

First Sunday of Lent

March 9th, 2025 ~ Liturgical Year C

Mass Intentions

✠ March 10th, 2025 to March 16th, 2025
As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday.....NO MASS..... March 10th

Tuesday..... March 11th

8:00 am ✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Jennifer Olszowy)
✠ Eugene Mucciante (by anonymous)

Wednesday.....March 12th

8:00 am ✠ Rina & Franco Zecchini (by Pasquale Zecchini)
✠ Jack Priestman (by The Reid Family)

Thursday.....March 13th

8:00 am ♡ **Special Intention of Tara Edmunds for healing**
(by Mary Cody)
✠ Sandy DeTiberiis (by Michale LaFratta)

Friday.....March 14th

8:00 am ✠ Frank Tony Mauro (by Maria Mauro)
✠ Jack Priestman (by Gerald & Jean Parent & Family)

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

Saturday.....March 15th

8:00 am ✠ Silvana Nardangeli (By Mike LaFratta & Family)
✠ Giacinto & Carmela Ricciuto
(by Angelo & Angiolina Gabriele)

5:00 pm ✠ Pietro, Angela, Dorothy & Felix Pignotti (by Rosie)
✠ Giannina Pegolo (by Mary Jane & Bob Rose)
✠ Sally Woodard (by Lanson & Karen Hunt)
✠ Salvatore Colomer (by Lanson & Karen Hunt)

Sunday.....Second Sunday of Lent.....March 16th

8:00 am ✠♡The People of Holy Rosary Parish
9:30 am ✠ Pompeo & Joe Petrini (Maria Petrini)
✠ Mario Mastrangelo (by Giovanni & Antonietta Meffe)
11:00 am ✠ Connie Cyberla (by Josephine D'Addario)
✠ Christopher Stanclick (by Josephine D'Addario)

SANCTUARY LAMP: This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of **Raffaele & Vincenza Falovo**. 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 begin the time of Lent, a time to cultivate, a time to enter our spirit in order to see where we are in our faith journey. The liturgy of this first Sunday of Lent presents to us the readings that speak about faith, which becomes very concrete in the act of trust toward our Lord.

I the Israelites' profession of faith, reported by the Book of Deuteronomy, was a historical event: the liberation from the slavery in Egypt and the gift of the Promised Land where to live and to use their freedom. "God gives us a sufficient space where to live as free people and not as slaves." It was the basic conviction of the Israelite people. It was their act of trust in God.

Saint Luke shows Jesus tempted by the devil in a desert. The devil tries to broaden the space of freedom given to Jesus by God, as if the Father had given him an insufficient, too restricted, space. The devil wants to destroy the trust that Jesus has in his Father.

In the first temptation Satan tries to show Jesus that his space is too small. Jesus' response is clear: *One does not live on bread alone*. That is: "My Father knows what I need and he provides me everything I need!"

In the second temptation, seeing that the space given by God seems to Jesus sufficient, the devil tries to show Jesus a vaster horizon, he presents to him more attractive perspectives. This time as well Jesus is very intelligent and firm in his trust in God the Father: "*You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*" Jesus is totally convinced: "Only this space given by God the Father is a true possibility, all others are an illusion."

The devil doesn't give up. Realizing how great Jesus' trust in God is, he decides to strike exactly there: "Yes, Jesus, you are the Son of God, you're trust is right. You can ask your Father whatever you want and you will receive it! So throw yourself down from here! No evil will happen to you!" Jesus remains sober: "It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" "No, dear devil, I won't use my Father to accomplish my goals. Instead I will seek the possibilities that he gives me inside the space assigned to me, so that I may fulfil his will. It will be the only right and the best my choice."

Jesus defended himself from the devil; he remained firm in his trust in God the Father. And you, dear brother, dear sister, are the same? Or maybe you bought in already into some of the devil's suggestions?

Dear brother, dear sister, do you have to change something in your life? Do you have to abandon some "land" in order to rediscover the space prepared for you by God. Don't wait! Begin today! Don't lose your heart! Jesus already won the temptations, he won them for you! Amen.

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

I DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA / C

Il brano delle tentazioni, che quest'anno ascoltiamo nella versione di Luca, pone l'accento sul fatto che la vittoria sul male è garantita dal ricorso a ciò che «è scritto», alla Parola di Dio. È l'invito del Deuteronomio a fare memoria delle meraviglie compiute da Dio, che rende consapevoli che Dio ci è sempre vicino. Si celebra oggi il Giubileo del Mondo del Volontariato (8-9 marzo).

EMMAUS YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY

(Tuesdays, 7-9pm, St. Denis Church)

This Tuesday, March 11th, 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



The popular **beef-on-a-bun** is held on the **second Thursday of each month**. The format is takeout only. **Beef on a bun, coleslaw and roasted potatoes for only**

\$13. Our next Beef on a Bun Dinner will be held on Thursday, March 13th, 2025.



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Women's League

March into our Meeting! We warmly welcome You! **Tuesday, March 11th, 2025**. Time: 1pm - Place: Caritas Room.

AMM (Annual Meeting of Members)
(Diocesan Convention)

Tuesday April 8, 2025 @ 8 am – 5 pm

St. John Ukrainian Catholic Church
91 Lakeshore Rd., St. Catharines

\$80.00 Deadline March 11, 2025 (Please, no exceptions)
Bishop Bergie, Mass Celebrant. Lunch. Guest Speakers.

Info: Linda 905-227-1499

ST. MICHAEL MEN'S SPEAKER SERIES:

Wed Mar 12, 7:30pm @ Cathedral of St. Catherine

Fr Ben Weber will talk about: Strengthening our devotion to St. Joseph, drawing on the insights of St. André Bessette + Blessing of salt. (Bring your own salt to have blessed.)

Confessions at 7 pm; talk starts at 7:30 pm; social hour at 8:30 pm.

Gentlemen of all ages are invited to this monthly talk about a spiritual topic designed to strengthen our faith and fight spiritual battles. Held at a different church each month in order to bring together men from across the diocese. Contact Jeff at 905-866-7423.

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		

Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Retrouvaille helps to improve communication, build stronger marriages and helps couples to reconnect. **The next Hamilton Retrouvaille weekend is March 7 – 9, 2025**. For more info visit www.retrouvaille.org or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org.

We extend sincere condolences and prayers to the families and friends who mourn the recent loss of **Edward Idiakhoo**. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

HAPPENNING IN OUR PARISH CHOIR

Date	Time	Activities
Weds. Mar. 12 th , 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
Wed. Mar 19 th , Mass Feast of St. Joseph	7:00pm	Niagara Men's Schola-Mass with Latin
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 pm	Taizé Service for the weekend of Passion Sunday

Weekly Offering

	02-Mar-25
Offertory:	4,098.30
Online Offertory	992.50
Parish Maint	85.00
Basement Reno	60.00
Total	\$ 5,235.80

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