

St. Rose of Lima Church

March 4th, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Pastor:

Father David Martin



Masses:

Thursday: 12:10 PM Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM

Confession:

Saturday at 3:00 PM

Baptisms:

Please call the Office 653-6850 for arrangements.

White Gift Sunday – for Food Bank – Fourth Sunday of the Month

WEEKLY MASS DURING LENT

ST. AUGUSTINE'S - Wednesday 9:00AM – RECTORY HALL

ST. ROSE – Monday, Thursday & Friday – 12:05PM

ST. MATTHEW'S – Tuesday – 7:00PM

ASSUMPTION – Monday – Friday – 9:00AM

ST. PETER'S – Tuesday - 5:30PM, Wednesday – 9:00AM, Thursday - 7:00PM, Friday - 12:15PM

Please note: Mass at St. Peter's is in the downstairs chapel on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

A Christian Can Never Be Sad!

A Christian can never be sad! Never give way to discouragement! Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions, but from having encountered a Person: Jesus, in our midst; it is born from knowing that with him we are never alone, even at difficult times, even when our life's journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable, and there are so many of them! And in this moment, the enemy, the devil, comes, often disguised as an angel, and slyly speaks his word to us. Do not listen to him! Let us follow Jesus!

Reflection: What obstacles are you facing right now? Look for Jesus' presence and listen for his voice in these situations. Ask Jesus to lead you.

From Pope Francis: "Through The Year With Pope Francis"

A Check-in... "How Is Your Lent Going? 'Become the Best Version of Yourself???'

"I cannot seem to get into Lent this year..." I said to a priest friend who was visiting me the other day. His reply, "Well, it's only been 10 days...we have 30 more to go... you've just got started... give it a chance!"

How easy it is for me (especially during [Lent](#), it seems) to "get down in the dumps" and stay there for a while, not able to think about all the times when I was joyful or when I felt light-hearted.

And these rainy days don't help at all either!

Not wishing to stay in that mode for very long, I come up with a way for me to escape and remember the good times.

Whenever something happens to me that "spurs me on," makes me smile, or picks me up in some way, I record that experience in a journal because I don't want to forget it.

And, now, whenever I find myself not so happy or feeling sad, I pick up that journal, start reading it, and recall all the good times God allowed me to have. Sometimes, it can be as simple as an unexpected phone call from a friend, a compliment from someone, a Gospel message, a 3-year-old great niece's hug freely given...the list goes on and on.

In addition to making me feel joyful once more, **I become grateful again**, to our loving God, the Giver of all good things... to the one who helps us to become the 'best version of ourselves'! So I extend to you the same words of encouragement my friend offered me... "you've just got started... give it a chance!"

Fr. David

“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

The Word Was Made Flesh

In Jesus, God took on the totality of our humanity, which means that he was just like us in every way. He had the same emotions that we have. He knew pain. He knew anger. He knew anxiety, and he needed human affection as we do.

- **Br. Geoffrey Tristram**

Reflection: The Question of Lent

As a child, I remember Lent was a solemn time when colour in the church was shrouded and music reduced to unaccompanied chant; deprived of the penny candy I lived for, I was expected to sit quietly through daily masses. Lent was colourless misery, fully reflected in my slushy, grey walks to school. My child’s mind just endured Lent as a means to an end...the burst of joy in a new dress and colourful foil wrapped candy; Easter at last!

How do we as a church community approach our Lenten time? I think the secret lies in the child’s wish for the promise of Easter. The grey misery and deprivation of Lent can be found not only in that terrible walk Jesus made carrying the cross, but also in the cold feet of a man with no socks, in the helplessness of a young mother with no money for bills, in the shame of a hungry child who fails a test in school, in the loneliness and isolation of the shut-in. Lent removes distraction and give us the necessary quiet to reflect on how and why Jesus did just what he did; what do we do with his ultimate gift? As a church community entering our time of Lent, the joy of Easter is ours to create and give.

The question is...***Who Needs Us?***

- Barbara Tracey-Larocque

Easter Flowers

We are now accepting donations for **Easter Flowers** to help celebrate the **Resurrection of our Lord**. Please place your donation, with your name, the person you are honouring, and your envelope number, in the regular weekly collections.

In the charity of your prayers, please remember: Mona Riley, Debra Gogan, Maurice Daley, Lucretia Noel, Tersa Chaisson

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Mary Power

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 5	12:05 PM St. Rose	Jeanne Ringuette
Tuesday, March 6	7:00 PM St. Matthew's	Kevin McCormick
Wednesday March 7	9:00 AM St. Augustine's	Deceased Members Morris Family
Thursday, March 8	12:15 PM St. Rose	Ida Manderson
Friday, March 9	12:05 PM St. Rose	Emery and Doris Hachey
Saturday, March 10	4:00 PM St. Rose	Paul Basque
Saturday, March 10	5:30 PM St. Augustine's	Lottie Austin
Sunday, March 11	9:00 AM St. Rose	Deceased Members Upton Family
Sunday, March 11	11:00 AM St. Matthew's	Jayne Cormier

Stewardship for the weeks ending February 25th, 2018

Envelopes	2311.00
Loose	391.95
Pre-Authorized Debit	397.40
Food Bank	40.00
Total	3140.35

- 1) **White Gift Sunday – for Food Bank – fourth Sunday of the month – March 25th.**
- 2) **Scripture Study Update**– The Study will be held on Tuesdays, from 6:30-8:00 PM. As soon as the materials arrive, we will determine the start-date.
- 3) **MASS TIMES FOR LENT:** may be found on the front of the bulletin.
- 4) **Irish Breakfast**, Saturday **March 17th** from 9 am to 1 pm -- a fundraiser in support of L'Arche Saint John -- will take place at O'Leary's Pub on Princess Street.
- 5) **Mass for Life** will celebrated at **7:00 PM on March 7th at Holy Trinity.**
- 6) **Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers and Counters** are on the table at the back of the Church.
- 7) **A BIG thank-you to Ralph Folkins, for building a proper stand for our large wooden cross!**