

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR March 14– 22, 2020

### 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday, March 14 5:00 pm For All St. John Bosco Parishioners  
Sunday, March 15 9:30 am For + Lucia Dela Cruz by CWL  
11:30 am For + Giselle Gagne by her husband Guy  
Tuesday, March 17 9:00 am For + Rose Hui by Philomena Wong  
Wednesday, March 18 9:00 am For All victims of the Volcano in the

Thursday, March 19

9:00 am Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Friday, March 20 6:00 pm In Thanksgiving by Elwin Shaiju  
6:30 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
Mass, Benediction  
Community Intentions: + Rev. Jeffcoat

### 4th SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday, March 21 5:00 pm In Thanksgiving by Ver & Dolor Pigarowa  
Sunday, March 22 9:30 am For + Jose Ferraz Lopes by mom and dad  
11:30 am For All St. John Bosco Parishioners

**MASS INTENTIONS/OFFERINGS:** Offering a mass for our deceased loved ones or for a birthday, anniversary or for someone who is ill, has always been a popular way to have extra prayers for those we love. It is a very popular custom in our parish and masses are usually booked several months in advance. There has been some confusion as to the intent of the masses being offered. All mass offerings should be for only 1 intention, therefore unless it is for an anniversary or wedding it should never have 2 names. There are still some masses that have already been booked that we will of course offer as requested, but in the future please know that only one name/couple will be assigned to each Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

## LENTEN MISSION With Fr. Jim Corrigan Mar. 27-29 @ 7 pm *"A Lent to Remember, An Easter to Celebrate"*

Come join us for a time of grace, a time for repentance, for change, and for becoming a renewed disciple. Confession is an essential part of any good Lenten Mission. So come seize the change to go to Confession which will be offered on the 29th starting at 7 pm and receive God's mercy.



**We are looking for a music group for our Saturday 5 pm mass., starting in May. If you can play a guitar or piano and if you can sing or join up with some else who could sing, please contact Mia at the parish office. We look forward to hearing from you.**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tuesday, March 17 7:00 pm Knights Meeting (4th degree)  
Wednesday, March 18 7:00 pm CWL Meeting  
9:45 am Father Raja at St. Elizabeth Seton School for confession  
Thursday, March 19 7:00 pm Bible Study (everyone welcome)  
7:00 pm Legion of Mary (everyone welcome)



**Do you wonder how your Sunday donations are spent?** Most priests are hesitate to talk about the expenses of running the parish. There was a priest in Northern Alberta who decided that instead of talking about finances, he decided to demonstrate by having all the lights off one day when they arrived, explaining there was no money that month to pay the power bill.

In the past Church's have always survived by having bingo's and casinos, but we are no longer permitted to use these for fundraising. We are also required to give 22% of our income to fund the Chancery office.

### Just a few little tidbits about some of our monthly bills.

This month our gas/power bill was \$ 2,222.90. Trying to keep this bill down is one of the reasons we remind people to turn lights off in the kitchen, hall, and the rooms upstairs when not in use. Several times we came in the morning to find foyer lights have been left on overnight. Our Water bill was \$332.49.

Thank you for your generous donations. We continue to spend very wisely the money you so kindly donate for the running of our parish.

## 'Hear the Word of God and Do It' Living in the Word

Pope Francis wants us to be fully aware of what it means to be baptized, to rejoice in the gift, and to embrace completely the Christian way of living. So, let us ask: "What does it mean to follow Jesus?" In fact, that question can be answered rather simply. It is a matter of listening and doing.

**An authentic disciple of Jesus Christ is one who first listens to his Word and then puts it into practice.** There are many ways we can put the Word of God into practice through the act of witnessing to Christ. The most effective is by the way we live our lives. People pay more attention to what we do than to what we say. Yet, there are times when we are called upon to speak on the basis of our belief, particularly in those moments when people close to us, co-workers or society in general take directions contrary to the teachings of our Lord .

## Proposed Expansion of Euthanasia:

On Monday, February 24, 2020, the federal government introduced Bill C-7, an Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Medical Assistance in Dying).

### Contact Your Member of Parliament Today!

The federal government has tabled legislation to expand what they refer to as medical assistance in dying but is more accurately called euthanasia/assisted suicide. More than 13,000 Canadians have been euthanized since 2016. Legislation that would expand access to euthanasia in our country has been introduced by the federal government. Among the alarming changes are amendments to expand euthanasia to those without a terminal illness, including those with disabilities. Only 30 per cent of Canadians have access to quality palliative care which would significantly reduce the number of people wanting to end their lives. Every life has God-given value and dignity.

Archbishop Richard Smith has written to MPs in the Archdiocese of Edmonton expressing opposition to the proposed law, and he is asking each of us to do the same. For background information, resources, and help contacting your MP, visit [caedm.ca/euthanasia](http://caedm.ca/euthanasia).

We continue to pray and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

## Third Sunday of Lent Reflections

**Listen:** *One of the scribes came near and asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

In 1967 the Beatles sang: Love, Love, Love! All you need is love!" and millions of people listened to this world famous song. But Jesus said it first. Jesus makes it clear that two priorities for us as Christians are loving God and loving our neighbors as much as ourselves. If every person really did love every other person on earth, what a wonderful world we would live in!

**BE STILL:** What is Jesus saying to you today?

**Act:** Discuss the importance of expressing love for others through your actions. Make a list of ways that you can show others that you love them, Do something for a friend, family member to show them how much you love them. It can be just a small act of kindness.

**Pray:** *Jesus, walk beside me. Live in me. Help me find you today. Forgive me. Fill my life with everything you know I need, for that will always be enough. Amen*



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**Deacon Jose Huezo**

**Mia Turlock**

**Theresa Wile**

**Pastoral Assistant**

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**Sunday collection: \$ 3,433.00**  
**Together We Serve: \$ 84.00**  
**(Children: \$ 39.00)**  
**Thank You!!**

**PRAYER CORNER:**

**Maria Mott, Henry Scheck**

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

All of our cities depend on the rivers that run thru them. The river brings us commerce, recreation, and drinking water. It also sometimes brings destructive floods. **Water is a powerful sign; that's why it's used in Baptism**, symbolizing our entry into the life and death of Jesus.

**Our Lenten readings today relate to Baptism.** We hear a story from *Exodus*, where the people complain because they've run out of water. God, through Moses, responds with a life-giving stream of water. From John's *Gospel* we have the drama of Jesus and the woman at the well. The early Church used this story in its Lenten liturgy.

**The woman at the well represents a believer who reluctantly comes to faith.** She needs Jesus, his insights into her life, and his promise of "living water," to slowly win her over. But isn't that the way it is for most of us? We need time to be convinced; we face contradictions and faulty choices in our lives. Nevertheless we thirst for what God offers us. And in the end, when we've tasted new life in Christ, we just have to tell others about it. Believers become apostles.

**Our Lenten journey may find us thirsty for living water. Let's listen closely to the Lord's invitation**

*Rev. Greg Friedman*