



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 03 MARCH 2024

***“The Jews then said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’”***

(Today's Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25; John 2:13-25)

### *Announced Mass intentions*

- Sat., March 02 5:00PM Mass – Linda Lapenna+  
Shamim Robert+
- Sun., March 03 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
10:00AM Mass – Hubert Rechnitzer (Ivg)  
Benedicta Ireobhude (Ivg)  
Maturine Charles & Family+  
Banbit Roy+  
Patrick Kennedy+
- Wed., March 06 12:15PM Mass–Holly Costanza-Vachon (Ivg)
- Thurs., March 07 12:15PM Mass – Irene Chatelain+
- Fri., March 08 11:00AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon  
12:15PM Mass – Reg McKenna+
- Sat., March 09 5:00PM Mass – Peter Meyboom+
- Sun., March 10 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
8:00AM Mass –Holy Cross Parishioners  
10:00AM Mass – Pat Wallace+  
Benedicta Ireobhude (Ivg)

### *Events Calendar ...*

- Sat., March 02 4:40PM Rosary - Church
- Sun., March 03 10:00AM Children's Liturgy  
2:00PM **SPECIAL MASS** for **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES**
- Mon., March 04 7:00PM RCIA – Hall
- Wed., March 06 1:00PM Hospitality meeting – Library  
7:00PM Choir Practice – Church  
7:00PM K of C Executive meeting
- Thurs., March 07 9:30AM Tour for the Church for Holy  
Cross School students  
1:00PM Club 55 – Hall
- Fri., March 08 **10:30AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
- Sat., March 09 4:40PM Rosary - Church
- Sun., March 10 10:00AM Children's Liturgy  
**SOUP SUNDAY** after the 10 am Mass



**WE PRAY** for our children preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation and for our RCIA candidates.



**DONATIONS TOWARDS EASTER FLOWERS:** Special envelopes are available in the pews and at the entrance of the Church for donations towards Easter flowers. Donations of \$20 or more will be issued a tax receipt if you enclose your information and envelope number.

### *Pastor's Message...*

#### **SPRING CLEANING**

How do we understand today's Gospel passage about the cleaning of the Temple? Filled with zeal for the House of His Father, the Temple, Jesus makes a whip out of some cord and drives the money changers sitting at their counters for they had turned the Temple into a market. Had they crossed the line in the Temple courtyard and entered the sacred precincts of the Temple itself turning it into a marketplace thus disregarding and disrespecting the sanctity and sacredness of the Temple which was the House of God His Father?

Jesus Himself the Son of God, the new Temple, demonstrates thus His authority to represent and reveal God's Temple. When asked for a sign to justify His action, Jesus refers to His own Body as the sanctuary which, when destroyed, He would raise up in three days, a veiled reference to His death and resurrection.

Lent is a time to do some spiritual spring cleaning. If Jesus were to enter our homes, what would he drive away and dispel? We need to clean our homes and our hearts; to drive out zealously all that desecrates them. Our homes are "domestic churches" and our hearts the "Temples of God". It is in our homes and in our hearts that genuine worship takes place; that faith is born and nourished; that we must let Jesus enter and cleanse us. (2024 Daily Gospel-Claretian publications)

God bless.  
Fr. Lukose CMF

### *Parish News and Community Life...*



#### **HOLY CROSS' 2024 LENTEN RETREAT**

Preacher: **Bishop Yvan Mathieu s.m.**

Theme: ***"Becoming Missionary Disciples."***

**Monday, March 18:** *To follow Jesus through the waters of Baptism (Mk 1:1-11) with Holy Mass*

**Tuesday, March 19:** *To follow Jesus on the path of the Beatitudes (Mt 5:1-16) with Holy Mass*

**Wednesday, March 20:** *To welcome the Father's Mercy (Lk 5:1-3, 11-32) – Parish Reconciliation Service*

**Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Come and experience the **'DIVINE TOUCH OF GOD'** and refresh your body and soul with this Lenten (RE)TREAT. All are welcome. A free will offering will be generously accepted.

On **LENTEN FRIDAY'S** we will have the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at 7 p.m. (please note that on **March 08, Stations of the Cross** will be at 10:30 am and on **Good Friday, March 29** at 7:30 pm). Come and join us as we walk through the fourteen stations to experience this powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. All are welcome.



**"FORMED"** Don't forget to check it out.

**SOUP SUNDAY:** Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall next **Sunday, March 10**, for a Lenten '**SOUP SUNDAY**', following the 10 am Mass. Come and enjoy a wide variety of delicious soups, prepared by parish volunteers, and share some time together. The **cost is by donation** and will go towards Development and Peace. **Take-Aways will also be available** by donation.



If you are **attending the 8 am Mass next Sunday**, come downstairs for a '**sweet treat**' and enjoy a **coffee or tea** before heading home.

**CLUB 55:** You won't want to miss our '**St. Patrick's Day**' gathering this coming **Thursday, March 07** following the 12:15 pm Mass. We'll be **serving a hearty 'Irish themed' lunch**. Wear something green, try your hand at a game of 'Irish Trivia' and come enjoy what is sure to be an afternoon of fun!!



### *Social Justice ...*

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** (Caritas Canada): Once each year D&P (devp.org) reaches out to the 60 Dioceses in Canada to appeal for funding of its varied programs. The theme of the campaign is "Reaping Our Rights" which reflects the effort to address the injustice suffered by our sisters and brothers in the other parts of the world. During this Lenten period of fasting and giving of alms please remember in your prayers and donations those in the developing south during **Share Lent on March 16-17**. Thank you for your support.

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE:** Thank you, parishioners, for your donations to our Lenten Food Drive last weekend. 64 bags of food and personal care items and \$745 in cash, cheques and grocery store gift cards were delivered to our 4 local food banks and they are very grateful for your assistance. All food banks are having great difficulty meeting the demand for food, so please keep in mind that your donations are picked up and delivered to them every week outside the front doors of the church. Thank you again for your support of these vital services.

### *Information from the Diocese...*



**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:** For those celebrating 60 (or more), 50, 40, 30, 25 and 20 years of marriage. At Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica on **SUNDAY, APRIL 14** at 2:30 pm. The registration form is available at <https://forms.office.com/r/jpBDLwD0Kg>.

Please register before Easter to ensure your spot (note the earlier date).

## COLLECTION REPORT

~ **THANK YOU** for your generosity and support ~

**YOUR SUNDAY DONATIONS:** Our Parish is operated only by your donations! By bringing your offertory envelopes or making your pre-authorized offertory gift (PAP), you are providing crucial support to care for your parish. May God bless you!!

There are several methods to support the Parish:

- Offertory Envelopes
- Pre-Authorized Payment (PAP). PAP forms may be found on the table at the entrance of the Church.
- Canada Helps on-line donations.
- E-transfer use: [office@holycrossparish.com](mailto:office@holycrossparish.com)

### PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS (PAP)

Did you know ... Once-a-month Pre-Authorized Payments (PAP) is the same as a cash or cheque offering for the collection basket! It helps us by providing a regular, dependable flow of contributions.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have moved or changed your phone number, please call the parish office with your new contact information so that our records are updated.

**2023 TAX RECEIPTS & OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are still available for pick up at the entrance of the Church. We would like to thank all our Parishioners for their generosity throughout 2023.

**Have you considered a gift in your WILL to provide for the faith life of future generations?**

**IN YOUR GENEROSITY, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Cross Parish.**

**DON'T FORGET** to visit our parish website at [www.holycrossparish.com](http://www.holycrossparish.com).

### *Other interests ...*

**LENTEN MISSION AT ST. BERNARD PARISH** (1720 St. Bernard St.) Join us on **Wednesday March 27**. It will be a day of fasting and prayer. The **event will begin at 10:00 am and conclude with the Liturgy by 5:00 pm**. All are welcome. For more information, please call 613-738-1943.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 09 at 12 midnight**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!**

**Remember to set your clocks ahead.**