



# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 24 MARCH 2019

“...but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.”

(Today's Readings: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9)



## Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., Mar. 23 5:00PM Mass – Christian Dumoulin+
- Sun., Mar. 24 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 8:00AM Mass – Frenette Family+  
 9 :30AM Mass – John Flynn+  
 Teresa Hanniman+  
 Marcelino Guzman+
- 11:15AM Mass – Victor Edwards+
- Mon., Mar. 25 **NO MASS**
- Tues., Mar. 26 9:30AM Mass–Catherine Cunningham (lvg)
- Wed., Mar. 27 12:15PM Mass–Armand & Jeannette Lavigne+
- Thur., Mar. 28 10:00AM Mass at Windsor Park Manor  
 12:15PM Mass – Henri Boucher+
- Fri., Mar. 29 12:15PM Mass – Marie & Julie Roy (lvg)  
 Helen Hanniman+  
 Eileen Besserer+
- Sat., Mar. 30 5:00PM Mass – Beverly Olivastri (lvg)
- Sun., Mar. 31 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners  
 9:30AM Mass – Donald Michael+  
 Alice Johnson+  
 John Flynn+  
 11:15AM Mass – Ralph D’Cruz+

## Events Calendar ...

- Sat., Mar. 23 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
- Sun., Mar. 24 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy  
 Lenten Soup served following the 9:30 & 11:15 am Masses  
 Tickets sold after Mass for our Jubilee Dinner  
 Members from D & P speaking at all Masses
- Mon., Mar. 25 7:00PM **Current Lectors Refresher Workshop** – Church
- Tues., Mar. 26 6:30PM ADORATION until 7:30 p.m.  
 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., Mar. 27 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church
- Thur., Mar. 28 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Fri., Mar. 29 7:00PM Stations of the Cross – Church
- Sat., Mar. 30 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
- Sun., Mar. 31 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy  
 11:15AM Mass celebrate with Ottawa  
 Foyer Partage followed by a reception  
 Tickets sold after Mass for our Jubilee Dinner

## COLLECTION REPORT

17 March 2019 – \$4,443.00 (env) / \$838.34 (loose)

~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~

Please note: Our Parish is operated only by your donations!

**†Our Condolences and Prayers:** For the departed soul of Odette Kabagabe+

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## Deacon’s Column...

### JESUS INTERPRETS CURRENT EVENTS

People haven't really changed much since ancient times. Nowadays the most popular topics of conversation are dramatic news stories like the SNC Lavalin fiasco, the grounding of all Boeing 737 Max 8's or the senseless killing of 49 people in New Zealand. It was the same in Jesus' day. Everyone was talking about the latest major events like the collapse of the tower at Siloam, and the violent tactics Pilate used to control the Jews.

Jesus gives his opinion on these earthly events. But he gives it with as much authority as he had when he spoke about heavenly things. He knows the meaning of everything that happens in history. He is the Lord of history and gives the definitive interpretation of these two tragic events. For him, they are parables of what will eventually happen to every human being in this fallen world: suffering and death.

They are not special manifestations of God's anger; they are typical occurrences in a world wounded by sin. They should not surprise us; but they should keep us on our toes. When Jesus decided to establish his Church, he delegated to the Church this same authority to continue announcing the meaning behind earthly events. Jesus was "the light of the world" when he walked the roads of Palestine, and the Church keeps carrying this torch in every age. Unfortunately, not everyone heeded his voice back then, and not everyone heeds his voice today.

The world is always seeking justice, peace, and prosperity. Individuals are always seeking happiness. Without fertilizing our minds and hearts with the truth about who we are and what we were created for, society will be barren of these most valuable fruits - like the fig tree that had no figs. Imagine, for example, how different the world community would be if everyone simply followed the Ten Commandments. Our Lord knows the way to fulfillment and fruitfulness. As his disciples and children of the Church, we can know it too, and should strive to make it known.

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**THANK YOU** to Fr. Lester Mendonsa for leading our Lenten Retreat this year. I am happy that it was an “Extra Blessing” for all those who attended in good number. Your free will offering helped the success of the Mission.

God bless you.

Fr. Lukose

Pastor

## *Parish News and Community Life...*

**WORKSHOP:** All Liturgical Ministers play a very special role in the celebration of the Holy Mass--your talents and service are a generous gift to the whole Parish. To help maintain the solemnity and sacredness of the Mass, the formation and renewal of your understanding and commitment are very important. For this reason, we will be holding a **REFRESHER WORKSHOP** for all **current Lectors** this coming **Monday, March 25 at 7 p.m. in the Church.** Attendance at this workshop will be a sign of commitment to your Ministry. Please bring your Lectors Workbook in exchange for Year C.

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Parents are reminded that the **PREPARATION SESSION** for children who are registered for the sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on **Tuesday, April 09 at 6:30 p.m.** Please arrive **20 minutes before the session begins.**

**DONATIONS TOWARDS EASTER FLOWERS:** Special envelopes are available in the pews and at the entrance of the Church for donations towards Easter flowers. Donations of \$20 or more will be issued a tax receipt if you enclose your name, complete address and envelope number.

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### **OUR PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY**

*"We are Pilgrims on a Journey"*

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Tuesday evenings during Lent from **6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Friday's at **7 p.m.** lead by the different ministries of the Parish. **NOTE:** On **Good Friday (April 19)** Stations of the Cross will begin at **7:30 p.m.**

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### **JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

The Parish will celebrate the close relationship that provided support in the early 1980s to initiate Ottawa Foyers Partage. A special Mass will be offered on **Sunday, March 31 at 11:15 a.m.** followed by a reception in the parish hall. **Please note that there will be short presentations from 11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., followed by the Mass. All are welcome to this special celebration of Jubilee Year.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our Jubilee Year Celebrations will conclude the weekend of April 06 and 07.

On **SATURDAY, APRIL 06**, a catered dinner will be held following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Tickets will be sold starting on the weekend of March 16/17. Cost: Adults/\$30 and children (under 14) \$20.

On **SUNDAY, APRIL 07**, a **JUBILEE MASS** will be celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast at **10:00 a.m.** On Sunday, April 07 there will be only two morning Masses—8 a.m. and our Jubilee Mass at 10:00 a.m. (NO 11:15 Mass).  
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**PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:** The parish Lenten reconciliation schedule is now available on the home page of CatholicOttawa.ca. Note: Diocesan Day of Confessions is Friday, April 05.

## *Social Justice...*

**THANK YOU!** To all the generous people who brought their home-made soup to the **Lenten Meal and Movie!** If you wish to support the work of Development and Peace, a special envelope is included in the donation box for April 07, Solidarity Sunday. Envelopes are on the Social Justice table.

### *Other interests...*

**TENEBRAE SERVICE dedicated to prayer for victims of abuse** at **Notre Dame Cathedral** on the **Wednesday evening of Holy Week, April 17 at 7:30 p.m.** This office is composed of the Song of Lamentations over the devastation of Jerusalem by the prophet Jeremiah in the poignant psalms and through the powerful readings. Each of these evokes the figure of the suffering Christ. Yet, the cries of all who suffer the hurts of yesterday and today come to mind. And we know that these people wounded in body, mind and soul are numerous. Read the entire article from Archbishop Prendergast posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING:** Held at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sunday, May 05 at 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 plus years of marriage in 2019. Registration forms are on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church and mail to Pastoral Services, 1247 Kilborn Place, Ottawa, ON K1H 6K9 or go online to [catholicottawa.ca/wedding-anniversary-mass](http://catholicottawa.ca/wedding-anniversary-mass). **Deadline to register is April 24.**

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### **ADORATION**

**Tuesday, March 26, April 02 & 09 at 6:30 p.m.**

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Friday, March 29, April 05, 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

### **CHRISM MASS**

Archbishop Prendergast invites all the faithful for the Chrism Mass on **Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral.

### **EASTER TRIDUUM**

**Our three most holy days:**

**\*\*HOLY THURSDAY – 18 April at 8:00 p.m.** – Mass of the Lord's Supper with the washing of feet.

**\*\*GOOD FRIDAY – 19 April** – Children's Liturgy at 10 a.m.; **Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.** A Universal Day of fasting and abstinence. The collection is taken for the Holy Land.

**NOTE: STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:30 p.m.**

**\*\*HOLY SATURDAY – Easter Vigil Mass – 20 April at 8:00 p.m.** – A candlelight beginning, listening to the story of salvation history, culminating in the Easter story. **BRING BELLS to ring out our joy during the Gloria.** A reception will follow in the parish hall.

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES – 21 April – 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.** (**NO** 11:15 a.m. Mass)

**\*\*NOTE: Incense will be used at these liturgies.**

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