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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am
Children's Liturgy: September - June

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wednesday through Friday 8:30 am
Rosary/Adoration before Weekday Masses

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Sat 4 - 4:45 pm or before weekday Masses

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Sunday 12:00 pm by appointment

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Diocesan Website: www.sainted.com

Min. Schedule - Mar 29/30

Hospitality:
5:00 pm - Victor Gatt
9:00 am - Roland Belanger
11:00 am - Susan Brown

Organist:
5:00 pm - Dino Sicoli
9:00 am - Dino Sicoli
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The 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C
Unless you repent ...

Lectors:
5:00 pm - Julie Typer
9:00 am - Linda Sardella
11:00 am - Jackie Gatt

Video:
5:00 pm - Fred Tonnos
9:00 am - Sandy MacIntyre
11:00 am - Albert DeLaat

March 23, 2025 A.D.
The 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C



Lord may the request of our
people rise before you like a fragrant offering

Tues	Mar 25	The Annunciation of the Lord 6:00 pm +For the repose of the soul of Sylvia Kocher	by Pat Law
Wed	Mar 26	8:30 am +For the repose of the soul of Brenda Lannan 10:00 am School Reconciliation	by Maggie Rezo
Thurs	Mar 27	8:30 am +For the repose of the soul of Tony Sneek 7:00 pm RCIA Class	
Fri	Mar 28	8:30 am +For the repose of the soul of John Lyrette 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross The 4th Sunday of Lent	by Agnes Walker
Sat	Mar 29	5:00 pm +For the repose of the soul of Michael Camillo	by Lily & Dino Sicoli
Sun	Mar 30	9:00 am +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick’s Parish 11:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Helen Fortier	by Tony & Jane D’Uva

ARE YOU FRUITFUL?

God offers us words of compassion and mercy as well as warning of the need to repent and make the most of the gift of time He has given us.

Moses’ first encounter with the living God provided reassurance of His nearness to the people in their suffering and tells of His desire to deliver them from slavery into freedom and fullness of life. God tells Moses, “I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore, I have come down to rescue them... and lead them... into a land flowing with milk and honey.” This compassionate God goes even farther, revealing His name to the people as a sign of intimacy with them and telling them, “This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations.”

God, though full of mercy and compassion, is also just, and that there will be consequences for our behavior. He admonishes us, “whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.”

Looking for Jesus’ take on a matter, some people report on the news of the day. They tell Jesus about a bloody massacre that some Galileans had suffered at the hands of Pilate. They expected Him to confirm their view that the Galileans had done something to deserve such a death. But Jesus defies their expectation, telling them that the people who died such an awful death were no more sinful than they themselves are. He goes on to say the same of another re-

cent event in which a group of people had been killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them. They, too, Jesus says, were no more sinful than anyone else. They were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time when tragedy struck.

The point He is making is that life is precious and the gift of time on this earth is just that - a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted

to us, so we must use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor.

Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn’t doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well?

The season of Lent is a time to reflect carefully on the way we spend our time. Do we give first priority to God, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let’s turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

For Roman Catholics throughout the world, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and, especially, Good Friday. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross".

Join us as we walk with Jesus through the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7pm during Lent. Please come a spend some time with Jesus on his way to Calvary.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

On Sat, Apr 5, 2025, in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available from 10am – 2pm to hear individual confessions. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

FASTING, PRAYERS AND ALMSGIVING

As we begin this Lenten Season, let us contemplate what this time means and how the three pillars of Lent lead us to a closer relationship with God.

In prayer, we draw closer in relationship with God. Pray now especially for peace in our world. Pray is essential for fasting and almsgiving because prayer gives us the strength to fast. Fasting and abstinence makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else. In addition to the above traditional forms, try fasting from social media, technology, gossip, and excessive screen time. Fasting reminds us of our hunger for God. Fasting and abstinence is observed every Friday during Lent and on Ash Wednesday. Almsgiving (giving) is a response to God, one that we can come to through prayer and fasting. It is a way to live out our gratitude for all that God has given us, Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving lead us to the heart of what Lent is about - a deeper conversion.

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Upcoming sessions in the Series:

April 30, 2025 Speaker: Father Peter Rowe, Pastor,
St. Vincent de Paul Parish

May 24, 2025 Speaker: Dr. Joseph Lombardi,
Place: Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine, Port Colborne

June 14, 2025 Speaker: Cardinal Thomas Collins,
Place: Gethsemane Ministries, Wellandport

EASY PRAYERS TO HELP TO CONNECT TO GOD

DURING LENT

Choose one and say it everyday

“God, may Your light guide my day,
and your spirit bring me peace. Amen.”

“God, may my sacrifice of today of
(state your Lenten sacrifice)
remind me of my dependence on You
for all the blessings I enjoy. Amen.”

”May I stand in solidarity today
with all my brothers and sisters around the world
who are suffering.

May we be united in your love,
and may I work to build your kingdom here on earth.”

“Heavenly Father,
I’m truly sorry for the moments today
where I missed the mark.

I ask for your forgiveness and the strength
to better follow Your call tomorrow. Amen.”

”God, I lift up
(name of the person you’d like to pray for) today.
I ask that you bless them abundantly today
and throughout Lent. Amen.”

“Oh Jesus, I surrender myself to you,
take care of everything. Amen.”

FRUITFULNESS PRAYER

Lord, I ask for your grace to be a fruitful person,
a vessel of your love and a witness to your truth.

May my actions be guided by your will,
and may my life bear good fruit,
reflecting your teachings
and bringing glory to your name.

Help me to remain in you,
so that I may bear much fruit,
for without you, I can do nothing. Amen.