

## Third Sunday of Lent March 19, 2017

*Baptized in water and signed with the cross of  
Jesus, we gather to give God thanks and praise.*

The Schedule for the Stations of the Cross to be held each Friday at 7 p.m. during Lent is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Leader</b>
March 24	Cursillo
March 31	Youth Ministry
April 7	CWL
April 14	Father Shroff

**LENTEN RETREAT** – Father Greg will be holding a Lenten Retreat on "Joseph, Mary, and Jesus: The Holy Family as our guides in the life of the Spirit". At 7:00 pm on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Children's Liturgy.** There will be no children's liturgy March 19th, April 9th (Palm Sunday) and April 16th (Easter Sunday).

### **SSVP Project for Rankin Inlet**

In February, the Ottawa Society of Saint Vincent de Paul conferences was asked to help 40 Inuit families in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut. All the SSVP conferences in Ottawa agreed to contribute to a sea container of food. This project has been contracted for three years. The sea container needs to be filled by the end of May 2017 and shipped from Montreal in June to reach Rankin Inlet by the fall. Our SSVP Good Shepherd Conference has been asked to provide 240 packages each of 900 gr of both Rice and Pasta (480 total). We are hoping that you will be able to help us with this project

**REMINDER;** it is not too late to apply for the Men's weekend **April 6-9, 2017.** Cursillo is a nice way to give yourself a spiritual spa. Please contact Helen Lemoire at 613 590-7450 for information.

### **Spiritual Adoption Program:**

My body continues to grow and I have all of my external and internal organs and parts. If anyone used an ultrasonic stethoscope they would hear my heart as it beats. I am starting grow teeth now, they are called milk-buds and they have actually been growing for the past month. It really is wonderful being here with my mom. I feel so warm and cozy all the time. I'm never too hot or too cold and I have just the right amount of space for my size.

**SECOND COLLECTION** – There will be a second collection for Development and Peace the weekend of April 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING:**

Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., May 14, 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2016. Families & friends are most welcome. Registration details now available in parishes. Deadline to register: Wed., May 3.

**Offering for March 12, 2017**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2438.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ <u>403.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 5501.00

### **PASTOR'S CORNER**

The liturgy of this 3rd Sunday of Lent gives us the Gospel of the Samaritan woman at the well. In this beautiful passage of Scripture from John 4, Jesus invites the Samaritan woman to offer Him a drink. He uses the occasion of this encounter to teach her some very important lessons: lessons about the true worship of God and the sanctity of marriage. Although this woman was not living a life in conformity with the Commandments of God, she was nonetheless open to hearing the truth. And so we see Christ, the Divine Master, in this scene from the Gospel, teaching her gently and leading her into the truth.

Our Lord ultimately reveals to the Samaritan woman Who He is: namely, that He is the Source of life-giving water. This lesson is meant to teach us that Christ fulfils every desire of the human heart. Our deepest longings and desires can only be fulfilled by Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

At the 5 pm Mass on this 3rd Sunday of Lent, our two catechumens who are preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil will undergo the First Scrutiny. The Scrutinies (which are performed on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent) consist of special prayers prayed over the Catechumens by the Priest (including an Exorcism Prayer) and several Intercessions that the faithful offer on their behalf: known as the "Intercessions for the Elect." The Catechumens are now referred to as the Elect (the Chosen), since they have been chosen by God to enter into the Church through the life-giving water of Holy Baptism.

On this third Sunday of Lent, may we all be renewed in our own Baptismal commitment, and may we constantly refresh our thirst by seeking out Christ, the true living water, in all that we do. As we pray in the Collect of today's Mass: may our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving be for us a remedy for sin and lift us up by the mercy of God.

### **You're invited to the EWTN Family Celebrations in Ottawa!**

ETWN Global Catholic Network invites you to our Family Celebration at the Centrepoint Theatre in Ottawa, **on Saturday April 1** for an inspiring day for the entire family!. This year's theme will be the "Life and Legacy of Mother Angelica." Be renewed in your faith with inspirational talks by your favourite EWTN hose, Johnnette Benkovic, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ and Fr. Larry Richards. Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa will serve as the celebrant and homilist at Holy Mass. Admission is free, but seats are limited. Log onto [ewtn.com/familycelebration](http://ewtn.com/familycelebration) for more information.

### **Miriam Centre - Baby Bottle Fundraiser**

lent is time when Holy Mother Church asks us amongst other things to give alms. The Miriam Centre is a local pregnancy crisis centre that provides material and pastoral help to needy pregnant women and their families. The Centre depends solely on donations. Baby bottles are available in the Vestibule this weekend. Kindly, take a bottle home fill it with some coins and return the bottle to the church by Sunday 23 April. Thank you for assisting those in need through your prayers and financial support.

## **INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, March 18– Third Sunday of Lent**

5:00 pm †Teresa Wong req by the family  
†Dave Simmons req by Vince & Myrna Brown  
Intention of Maddy Lee req by Marion & Ernie Sy  
Deceased members of the Pereira & Rodrigues families

### **Sunday, March 19 –Third Sunday of Lent**

9:00 am For Our Parishioners  
11:15 am †Andrew Hamilton req by John & Joan Ronan  
Intention of the Godparents of a Parishioner  
Intention of Daphne D’Souza req by Carmen D’Souza

### **Monday, March 20 – Solemnity, Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Principal Patron of Canada, Patron of the Universal Church**

9:00 am †Jack Hayden req by the family  
Tuesday, March 21 – **Third Tuesday of Lent**  
9:00 am †Marion Robichon req by the family  
Thursday, March 23 – **Third Thursday of Lent**

9:00 am Private Intention  
Friday, March 24 – **Third Friday of Lent**  
9:00 am †Jeanne Roy req by Dorothy & George Gibbs

### **Saturday, March 25 –Fourth Sunday of Lent**

5:00 pm †Teresa Wong req by the family  
Deceased members of the Sullivan & Willick families  
Deceased members of the CWL

### **Sunday, March 26 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9:00 am †Victor & Doris Pittson req by the Pittson family  
†Theresa Jacob req by the Pittson family  
11:15 am For Our Parishioners

*Please pray for our sick;* Michael Nortey, Larry Clow, Bonnie Lehman, Elsie & Steve Stadler, and John MacDonald.

*Please pray for our deceased,* that they may be received into God’s love.

## **MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> WHITE MASS IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS:**

On the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Archbishop Prendergast invites everyone to join Catholic health care practitioners at a special Mass honouring their work in health care and praying for their freedom of conscience. A bilingual Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral (385 Sussex Drive) with Archbishop Prendergast presiding joined by Archbishop Lépine and his seminarians who are making a special pilgrimage to Ottawa. A reception will follow in the parish hall. All are encouraged to attend this celebration and to pray with and for our Catholic health care practitioners.

### **PRO LIFE CORNER**

Let us pray that mothers who are tempted or coerced to abort the child of their womb may be freed from anxiety and strengthened in their special calling to nurture life. There are no words to fully portray Gods love, compassion or desire to be in Communion with us. Perhaps, the closest we can come, is to contemplate the thoughts of a mother as she gazes for the first time at her newborn child. By Fr. Terry Gensemer