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**SATISFYING YOUR THIRST**

Today's readings on this third Sunday of Lent present us with the theme of "thirst" and show us that a stewardship way of life can both satisfy our spiritual thirst for Christ and help us to satisfy Christ's thirst for souls.

Our first reading, from the book of Exodus, begins with the words, "In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses." What little faith and lack of trust they show after all God has done to free them from slavery. But Moses cried out to God for help, and sure enough God provided generously to satisfy thirst. He continues to provide generously for us these many centuries later.

Our Gospel passage from John recounts the life-changing encounter Christ has with the Samaritan woman at the well beginning with His words to her, "Give me a drink." Then, He adds, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Christ is speaking the very same words to us to us today. These two verses encapsulate the call to stewardship. Christ asks us to "give him a drink" by sharing what we have with Him and with others for His sake. Yet, it is Christ Himself who provides the water - the living water that is His grace.

God has chosen to include us in His plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, let us resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment. Let us do our part to quench His thirst.

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**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

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**Ministry Schedule - Mar 21/22**

**Hospitality Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Tony M. & Tom S.  
10:00 am - Sharon R. & George Y.

**Altar Servers**  
5:00pm -  
10:00 am -

**Children's Liturgy**  
Michelle & Rose

**Next Hospitality Sunday**  
April 5

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**Mar 15, 2020  
The 3rd Sunday  
of Lent  
Year A**

**Lectors**  
5:00 pm #1 - Kelly Ann Staples  
#2 - Katrina Shields  
10:00 am #1 - Tom Richardson  
#2 - Sue Armstrong

**Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Yolanda Baldasaro  
10:00 am - Paula Verrecchia

**Stewardship Counting**  
Sandy Johnson & Maryann Paradis

# March 15, 2019

## The 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Mar 16	NO MASS TODAY - Fr. Christopher's Day Off - please don't call him, email or text on a Monday.	
Tues	Mar 17	9:00 am +Rick Malaryk	by the Filarski family
Wed	Mar 18	9:00 am +Felice Biancanello 10:30 am Gethsemane Mass	by Andrew & Carolyn Steger Father Christopher
Thurs	Mar 19	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Daciel Medeiros 9:30 am - 10:30 am Scripture Study Group in parish hall 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm West Lincoln Loaf of Bread parish hall 7:00 pm Men's Acts Team Preparation Meeting Mississauga	by the Melo & Mikhail Families  Father Christopher
Fri	Mar 20	9:00 am For the health and healing of Ilda Pavao 6:30 pm Lenten Stations of the Cross	by Maria daSilva
Sat	Mar 21	<b>The 4th Sunday of Lent</b> 5:00 pm +Escolastica & Jacinto Melo +Lina DeFilippis	by Mr & Mrs Melo by the DeFilippis Family
Sun	Mar 22	10:00 am Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

#### CATHEDRAL RESTORATION APPEAL CONTINUES IN 2020

[www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal)

Did you know that there is a stained glass window dedicated to St. Patrick in our Cathedral? The window is based on the legend of St. Patrick spreading the faith in Ireland. In 432 St. Patrick was consecrated Bishop. He came to Ireland to bring Christianity to pagan Ireland, and after landing on the shores of Ireland he began his work of establishing a church of worship. The Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria is the mother church of worship in our diocese where amazing progress continues to be made in its magnificent restoration. Play your part today in our \$1.2 million appeal!

**Visit [www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal) or pick up a brochure and pledge form in the church foyer today. Thank you.**

#### WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD 2019 Host Churches

March - St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic  
February & April - Smithville Canadian Reformed Church  
May & June - St Ann's Community Church

#### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE CARITAS CANADA "For Our Common Home"

This year, Development and Peace is encouraging us to support all those in the Amazon and the Global South who are caring for God's creation.

How can we help?

- 1) Donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give) or give during the "Solidarity" Sunday collection on March 29, the 5th Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 149 projects in 36 countries around the world!
- 2) Read Development and Peace's "Share Lent"
- 3) literature and watch the videos to learn about and hear from the guardians of the Earth.
- 4) Sign the "Solidarity Letter" addressed to two embattled Brazilian communities at [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act).

Yesica Tayori of Peru's Harakbut Indigenous community was invited to the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region in October 2019. She said: "We, the Indigenous peoples, have been, are, and will always be the guardians of the forest. But caring for our common home is everyone's responsibility, not just that of the Indigenous peoples." Development and Peace's partner, the Amazonian Centre for Anthropology and Practical Application, helps the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon ensure that their rights and territories are respected. Let us salute the courage of women like Yesica, who bravely lead the defence of the land, water, and people.

#### CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

PRAYER: *Lord God, I pray for all who have been sickened or died by the coronavirus that has been spreading around the world. In your mercy and compassion, deliver us from this disease.*

*In your holy wisdom, guide all who are working to contain the outbreak.*

*In your steadfast love, bring healing to all your children who have been sickened, Welcome into your arms the ones who have died, and comfort the ones they left behind.*

*In faith, I place my trust in you.*

*In hope, I turn to you in my time of need.*

*In love, I give glory to your name.*

*In gratitude, I will praise you with my life.*

*In your Son's name I pray. Amen.*

**Here are examples of changes to our worship style to err on the side of caution during this outbreak:**

- Find another way to give the sign of peace other than a handshake.
- Consider receiving Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.
- Chalice has been discontinued throughout the diocese.
- No holy water in vessels.
- No hugs or hand shakes to priest or others following Mass.

**Let us each do our part to keep our parish safe!**

#### DIOCESAN-WIDE RECONCILIATION / ADORATION

On Saturday, March 28 in every parish church across the diocese, a priest will be available from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm to hear individual confessions. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration during this time. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing -- or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

#### **My Fair Share For God This Week** **Parish Financial Stewardship** **March 7/8, 2020**

Regular Sunday Offering	\$ 1,976.15
Loaf of Bread (1)	\$ 50.00
Cathedral Appeal (1)	\$ 25.00

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** **GIVE ALMS FOR LENT- HELP OTHERS** **Annual Lenten Food Drive** **February 26th - April 9th**

Brown Bags have been distributed for Community Care. Please return them to our parish foyer throughout the season Lent. The last collection will be April 9 before 9:00 am. Thank You, as we deeply appreciate your solidarity and out-reach to those in our community who find it difficult making ends meet. God bless You!

#### LENTEN INVITATION

A good discipline for Lent is to attend weekday Mass and each Friday for the devotional Way of the Cross (Stations). One, has to be aware and make the commitment to attend. Please consider joining us for weekday Mass and the Way of the Cross. There has been no change in numbers during Lent for weekday Mass.

#### NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Annual Benefit Gala

Friday, April 17 (5:30 pm) Club Roma  
125 Vansickle Rd, St. Catharines

This annual event is held to support students in need and provide scholarships. Tickets are \$80 each and must be purchased by April 9, online at [www.niagaracatholic.ca](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca) For more information call 905-735-0240 x213 or email:

[foundationgala@nfce.com](mailto:foundationgala@nfce.com)

Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction The Niagara Catholic District School Board is once again inviting nominations for this from the public at large. Nominations must be substantiated with detailed documentation on the nominee's contributions to Catholic education in Niagara; nomination forms are to be submitted and received by 4:30 pm this Friday, March 13. The award will be presented at the NFCE benefit gala on April 17.