

Second Sunday of Lent

March 16th, 2025 ~ Liturgical Year C

Mass Intentions

✠ **March 17th, 2025 to March 23rd, 2025**
As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday.....NO MASS..... March 17th

Tuesday..... March 18th

8:00 am ✠ Nicola Gaspari (by Wife Lucia & Family)

✠ Nikolai Sanden Sarles (by Patricia)

**Wednesday St. Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary
...March 19th**

8:00 am ♡ **Special intention of Kelly Pleadwell** (by Mary Cody)

✠ Florence DiFruscio (by Elizabeth DiFruscio & Family)

7:00pm ♡♡♡♡ Feast of St. Joseph - Mass with Latin♡♡♡♡

Thursday.....March 20th

8:00 am ✠ Shirley Luciani (by Family)

✠ Deceased Members of the Ciolfi & Passero Families
(by Carmine & Norna)

Friday.....March 21st

8:00 am ✠ Louis Lizzotti (by Family)

✠ Jim Asselstine (by Patricia)

7:00pm Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross) in Italian

Saturday.....March 22nd

8:00 am ✠ Ida & Giuseppe Ferraro (by Ferraro Family)

✠ For all the souls in Purgatory (by Ludgi and Ginette)

5:00 pm ✠ Frank Ruscio (by Theresa Ruscio & Family)

✠ Mario Galliera (by Theresa Ruscio)

✠ Larry DalleSasse (by Wife)

✠ Sally Woodard (by Lanse & Jenn Hunt)

✠ Michele Pizzacalla (by Linda Pizzacalla)

✠ Tonino Bussi (by Maria Bussi)

Sunday.....Third Sunday of Lent.....March 23rd

8:00 am ✠♡The People of Holy Rosary Parish

9:30 am ✠ Salvatore Zangari (by Wife & children)

✠ Giuseppe & Angiolina Iamonaco
(by Marcello Iamonaco)

11:00 am ✠ Ernesto & Angela DiFruscia (by Clelia Lucciola)

✠ Joseph Zimmile (by The Catechist Sisters)

SANCTUARY LAMP: This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of **Coletti Family**. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of March For families in crisis:

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

***NEW* HOLY ROSARY YOUTH GROUP**

Fridays March 21st & April 11th

6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Young people in grades 6-12 are invited to join our youth group for fun, faith formation, and fellowship. For more information, to sign up, or to get involved, please contact Father Daniel.

We, Christians, are people of promise. It means that we trust the One who made the promise. He has strong credentials: the history testifies his ability to keep his promise. This One is God.

We need to remember: It was God who made the promise to Abram. At that time Abram was a wondering shepherd, rich but vulnerable, travelling across the lands not his, stranger in a foreign country, in high risk of being attacked and killed. To him God made a promise of land and a promise of descendants. These promises have a very strong existential meaning: even though you are a stranger in a foreign country, I will give you enough safe space to live and grow and your life will have a great future: your descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the sky. Abram, even though his faith was tested many times, indeed became not only a father of two great nations and religions: Israelites and Arabs, but also a spiritual father of all who believe in God.

St. Paul in today's second reading states: "our citizenship is in heaven." This world, for us Christians, is not the permanent home. It is not the final destination, it is only a necessary passage to another world that awaits us in the future.

It is about the necessary passage, exodus, that Jesus, Moses and Elijah are talking about in the Gospel. Luke intentionally uses the Greek word, exodos, to describe Jesus' crucifixion as a liberation event similar to the exodus of Israelites from the slavery of Egypt to the freedom of a new land.

Thus the cross of Jesus Christ is the gate through which we pass from this world to another divine world, from slavery of different attachments to material world to freedom of spiritual existence expressed in ability to do good always and everywhere, from slavery of living **for** myself **against** others or **in spite of** others to freedom of life **for** others and **together** with others, sometimes **against** myself. This passage cannot happen without suffering.

The passage from earthly to heavenly existence hurts, but it is necessary, if you really want to be a man or woman of promise, a carrier of hope, a citizen of heaven in this changing world. The choice is yours: you can "live as enemy of the cross of Christ" – as saint Paul says, choosing earthly pleasures, fame, power, light and pleasant life, or be the man or woman of the cross, choosing suffering rather than sin, self-sacrifice rather than fame, service rather than power, happiness rather than passing pleasure.

Dear Sister, Dear Brother, what is your choice?

Fr. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.

Jubilee 2025 Intention for the month of March




MARCH 2025
8-9 March
 Jubilee of the World of Volunteering
28 March
 24 Hours for the Lord
28-30 March
 Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy

II DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA / C

Da sempre abbiamo scrutato il cielo per cercare di vedere il volto di Dio; ma è in Cristo, trasfigurato sul monte Tabor, che Dio ci ha permesso di intravedere un raggio del suo splendore e della sua luce inaccessibile. E noi, resi figli di Dio nel Figlio eletto, giorno dopo giorno dobbiamo conformarci a Cristo, ascoltando la sua Parola, obbedendo alla sua voce e pregando per rimanere in comunione con lui.

EMMAUS YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY
(Tuesdays, 7-9pm, St. Denis Church)
This Tuesday, March 18th, 2025, the young adults of the diocese invite you to **join us for prayer, formation, and fellowship at St. Denis Church, 230 Lake Street, St. Catharines**. For more information, contact Fr. Daniel at corso.danielanthony@gmail.com or follow us on Instagram@emmaus.ya

2025 Lift Jesus Higher Rally - Join fellow Catholics from the Greater Toronto Area at the 34th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on Saturday, **March 29!** Lift Jesus Higher is a Spirit-filled day filled with fellowship, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, compelling talks from Bishop Scott McCaig, Deacon Larry Oney, Peter Herbeck, and more! The day also features a youth rally in the Centre's John Basset Theatre for youth ages 13-18. Get details and tickets at www.ljhr.ca!

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Women's League
 Trivia Night Coming! **Friday, May 2nd, 2025**.
 CWL Cookbook. Send your recipes! Check out the CWL Bulletin Board for all news! (Side door of the Church/ across from Hall) **March 15th, 2025 = 99 years since the Inception of our CWL Parish Council.**

The MESSAGES OF HOPE
 Speaker Series is a special Jubilee 2025 initiative designed to engage those living in the Diocese of St. Catharines to learn about hope, and together, reflect and explore ways to restore a climate of hope in our world that desperately yearns for it. Each month, in venues around the diocese, a speaker has been invited to give a talk that explores some messages and themes that Pope Francis highlighted in this Jubilee's Bull of Indiction - SPES NON CONFUNDIT: Hope does not disappoint. Please visit the ['Around the Diocese'](#) page of the diocesan website or [Facebook page](#) for dates and more information.

March 18, 2025 Speaker: Nick Ali, Director of Evangelization
April 30, 2025 Speaker: Father Peter Rowe, Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Parish

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

The Lenten Retreat in our Parish will begin on the weekend of the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The topic is Jubilee: **Conversion, Forgiveness, Reparation, and Hope**. The schedule is as follows:

Guest Speaker ⇨ Fr. Stuart MacDonald	
Date	Time
Saturday, March 29th,	5:00pm Mass
Sunday, March 30th	8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am Masses
Monday, March 31st	7pm Mass with a Sermon
Tuesday, April 1st,	7pm Penitential Service with a Sermon, Confessions afterwards

God bless you.

Our Lady of The Holy Rosary Parish – Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage

Parishioners and relatives are invited on a Thirteen (13) days pilgrimage **From September 12th to 24th, 2025. Cost: \$5,250, includes: breakfast, dinner and bus fare. \$1,750 upon registration.** Please, call the **parish office: 905-227-3178**, for registration and more details.

DAY	ITINERARY	DAY	ITINERARY
1	Rome/ Montecassino	7	Rome
2	Pietralcina/ San Giovanni Rotondo R	8	Rome/ Assisi
3	Monte Sant'Angelo/ San Giovanni Rotondo	9	Assisi / Cascia
4	Foggia/ Lanciano;	10	Assisi / Cortona
5	Manoppello/ Gran Sasso Tivoi area	11	Siena/ Orvieto/ Civita Di Bagnoreggio
6	Rome'	12	Viterbo/ Abano Laziale/ Tivoli
13	Castelli Romani Area/ Rome/ Departure		

 **WELCOME SUNDAY–Sponsored by the Knights!**
 Today's welcome Sunday is hosted by the Knights of Columbus. All Parishioners are invited to the Parish Hall following all Masses to enjoy some refreshments and a time of fellowship. **Please note this Church "Welcome Sundays" takes place every third Sunday of the month.**

Basement Renovation - Update

Project View	Cost	Balance
Funds raised ----->		\$9,050.50
Basement Assessment	915.38	8,135.12
Structure Integrity	\$2,185.00	\$5,950.12

We largely thank you for generously supporting our parish project on renovating the basement. As the project is moving towards a positive step, we want to keep you up to date and have faith in your additional financial support to make it happen.

Thank you and God bless you!

HAPPENNING IN OUR PARISH CHOIR		
Date	Time	Activities
Wed. Mar 19 th , Mass Feast of St. Joseph	7:00pm	Niagara Men's Schola-Mass with Latin
Weds. Mar. 26 th , Weds. Apr. 2 nd & 9 th , All Weds. during lent	7:00pm	Niagara Men's Schola sing Evening Prayer composed by Marty Haugen
Mon. March 24 th	7:00pm	Eve of the Feast of the Annunciation. Contemplative Rosary with Church Choir, Niagara Men's Schola & Jadwiga Pomorski-violin
Sat. April 12 th	2:00pm	Taizé Service for the weekend of Passion Sunday

Weekly Offering

	09-Mar-25
Offertory:	3,849.85
Online Offertory	1,031.10
Parish Maint	45.00
Basement Reno	15.00
Total	\$ 4,940.95

Thank you for your generosity!

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY CHURCH BASEMENT RENOVATION

