



**St. Joseph of Stratford  
National Catholic Church**



**February 21, 2021 –First Sunday of Lent**

**Forgiveness is the fragrance that  
the violet sheds on the heel that  
has crushed it.**

Mark Twain

 BrainyQuote

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**Dear Parishioners,**

In today's second reading (1 Peter 3:18-22), St. Peter states that Christ suffered for sins once. What this means is that salvation gained through Christ's death and resurrection is meant for everyone who has ever lived, past, present and future. This is personal. When we pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, we need to be mindful that our sins contributed to Christ's suffering.

Grace and peace,  
Fr. Tom

**Mass Times**

Mass celebrations are Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm & Sunday Morning at 10:00am

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