edward's Catholic  
Faith Formation Students at St. Edward's

10:30 am: First Confession/ Communion students

11:30 am: Confirmation candidates

## 2024 Prayer List



Tracy Ashman	Elaine Langevin
Christain Austin	Mary Lou Lantagne
Alexandra Bannach	Rose Lebeau
Fred Barker	Kristi Leblanc
Chris & Betty Barrett	Roger Lessard
Betty Blair	Alicia Letourneau
Raymond Bowen, Sr.	Brent Monahan family
Kevin Charboneau	Rita Moulton
Verginia Cohen	Veronica Opitz
Steve Comeau	Andrea Peden
Bernard Crownson	Michael Pinard
Mark Daigneault	Sean Pinard
Gisele Damon	Atreus Poquette
Tony & Margo Daniels	Joe Punk
Gerard Desbiens	Andy Ricard
Marcel Deslandes	Roger Roberge, Jr.
Rita Deslandes	Timothy Roberge
Jean Diette	Fr. Shawn Roberson
Katre Dirth	Corrine Ross
Brian Fournier	Nicholas Scarpelli
Cindy Fournier	Lily Scott & Family
Leonard Fournier	David Shmidt
Macie Fournier	Madelyn Sinon
Shirley Fournier	Ann Snay
Nunzio Phil Giove	Kathleen Sweeney
Nancy Goad	Mitchell Telega
Rudy Gratton	Joe Tepe Family
Linda Greenwald	Valery
Shirley Hand	Clarence Vandeymark
Matthew Hilliker & Family	Chris Varney
Kathy Howes	Peter Wenk
Danielle Huntington	Fred Wilson
Gary Labaron	Yvonne Wood
	Wendy Wooden



## Horried in God's Temple!

Imagine entering the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. Everything is majestic, awe-inspiring, and beautiful beyond anything you have ever seen. Even before you actually arrived, you were struck with awe. It is God's house, the spot where heaven touches earth. It was given by God to His people to hear His Law proclaimed, to come to grips with their sins, and to encounter God "in spirit and in truth".

The Temple and its surrounding courtyard were never to be used for any other purpose. That would be unthinkable!

But as you enter the courtyard, you are immediately shocked. Rather than finding reverence and holiness, you see business transactions. People have arrived from afar without animals to sacrifice. They must buy them when they reach the Temple and pay for them in proper coinage. And where would they be forced to pay the highest price? In the Temple area itself, where the buyers need the animals immediately for their sacrifice. So the Temple and courtyard are filled with money-changers and people selling animals. People bump and jostle you as you try to wend your way through the throng and escape the hustle. Your mind is still reeling - sacrilege in the Temple!

The Ten Commandments - the heart of the Law you love - come to mind: "I, the Lord your God, am holy..." Psalm 19 has told you that "the Law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple." That is the reason you traveled here - to worship and be refreshed - not to see profits made and the Temple profaned.

A man enters with his disciples. He is different, and you can not take your eyes off him. Like you, he is horrified as he recognizes the affront to God. He makes a whip and drives the merchants, along with their animals, out of the Temple courtyard. He spills their coins and overturns their tables.

Amazingly, the man refers to God as his Father. "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace," he tells them angrily. Then you remember Psalm 69:9: "Zeal for your house will consume me". You rejoice at the restored respect for God and His Temple that this man brings.

Uh-oh! Now the officials arrive, angry and demanding answers. They recognize that they are being confronted by someone the people see as a Prophet. They have dealt with him before. So now they test him by demanding a public sign, one that would show them that he has God's authority to do what he has just done in God's house.

The man answers as a Prophet - and maybe as more than a Prophet. On the surface, he offers this as a sign: that if they were to destroy the Temple, he would raise it up in three days! Now, the Temple has been under construction for 46 years, so the officials mocked him. But the real sign is that the man prophesied. He was referring to his own body - as if it were the Temple - and as if it were a sacrifice. Was he indeed a prophet? Or something even more? Was he saying that both the Temple and his body would be destroyed in the near future, and that he would raise up his body, the eternal Temple, in three days?

Imagine that later, after everything happens just as he predicted it would, you remember his prophecy. Eagerly you become his disciple, recognizing now that God is indeed His Father.

You worship more deeply than ever before.

### Prayer for the Sick

*Heavenly Father, we place our sick in Your loving care, and humbly ask that You bring healing to Your servants and restore them to health. May they experience Your loving care during this difficult time. Above all, grant us all the grace to accept and acknowledge Your will. Amen.*