

**MARCH 11, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**READINGS: 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a,19-23 Psalm 137
Ephesians 2.4-10 John 3.14-21**

**Saturday, March 10, 2018 4:00 PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3:30 PM**

Offered for: Alfred Laffin, Memorial
Mass, Funeral Collection
Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan
Lectors: Caroline Peters & Nicky King

**Sunday, March 11, 2018 10:00 AM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9:30 AM**

Offered for: Lila Caldwell, Third Anniversary Birthday
Memorial Mass, Requested by the family
Altar Servers: Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rylee
Lectors: Abram Benedict & Lori Thompson

Tuesday March 13, 2018 7:00 PM

Offered for: Manfred Ransom, Memorial Mass,
Funeral Collection

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 12:10 PM

Offered for: Mike Benedict Sr., Memorial Mass,
Funeral Collection

Thursday March 15, 2018 12:10 PM

Offered for: Nancy Thompson, Memorial Mass,
Funeral Collection

Friday, March 16, 2018 12:10 PM

Offered for: Eunice Chubb, Memorial
Mass, Funeral Collection

**Saturday, March 17, 2018 4:00 PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3:30 PM**

Offered for: Joseph Wood, Memorial
Mass, Funeral Collection
Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan
Lectors: Norman Tarbell and Connie Thompson

**Sunday, March 18, 2018 10:00 AM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9:30 AM**

Offered for: Lionel Lafrance, 10th Anniversary
Memorial Mass
Altar Servers: Cheyenne, Keon and Summer
Lectors: Rosemary Bonaparte and Irving Papineau

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Lent, Father Jerome will be available to hear
confession on Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:45 PM and
Sundays from 9:00 – 9:45 AM.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

Please visit our website for updates and posting of
weekly Bulletins at <http://stregismission.org/> or at
<https://www.facebook.com/stregismission/>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

While it may seem odd, I look forward to Lent all year because it permits me the luxury of meditating on the rich tradition of lament that is often forgotten or ignored all together. Lament is the action of truly mourning the incompleteness of our lives, our society and our world in the sight of God. There is a wealth of emotions bubbling in the reading from Chronicles as the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple has effectively terminated the sacred worship space of the Jewish people. Psalm 137 reiterates the destruction and we are drawn into the devastation through the psalmist's plaintive words.

John's Gospel shows a way out of the lament and devastation: "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son." Love is the path out of lament and devastation. Through this ultimate sacrifice on our behalf, we become people of the light forever abandoning the darkness that threatens to overshadow hope.

In a few days, we will set our faces to Jerusalem, to liturgically journey with Jesus during his passion, death and resurrection. Today, we witness the second Scrutiny for the Catechumens. The scrutinies are rites for spiritual self-searching. We as church support the elect with our prayers as they journey toward the Cross.

Marilyn-Ann Elpbick, Mississauga, ON

LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE

Pray: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace..." and to recognize the inherent dignity and co-responsibility behind these words is what we are being asked to consider this Lent as a Church family.

Lent is a time of self-examination in preparation for our renewal of the baptismal covenant at Easter where we celebrate our giftedness in the Risen Lord.

This week let us take time to contemplate that giftedness by reflecting on the following questions:

- Do I respect the life and dignity of every human person from conception through natural death and everything in between?
- Do I recognize the face of Christ reflected in all others around me whatever their race, class, age, or abilities?
- Do I work to protect the dignity of others when it is being threatened?
- Am I committed to both protecting human life and to ensuring that every human being is able to live in dignity?

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Mohawk)

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens.
NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

**GO TO CONFESSION! EXPERIENCE THE LOVING
MERCY OF GOD OUR FATHER!**

The Sacrament of Penance, one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church, is a special gift from God. It is the **SACRAMENT OF CONVERSION**, because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin. It is the **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of the sacrament.

It is the **SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS**, since by the sacramental absolution, God grants the penitent "pardon and peace." It is the **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles. He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call, "Go, first be reconciled to your brother." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1423)

God's loving mercy flows over a contrite heart when the priest prays the words of absolution used in the Latin Rite:

God the Father of mercies, through the death and the resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins, through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(CCC # 1449)

Families are encouraged to pray at home. All Confirmation and First Communion students undergoing their sacrament preparation are strongly recommended to participate in the reciting of the Stations of the Cross before Mass. This will help increase, strengthen and expand the teachings of Jesus as you prepare to receive the Sacrament(s).

IN GRATITUDE (CORRECTION)

To Cecil and Nanci Ransom for their years of service maintaining our church website and Facebook page. Your dedication over the years is greatly appreciated.

Niawen:kowa.

ST. JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. **AMEN.**

**WE COMMEND THE SICK TO ST. JOSEPH, HELP OF
THE SICK, PATRON OF THE DYING**

Good St. Joseph, Helper of the Sick, come to the aid of all who suffer - in our hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, or alone. We commend to your healing power, we lift up to You all who are suffering, especially Sylvia Bero, Marie Casey, Michael Thomas, Christopher Thompson, Robert Thompson, Rita Arbour, Louis Jacobs, Louis Garrow, Teddy Thompson, Camryn Cook, Clyde Cree, Francis Cree, Marilyn Tarbell, Felicia and Hubert Jock, Isabel and Leonard Garrow, Larry and Paulette Pyke, Marjorie Thompson, Eleanor Thompson, Teddy Thompson, Nancy Phillips, April Benedict, Charlotte Francis, Abe David, Cecilia Lazare, Alexina Auger, Marita Francis, Jack Angus, Eric Seymour, Ruby Nowak, and Christian Jock.

Eternal rest grant to the souls of Florence Cook and Donald "Do" Johnson O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. AMEN.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE

There are no First Communion or Confirmation classes scheduled next week (March 12-16) due to the March Break for the AMBE Schools. The next classes in March are: First Communion at St. Kateri Center: March 22; First Communion at Tri-District: March 20 and 27; Confirmation at St. Kateri Center: March 21 and 28. All classes begin at 6 pm. If you have questions, call Laura Morris at the St. Kateri Center at (518)-358-2931.

GOD'S CHILDREN IN THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please complete applications for baptism and provide a copy of your child's Birth Certificate for the sacrament of baptism. Interviews are required with Father Jerome. Baptisms are the third Sunday of every month. Call 613-575-2753 for more information. Tues-Friday 9AM to Noon. A Baptism seminar will be held March 13th at 5:30 pm at the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center.

INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ANNULMENTS

Sponsored by the Matrimonial Tribunal of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Tuesday, March 27 – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm St. Mary's School, 2 Powers Street, Canton, NY. **To register or if you have questions, please contact the tribunal office at 315-605-1087.**

COLLECTIONS

March 3-4, 2018

REG. MASS \$ 658.16 US \$ 579.05 CDN