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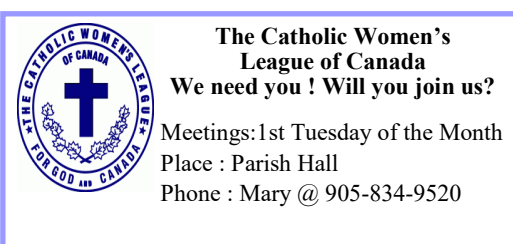
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# March 16: 2nd Sunday of Lent

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two men, Moses and  
Elijah, talking to  
Jesus”**



Here is a link to the Lenten issue of the Vineyard :  
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Office Hours: Wednesday 8:30AM—4:30PM

Holy Mass Schedule:  
The Day of the Lord begins Saturday: Vigil 4:00PM  
Sunday: 9:00AM  
Weekdays: 8:00AM or as announced

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)  
Tuesday—Saturday: 7:00 AM –7:45 AM  
Saturday: 3:00-3:45PM  
Sunday: 8:00-8:45AM

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:  
Please contact the parish priest during serious illness or before surgery.

Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:  
Please contact the parish priest as soon as possible. Pre-marriage classes are mandatory.

Eucharistic Adoration:  
First Friday of the Month: 8:30—9:30  
First Saturday of the Month: 8:30—9:30

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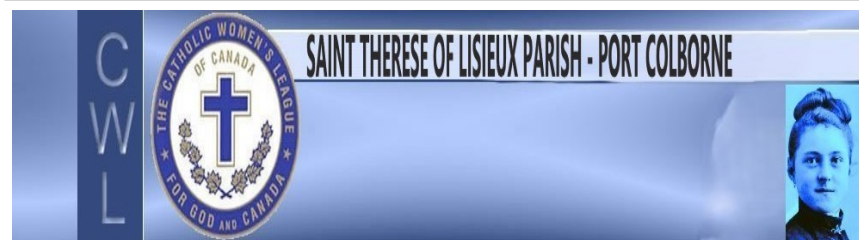
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# Second Sunday of Lent

## March 16, 2025—Year C



Sat. March 15: Vigil Of 2nd Lenten Sunday	4:00PM+ Irene Stepanchuk by her family
Sun. March 16: 2nd Lenten Sunday	9:00AM All Parishioners
Tue. March 18: Ferial	8:00AM+Temi Pietrelli by Maria Ursini
Wed. March 19: Saint Joseph	8:20AM+Virginia Cirone by her daughter Josephine 6:00PM+Silvia Bellini by Nella Ottavaino
Thu. March 20: Ferial	8:00AM+Mary Cassar by her family
Fri. March 21: Ferial	8:00AM+Ugo D'Onofrio by his wife Nunziatina & family
Sat. March 22: Ferial	8:00AM+Piersante Barbarossa by Mary Pietrelli
Vigil of the 3rd Lenten Sunday	4:00PM+Deceased members of the Cossaro family by Carmen Buri
Sun. March 23: 3rd Lenten Sunday	9:00AM All Parishioners



**Every Lenten Friday:**  
8:30— 12:30 p.m. Eucharistic adoration (please sign up for your availability!)



6:00 p.m. Way of the Cross

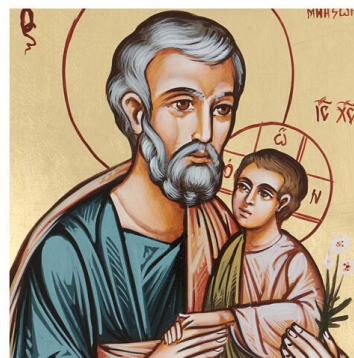


### MARCH 19th: SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

This occasion holds great significance for us as Saint Joseph is the patron Saint of Canada.

Two masses are scheduled for the day:

**8:20 AM**  
**6:00 PM**



#### DIOCESAN INITIATIVES IN OUR JUBILEE YEAR

The **MESSAGES OF HOPE** Speaker Series continues. It is designed for us to learn about hope, and together, reflect and explore ways to restore a climate of hope in our world that desperately yearns for it. Each month, in venues around the diocese, a speaker has been invited to give a talk that explores some messages and themes that Pope Francis highlighted in this Jubilee's Bull of Induction *SPES NON CONFUNDIT: Hope Does Not Disappoint*.

Messages of Hope sessions are free; Everyone is welcome! Register using <https://forms.office.com/r/rehnH9PdnB>. Upcoming sessions in the Series: **March 18 @ 7:00 Nick Ali**, Director of Evangelization & Faith Formation for the diocese. Topic: **Hope in Evangelization** Tuesday, pm at **St. Kevin's Church**, 303 Niagara Street, Welland.

**April 30, 2025** Speaker: **Father Peter Rowe**, Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Parish

#### *Spiritual response to the threatened U.S.-Canada trade war (by Bishop Bergie)*

When dealing with the threat of tariffs from our friends to the south, we need an enlightened response rooted in wisdom and prudence.

There is no question Canada has been on an emotional roller-coaster over the threat of tariffs from the United States. The economic impact could be devastating for our country. The fact the deadline was extended for one month brings some consolation; however, the threat remains. Some economists and journalists have used the term "trade war" to describe what may happen if tariffs are imposed by both the U.S. and Canada. This possibility can create undue anxiety.

#### How should Canadians react to this situation?

From an ethical perspective, our country has the right to defend itself if there is a perceived threat. We have seen various options proposed by experts to assist our government leaders in forming an appropriate response.

I would like to briefly consider a response that is spiritual rather than economic. It is rooted in faith rather than politics.

In **First Thessalonians**, St. Paul states the following: "But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing." (1 Thessalonians 5:4-8, 11)

St. Paul mentions the protective armour for a soldier of his time. He speaks about the "breastplate of faith and love" and the helmet of "the hope of salvation." He also reminds us we are children of the light and must strive to be sober and alert so we can avoid the darkness. The battle this passage of scripture references is not a trade war. It is the conflict between darkness and light. It is a spiritual battle that involves fighting against the darkness of despair so we can embrace the light of hope. We find our defence in a faith that compels us to hope because we are loved. The three theological virtues of faith, hope and love become the armour of light that protects us from the distress of darkness.

I believe we need to ask ourselves a simple question: do I believe I am loved by God? If the answer is yes, then it becomes much easier to have hope.

If we are God's children then we are not alone. Our loving God will always care for us despite the struggles and fears we face. The fact of knowing we are not alone helps us to face the darkness with greater courage. We need not be afraid.

The last sentence of the scripture passage is a reminder we are not alone. We have others around us who help to build up rather than tear down. We need to stand united rather than turn against each other. Division leads to darkness and light engenders hope. God wants us to be a source of encouragement rather than discouragement. When dealing with the threat of tariffs from our friends from the south, we need an enlightened response rooted in wisdom and prudence. From a faith perspective, we need to try our best and believe the Lord will do the rest! We do not give into the darkness because faith inspires a hope that comes from knowing that we are loved by God.

#### March 25: The Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord

The solemnity is inviting us to celebrate the positive answer of the Virgin Mary to the mission given her by God.

As well we celebrate the coming of God among us as a true man. Two masses are scheduled for the day  
**8:00 AM**  
**6:00 PM**



#### "St Therese Youth Group"

**THIS Sunday March 16, 2025 Time: 10:15 am- 12 pm**

Location: St Therese Hall (basement)

Mark the dates:

April 6 April 27, May 4, May 25, June 1



#### Sacrament of reconciliation

On Saturday, April 5, 2025 in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available from

**10:00am to 2:00pm** to hear individual confessions. 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.

#### Wednesday Masses

On March 19, April 2, 16, & 30, May 7 & 14,

**Two Masses will be celebrated:**

- **7:45 AM** at Lakeshore Catholic High school Chapel
- **8:20 AM** at St. Therese Church.

#### SUNDAY OFFERING

**March 9, 2025**  
**Sunday Offerings: \$1984.00**  
**Repairs: 10.00**

*Thank you for sharing your gifts with the Lord and the faith community of St. Therese. May God bless*

#### Soup Sunday March 9 with 50/50 draw, following 9:00 a.m. Mass

Apple pie sale April 12 & 13. Price \$13.00 or 2 for \$25.00. Please order early, so you will not be disappointed.

#### Easter Baskets - if any one would like to make a donation to offset the cost of these baskets, please see Mary Nan.



Pope's Intention for the Month of March

#### For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families

might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.