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March 9: 1st Sunday of Lent

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“He was led into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil”



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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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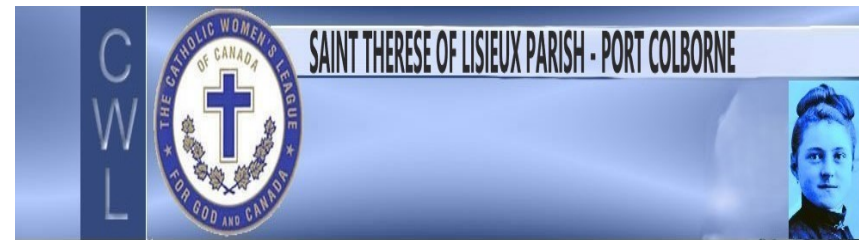
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First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025—Year C



Sat. March 8: Vigil Of 1st Lenten Sunday	4:00PM All Parishioners
Sun. March 9: 1st Lenten Sunday	9:00AM+Fileberto DiGregorio by Josephine and family
Tue. March 11: Ferial	8:00AM+Temi Pietrelliby F & L Battista and K, Klauck
Wed. March 12: Ferial	8:00AM+Mary Cassar by Susan & Frank DiBartolomeo
Thu. March 13: Ferial	8:00AM+Olga Armenti by Christina Temburri
Fri. March 14: Ferial	8:00AM+Temi Pietrelli by Anita Barbarossa
Sat. March 15: Ferial	8:00AM+Josie Parisee by the DePalo sisters
Vigil of the 2nd Lenten Sunday	4:00PM+Irene Stepanchuk by her family
Sun, March 16: 2nd Lenten Sunday	9:00AM All Parishioners



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.

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



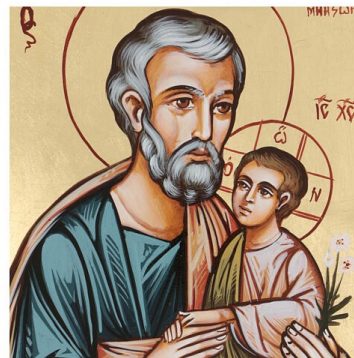
MARCH 19th: SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

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



First Sunday of Lent

In the Gospel of Luke, after telling the story of Jesus' childhood, his hidden life in Nazareth, and his baptism in the Jordan, we find a long genealogy that connects Jesus to Adam. This shows us that all of God's children are tested. While Adam fell into temptation, Jesus, during his trials in the desert and throughout his life, shows us what it means to be truly free—completely open to the Father and to others.

The Gospel reminds us that evil and the devil exist. They often appear in attractive and tempting ways, disguised as reasonable offers. We must be careful: life is a struggle, and temptation is a constant trap. However, temptation is not just a threat; it's also an opportunity to test ourselves. Even Jesus was tempted. The Gospel makes it clear that his temptations were linked to his mission, which was just beginning.

Led by the Holy Spirit, Jesus goes into the silent desert to pray, fast, and connect with the Father. The desert is a place for talking with God, but it also becomes a place of testing and temptation, just like it was for the Israelites during Moses' time.

The story introduces us to the devil, the great tempter, who appears charming and persuasive. He pretends to care about our well-being and success. His suggestions seem reasonable:

- **“Do you want to be the Messiah?”** You need to fulfill your own desires and those of others—turn these stones into bread.
- **“Do you want to succeed as the Messiah?”** You need to own and control the whole world.
- **“Do you want to complete your mission?”** You need to impress people with appearances—throw yourself down and let the angels catch you.

Jesus rejects these temptations. He chooses to be the **servant-Messiah**, who gives himself out of love. He approaches humble people with kindness, like the **Good Samaritan** and the **Good Shepherd**.

In these temptations, we can see our own. We are tempted by the world's attractions, to think selfishly and superficially. We want to be at the center of everything, to control everything—even God. The goal of every Christian is not to have, enjoy, or dominate. Jesus, the victorious new Adam, invites us to **deny ourselves**. This doesn't mean we should diminish our worth or waste our talents. Instead, it means understanding that the world does not revolve around us. We are called to step out of our selfishness and go beyond ourselves.

This is not about **self-denial** but about **freedom**. It's about overcoming the **individualistic attitude** that sees personal well-being as the only measure of value.

Even today, the **Tempter** is at work. He wants to corrupt our conscience, heart, and mind. He wants us to become **idolaters** and **materialists**, and he has many ways to achieve this.

Lent calls us to **fight temptation** by trusting in Jesus. As we saw, Jesus and Satan confronted each other by quoting Scripture. As Saint Paul said, Jesus' battle—just like ours—is against the **spirits of evil**, and we need the right weapons. The most important of these is the **“sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”**

Lent invites us to embrace **Christian hope** and to build a world of **true brothers and sisters** who love and support each other. It calls us to live in a way where everyone puts others' needs before their own—just like Jesus, who gave his life for us.

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



Videos and discussions

After the 9:00 Sunday mass

On March 9 -23 -30

On April 13-20 and On May (dates to be established)

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.

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