

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



March 8 - 14, 2021

Monday, March 8

8:30 am + Robert Wong

Tuesday, March 9

8:30 am + Joy George

Wednesday, March 10

8:30 am + Angela Pais

Thursday, March 11

8:30 am: + James Moniz

Friday, March 12

8:30 am: + Death anniversary Charles Chiu

Saturday, March 13

8:30 am: + Mark Pearce

Sunday, March 14

10:00 am: + Elias Diniz

Something to Reflect upon.....

John 2: 13-25

Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.



In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshippers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of

John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.

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during COVID-19

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GRADE 5 EXTENDED FRENCH PROGRAM

INFORMATION NIGHT AT OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Children in Grade 4 who are interested in extending their development in French at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, 121 Brimwood Blvd., Scarborough are invited to attend a virtual zoom meeting on Wednesday March 10, 2021 at 6:30—7:30 pm.

Zoom Link: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82245023229?pwd=eVpTAlAvTHB4M0pDaUxNcFJkVWZrZz09>

Meeting ID: 822 4502 3229
Passcode: P4SP6b



The Church is open Monday - Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon

10 people at a time

Sunday the church opens at 10:00 am with Holy Communion Service offered from 10 - 11 am.

10 people at a time

What do you do for Lent? Few Suggestions:

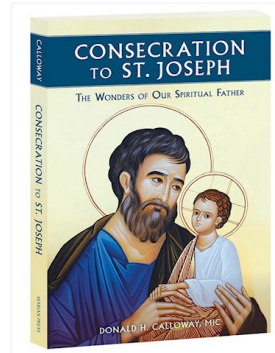
Daily Prayers, Holy Rosary, reading the Scriptures, Daily Masses online, Charitable acts, Sacrament of Confession and Visiting the Blessed Sacraments.



PRAYER-FASTING-ALMS GIVING

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CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH: THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER



It is the "Year of St Joseph", as declared by Pope Francis. We are very excited to journey with you to know more of St Joseph.

Simply complete the Registration Form by clicking the link below:

[Consecration to St Joseph Retreat](#)

All communications on the details of the retreat will be done through the "Consecration to St Joseph (Canada)" Facebook Group, where we will invite you to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1091659538012184>

To inquire further information on this Retreat, please email us at stjosephconsecration@gmail.com.

Let's pray for each other for a spirit-filled Retreat.



Sanctuary Lamps Offerings

- 1) For all those sick with the coronavirus and those taking care of them

CHARITABLE TAX RECEIPTS & Annual Parish Financial Reports

Your Charitable Tax Donation receipts are now available for pick up from the parish office on Monday & Wednesday from 9 am to 12 noon & 1:30 to 4:00 pm. Please call the parish office and let us know when you will pick up your receipt.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE

MARCH 7, 2021

A Fair and Equitable Approach to Places of Worship & Covid-19

Write your Member of Provincial Parliament Today!

Visit aplacetoworship.ca



You are invited to visit aplacetoworship.ca to respectfully share your concerns with your local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and Premier Ford regarding places of worship and Covid-19 capacity restrictions.

The province has relaxed restrictions in Grey (Lockdown) regions for retailers, allowing 25% capacity while places of worship can have no more than 10 people inside, whether they seat 100 or 1,000 people. Is this a fair and equitable approach? Visit aplacetoworship.ca today!

PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH

Annual Financial Report Jan-Dec 2020

	2020	2019
	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec
RECEIPTS:		
Church Receipts	\$ 384,879	\$ 648,727
Other Donations	-	2,225
Hall Revenues	400	1,450
Interest and Rental	59,265	79,967
Parish Program Receipts	2,500	5,785
Sundry receipts	247,826	260,307
Special Diocesan Collections	50,384	125,641
Investment Redeemed	193,128	-
Total Receipt for the periods	\$ 938,381	\$ 1,124,101
PAYMENTS:		
Clergy Salaries	\$ 103,062	\$ 97,578
All other Salaries	134,163	139,087
Income Tax, CPP EI & BENEFITS	25,290	28,883
Office supplies and services	17,318	19,456
Facility Rental & Insurance	7,119	6,888
Taxes, insurance, hydro, heating	24,805	33,604
Repairs and renewals	19,439	36,397
Grounds landscaping, snow removal	10,951	8,909
Choir, Music (Lic. & Duty for song sheets)	355	2,247
Liturgical Mass Expenses	12,253	10,445
Other church expenses	2,999	6,134
Traffic control, security service	-	585
Rectory Expenses	22,842	19,871
Diocesan Assessment	88,870	103,337
Clergy Health /Pension Assessment	23,070	28,206
Parish Program Payments	7,039	11,246
Sundry Expenses	39,183	66,960
Special Diocesan Collections	62,613	104,244
Property Additions		
Land & Buildings	193,017	95,837
Furnishing & Equipment	-	691
New Investments & Interest		
Family of Faith investment	54,234	132,012
Chancery Investment	91,086	240,725
Total Payments for the Periods	\$ 939,707	\$ 1,193,341