

March 7 2021 Third Sunday of Lent

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, March 6th

4:30 Patsy Rochon by Teresa Rochon

Sunday, March 7th

Third Sunday of Lent

10:30 Reynaldo Vallesterro by the Corpus Family

Monday, March 8th

St. John of God

9:00 McCauley and O'Donnell Families by Constance O'Donnell

Tuesday, March 9th

St. Frances of Rome

9:00 Benito Guolo by Lynn Loewen

Wednesday, March 10th

9:00 Kurt and Linda Krause by the Estate

Thursday, March 11th No Mass

Friday, March 12th

9:00 Deceased Members of the Doyle Family by Teresa Doyle

Saturday, March 13th

4:30 Deceased Members of the Blizchuk Family by Ron and Maureen Blizchuk

REFLECTION

Our readings call us to roll up our sleeves and persevere through the remainder of Lent by committing to a more faithful life with Christ.

In today's Gospel, Jesus purifies the temple area because it is being misused as a marketplace. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God. He spills the coins of the money changers and overturns tables, saying, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

Jesus witnessed the way people mistreated the temple — the place to worship God and God alone. He drives out evil and works to purify all that is sinful in that place. This is what Jesus wants to do for us this Lenten season. He wants to remove all impurity and evil in our lives and hearts so that we may have a proper dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Let us ask ourselves, what areas of our life need cleansing? Let us name those areas and invite Jesus to purify us. He became man to carry our burdens and wipe away our sins. He has given us boundless mercy, but we must do our part to seek it and commit to living a more faithful life as a disciple of Christ. With this knowledge, let us seek to be purified from our sins so that our hearts might be a true temple of the Holy Spirit.

This season of Lent is only halfway done — there is still time to work through our shortcomings and purify our hearts for Easter morning. But let us not waste another moment. Let us name our shortcomings, seek God’s mercy and invite Him to transform our hearts.

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2020 Tax Receipts

Your 2020 Donation Tax Receipts have been prepared and were mailed out to you. For any queries email: ascensionparish375@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

Weekly Donation Envelope Boxes

Parishioners who use the envelope system for their parish contribution will find the 2021 boxes available at the main entrance of the church. Please be sure to pick up only the box that has your name and number on it. Boxes are in alphabetical order. If you are currently not able to attend Mass in person or if you don’t have a donation envelope box—but would like to make your weekly donations to the parish using this method, or if you have any questions please contact the parish office. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

A SELECTION OF ONLINE LENT RESOURCES

1. **<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>**
Everyday Lent Resources including a Lenten Online Retreat.
Eight Weeks of Retreat -From Ash Wednesday Week to the Second Week of Easter
2. IgnatianSpirituality.com **<http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/>**
Online Retreats and Prayers includes:
An Ignatian Prayer Adventure Join in an adapted version of the Spiritual Exercises, perfectly timed as a Lent and Easter retreat. Materials are based on The Ignatian Adventure, and Loyola Press bloggers will offer weekly reflections during the season. Use as much or as little of the material as helps you in your Ignatian adventure
3. Living Lent Daily **<http://www.loyolapress.com/living-lent-daily.htm>**
Living Lent Daily features prayers, thoughts and more each day to inspire you throughout your Lenten journey. A new article will become available daily throughout Lent.
4. **<http://www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year-lent.htm>**
Take advantage of Lent as a wonderful time for spiritual renewal. You will find a variety of articles, activities, and other resources that will aid you in this special time of prayer and preparation .
5. **From the Archdiocese: New Resource Page dedicated to the Season of Lent**

To help you prepare for Easter, different liturgical and community resources will be made available on this page, including Gospel reflections for each Sunday during Lent, online retreats, and more to come.

<https://diocesemontreal.org/en/lent-season>

Week 3: Share Love, Share Lent~ The passion of youth.

Did you know Development and Peace has an active youth movement from coast to coast? The Share Love, Share Lent campaign celebrates the passion and commitment of youth, who represent the present and the future of the Development and Peace movement. Join them in supporting our work for positive change in Canada and the Global South. Start a solidarity letter chain in aid of Development and Peace. Learn how at devp.org/chainletter.

Discover more activities and join Catholics across Canada on a journey of love and solidarity throughout the Lenten period. For inspiration, information, to follow our solidarity calendar and to donate, visit devp.org/lent.

March 11th: Quebec Day of commemoration for victims of Covid-19

On March 11, commemorate the victims of COVID-19 by lighting stars in their memory A Montreal-based organization – Dard (acronym for Dynamique d'accompagnement et de rituel de deuil) proposes displaying a star in the name of a loved one who passed away within the last year in connection with the pandemic, and by burning a candle in the window, synchronized to occur at 7 p.m. The ritual represents one of the possible ways to participate in the national day of commemoration in memory of the victims of COVID-19 declared by Quebec Premier François Legault.

As a diocese we also wish to honour the memory of those who died during the pandemic. If you know anyone who died during the pandemic, you are invited to send an email to communications@diocesemontreal.org mentioning their names and date of death. Archbishop Christian Lépine will preside a Mass on **March 11 at 5:00 p.m.** for this occasion at **Mary Queen of the World Cathedral**. The Mass will be broadcast on the diocese's YouTube channel. *Through Mary's prayer, let us entrust the deceased and the bereaved to the gentleness and strength of Jesus Christ.*