



First Sunday in Lent



1st Sunday Year C Luke 4:1-13
Lenten Season

09 March



In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.



INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

Sessions are on the third Thursday of the month March 20th for parents considering baptism for their child will take place from (6:00-7:00 p.m.). Anyone attending this session should have already



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Father Mathew
on March 9.

May he be blessed with many more.



MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR
FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!
Sunday Collection

February 23 \$6,172

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday, March 10

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. ♦ Special Intention Floredliza & George

Tuesday, March 11

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Cecilia Acob

Wednesday, March 12

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Irineo Monzon

Thursday, March 13

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Dorval Blais

Friday, March 14

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Nicki Diodati

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross followed by Mass



7:00 p.m. † Rosalita Intina

Saturday, March 15

5:00 p.m. † Carmel Mignelli, Cesar Gamotin,

♦ Special Intention Martha Caron & Nicholas Amosi

Sunday, March 16

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

11:00 a.m. † Larry Feren

5:00 p.m. † Melina & Anselmo Mucciarone



ASH WEDNESDAY and ALL OF THE FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.

On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14th year.

All of the faithful are obliged to do penance, but not all may be able to observe the above regulations of fast and abstinence because of ill health or other reasons. Persons legitimately excused from the laws of fast and abstinence are urged to practice other forms of penance and self-denial suitable to their condition. In addition, the faithful are urged to participate, if possible, in the Mass during the week, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Lent devotions, prayer, Scripture reading, and sharing of their time and resources with the less fortunate

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.

LENT 2025

Join us for inspiring talks, group discussions, and prayer as we explore GOD'S plan for our lives and deepen our relationship with Jesus this Lenten season



Start date: every Wednesday

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: St. Thomas More church hall

ALL ARE WELCOME

COME, BE RESCUED BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST!

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ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Lets once again make a beautiful

St. Joseph's table on

Wednesday, March 19 2025 at St. Thomas More Church

We need donations of baked goods and breads.

Pease drop off baked goods and breads in the Church hall on Wednesday March 19, before morning Mass.

Fr. Mathew will come down and bless the table after

Mass. Stay & enjoy the blessed treats and have a cup of coffee/tea and together let's show our love for our faith

ST. PATRICK & ST. JOSEPH FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun! Enjoy dinner, join our 50/50 draw, and help raise funds for our new church furnace. Experience good company, and warm parish community spirit!



DATE: MARCH 22, 2025

TIME: 6:30 PM (AFTER MASS)

LOCATION: ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH HALL

Ticket Prices:

Kids aged 0-3 Free

Kids aged 4-12 \$15

Ages 13+ \$20

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FASTING is one of the pillars of Lent and it provides a significant means of helping us listen to the Lord. It is a form of self-denial as we grow in our ability to say no to self and yes to God. Fasting provides a spiritual cleansing where we "make room" in our souls for God. This also provides an opportunity to allow the things that are hidden to move to the surface to be exposed to God's grace and mercy. Things move from darkness to the light of Christ. Ultimately, the purpose of fasting is to help us focus on God; to hunger for His presence and to listen to His words. The great St. Augustine provides the merits of fasting, especially for those living a life of celibacy: "Fasting purifies the soul. It lifts up the mind and brings the body into subjection to the spirit. It makes the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of desire, puts out the flames of lust and enkindles the true light of chastity."

Fast



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

Our next meeting is Wednesday March 12th. We will begin with the Rosary at 6:30pm and our meeting at 7pm. Please note that we will be meeting in the St. Jerome room in the wing of the church as the hall is not available.

All women of the parish are most welcome and encouraged to attend!

Please call/text/email Dina 905-380-0522,

dina.marchionda@gmail.com for more information.



LETTING GO

A FORGIVENESS LENTEN RETREAT

Date: March 14-16 Cost: \$350

LED BY: ANNA RACINE

PRESENTER BIO AT WWW.ANNARACINE.ORG

REGISTER AT 905 356 4113 X4200 OR

RESERVATIONS@CARMELNIAGARA.COM

PLEASE JOIN OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Can you spare One hour to help save a lifetime?

Peaceful prayer to end abortion in front of the Greater Niagara

General Hospital in Niagara Falls.

Saturday March 29th (8am - 8pm) is designated for

St. Thomas More Parish.

Sign up sheets are at the back of the church. Please consider

giving or sharing an hour of your time.

-Parking/Pick up signs: Free parking at

St. Ann's Adult Centre, 5895 North St.NF

Pick up signs at 6111 North St. (Bin behind house)

BENEFIT GALA TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN NEED AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education's Annual Benefit Gala with honorary guest

Bishop Gerard Bergie is scheduled for Thursday, March 27 at Club Roma.

The Gala will also feature presentations of the Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction with three recipients being recognized for having made a significant and positive contribution to Catholic education in Niagara.

It's an enjoyable evening that brings together a large cross section of the Niagara community all in support of students in need outreach programs and scholarships for students attending Niagara Catholic District School Board schools.

The evening commences at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar, wine tasting, silent auction tables and a pre-dinner antipasto assortment followed by a delicious meal.

Tickets are \$100.00 per person and can be purchased individually or in tables of eight or ten. Purchase on line at www.niagaracatholic.ca Further information 905-735-0240 extension 214.

Saint Augustine reminds us, "Fasting is the soul's way of turning away from earthly things and focusing on the things of heaven."