

MASS INTENTIONS FOR March 3—11, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday,	Mar. 3	5:00 pm	For + Brent Labelle by his family
Sunday,	Mar. 4	9:30 am	For + Jacinto Pereira by Mike and Estrela
		11:30 am	For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
Tuesday,	Mar. 6	9:00 am	For + Hamilton MacNeil by his sister Agatha
Wednesday,	Mar. 7	9:00 am	For + Father Romano
Thursday,	Mar. 8	9:00 am	For + Emila Salanga by Erna and Noel
Friday,	Mar. 9	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
		7:00 pm	led by Ed & Natalia from St. Vincent de Paul Mass, Adoration, Confessions
			Community Intentions. +Sonia Viardo

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday,	Mar. 10	5:00 pm	For Rose Hui by Doreen Allen
Sunday,	Mar. 11	9:30 am	For + Jaime & + Maria Araujo
			by Mike & Estrel Pereira
		11:30 am	For All St. John Bosco parishioners

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK :

Tuesday,	March 6 @	7:00 pm	RCIA
Thursday,	March 8 @	7:00pm	Legion of Mary

CWL NEWS!!! Poster Contest – Please see folder in front foyer for instructions and info.



Taking care of our parish: Recently we have had to deal with destruction of parish property. The Knights of Columbus contributed \$25,000 to renovate our bathrooms this past summer, and during last months pancake breakfast there was deliberate damage done in the men's washroom. We are continually repairing church kneelers, removing gum from pews and carpets, and large scuff marks from hall floors. We want you to feel at home at St. John Bosco, but please show our church the respect and dignity our place of worship deserves.

Grace before Meals, with lines inspired by the Readings for March 4, 3rd Sunday of Lent



Leader: Lord Jesus, thank you for your word. You have given us the commandments, so we may know our will:

All: Lord, do not let the world talk me out of doing your will.

Together: "Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen"

After the meal: "We give you thanks, Almighty God, for all your gifts, who live and reign now and forever. Amen"

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2017

INCOME:

Sunday Collections:	\$ 275,902.50
Special Collections:	37,315.00
Other Receipts: (Liturgy, Marriages, Rentals)	41,361.28

Total Receipts: \$ 354,578.78

EXPENSES:

Archdiocese Dues: (Cathedraticum)	\$ 58,908.63
Reimbursement of Special Collections:	37,315.00
All Salaries:	143,484.41
Office, Church and Caretaking Supplies:	25,435.20
Building/Grounds Maintenance & Renovations:	17,652.52
Utilities and Insurance:	29,247.75
Catechetical Programs, GST, & Social events:	14,061.08
Charitable activities:	2,220.52

Total Expenses: \$ 328,325.11

Dear parishioners,

Thank you for your generosity towards the Church with your Talents, Time and also Treasure.

We managed the expenses with the same careful attention you do at home.

We encourage every parishioner to be a good steward of God's gifts. A good way to do so is the use of the Sunday envelopes or the pre-authorized giving for a constant



PARKING PROBLEMS: Parishioners parking illegally are still causing us problems during week-end Masses. Please do NOT park where there is no designated space.

Parking at the entrance to the parking lot and behind other cars inhibits the proper flow of traffic and can potentially block emergency vehicles from accessing the church. We have put up signs and painted the parking lot to designate no parking areas. If the lines are covered with snow, be aware that there is no parking by either entrance to the lot to past the dumpster or behind the reserved stalls. Please be considerate to your fellow parishioners. We hope to not have to resort to calling bylaw to have your vehicles towed or ticketed.

Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2018

Theme: "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (Mt 24: 12). (Cont'd from last week)

A cold heart

In his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice, in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. **What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?**

More than anything else, **what destroys charity is greed for money**, "the root of all evil." The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments. All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own "certainties": the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbour who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God's plan, were created to sing His praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

Love can also grow cold in our own communities. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal.

What are we to do?

Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season **the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.**

By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. *2 Cor* 8:10). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need.

Conclusion next week



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Last Sunday's Collection
\$ 3,715.00
Together we Serve \$ 50.00
Children's collection \$ 15.00
Thank you for your donations!!

Parish Priest: Rev. Raja SDB
Deacon Jose Huezo
Mia Turlock Pastoral Assistant
Theresa Wile Pastoral Assistant

PRAYER CORNER:
Sandy Gow, Priscilla Lajeunesse,
Josie Mitchell, Rose Auburn

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

In today's Gospel, we notice that Jesus had strong emotions at times.

The story illustrates how fully human Jesus truly was, and how if we are to be holy, we must fully embrace our humanness too. A full range of emotions is part of our humanity. It is what we do with our feelings that shows how connected we are to the divine. **For instance, we should never act in anger, but rather feel the anger and use its energy to act out of compassion for self and others.**

Have you ever imagined Jesus as angry? What is something you feel passionate about changing? How would you go about doing that?

Acting in anger can be destructive so it's good to have ways to work through it. When we have such methods, actions motivated by your anger can come from a place of compassion. Talk with your family about what helps them feel calm and safe. Does taking a deep breath help them, or does it help to be in a quiet place? Can they use their anger to act in compassion? Could they stick up for someone being bullied or left out? As a family decide to take compassionate action on something this Lent.



DOOR CODE: The time has arrived when our security will be changing for the doors. New fobs have arrived and the old code to the door will no longer work. All those who will be needing the Fob to gain entry to the church will be contacted. Please call the parish office if you have any questions.