

MASS INTENTIONS FOR March 10—18, 2018

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
Tuesday,	Mar. 13	9:00 am	For + Eugene Maklowich by his wife
Wednesday,	Mar. 14	9:00 am	For All Souls in Purgatory by Deborah
Thursday,	Mar. 15	9:00 am	For + Lucia Dela Cruz by the CWL
Friday,	Mar. 16	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross, led by R.C.I.A.,
		7:00 pm	Mass, Benediction, Confessions

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday,	Mar. 17	5:00 pm	For + Joffre & + Clara Gervais by Carmen and Fern Morin
Sunday,	Mar. 18	9:30 am	For + Bernard Rivard by his sister Edna Roy
		11:30 am	For + Nina Jellian Chiu by Banuelos family

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK :

Tuesday,	March 13 @ 7:00 pm	RCIA
Thursday,	March 15 @ 7:00pm	Legion of Mary

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

For those children who received their First Confession last Fall, we are now starting preparation or their First Holy Communion. Parents are obligated to attend one of these upcoming meetings:

Saturday,	March 10 @ 12 noon
	OR
Tuesday,	March 20 @ 7:00 pm



DOOR CODE: The time has come when our security has changed for the doors. New fobs have arrived and the old code to the door is no longer working. Most of those who need the new access fob have already picked them up. If you need to gain entry to the church for a single event, you will receive a temporary fob.



Our Condolences and the assurance of our prayers are extended to Fannie Renegado and family after the death of her Father **Augustin Calotes Sr.** May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

Grace before Meals, with lines inspired by the Readings for March 11, 4th Sunday of Lent



Leader: Lord Jesus, thank you for your word. May we examine our lives and restore our relationship with you

All: Lord, Let us always live in the light..

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”

Hearing, Reflecting, and Living the Word

Hearing the Word: (Excerpts from the Reading John 3: 14-21)

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Reflecting on the Word:

Light figures prominently in this reading. We are told people avoid the light when they have something to hide. It's normal to want to hide our faults because we feel embarrassed or sad about them. However, we know things do not grow well in the dark and if we are to transform our faults and grow, we must bring all of ourselves into the warmth and energy of God's light. There we find things look different and what we thought was too terrible to show anyone is actually transforming once bathed in the light of God.

Do you sometimes like the darkness? What does it mean to bring light to others?

Living the Word:

Tonight light a candle for each family member, and as you do, speak of the ways you see God's love in them and how they are a light to others. Discuss how God's actions are always out of love and invite them to tell how they bring God's love to others. How might their actions light the way for another? Ask them to think of ways the family might share God's love and light as a unit.

EDMONTON OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS: The 38th annual Outdoor Way of the Cross invites people to think about the relevance and importance of the Gospel message in our world today, around the theme of “Speaking Truth to Power.” This 2-km prayer walk takes place **Good Friday, March 30.** It begins at 10 a.m. at Immigration Hall (100 Street & 105 Avenue) and finishes about 12 noon, a block away at Hope Mission. Historically, the Way of the Cross is a Christian activity, but everyone is welcome at this event. Donations of food and toiletries are welcome

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)

The fire of Easter

Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. In 2018, inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, "With you is forgiveness", this will take place from Friday, 9 March to Saturday, 10 March. In each diocese, at least one church will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession.

During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the "new fire", this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds", and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me.

Please join us at Alpha on April 5th at 6:30 pm @St. Alphonsus Parish, 11828-85 Street. Alpha is an experience for anyone who has questions about life, faith and God. It consists of a meal, a talk, and small group discussion. People of all backgrounds of belief are welcome to attend. There is no cost, and no pre-registration is required. Just come out, bring a friend, and see why over 20 million people have done Alpha. Childcare will be provided. Please contact: Michelle Briones for questions at mbriones1@yahoo.com

RETOUVAILLE: Retrouvaille is a Christian marriage program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship, helping couples of all or no faith backgrounds restore their marriage and rebuild loving relationships. It is primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. The next Retrouvaille weekend will be March 16-18. Please go to www.helpourmarriage.org for more information.



4th Sunday in Lent March 10/11, 2018

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GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B) John 3:14-21

History is fun to read, and also watching a good documentary. Often however one can feel sad when it's over.

Not all of human history is sad, but so much of it is the story of human folly and cruelty, of bad choices. War, greed, oppression mark the history of our world.

The Bible has its share of sad stories and today's first reading is one of them. The account from the Second Book of Chronicles generally tries to stress the positive points of Israel's history. But here, in describing the infidelity that preceded the tragedy of the exile or "Babylonian Captivity," the author tells, in stark terms, how the people abandoned their half of the covenant with God.

In theological language, the result is that God declares a Sabbath, a time of rest for the land, until the "lost Sabbaths," the neglect of God, has been restored. This history ends on a note of hope, describing how the Persian king, Cyrus, was God's instrument to restore the people to their homeland.

In Lent we examine our lives in order to restore our part of the baptismal covenant, our relationship with God in Christ. As our other Scriptures for today point out, in Jesus Christ, God brings life from death, light from darkness. That's the hope of those preparing for Baptism, and the hope of those of us keeping this Lent.

Father Greg Friedman