

# Third & Fourth Sundays of Lent



March 23 & 30, 2025

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## **MASS INTENTIONS - MARCH 22 TO APRIL 6**

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 22</b>	
4:30 pm	Jose & Emma Villacorta, in Thanksgiving for their 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	The Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 23</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 am	Beniamino Francolini	Becket's Council of the Knights of Columbus
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 24</b>	
8:30 am	Anna Donald & Family (L)	Julia Principe
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 25</b>	
8:30 am	Antonio Cabral	Maria G. Cabral
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 26</b>	
8:30 am	Greg Swindon	Maria G. Cabral
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 27</b>	
8:30 am	Antonio Porco	Rosie and family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 28</b>	
8:30 am	Barry Kovshoff	Maria G. Cabral
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 29</b>	
4:30 pm	Wladyslaw Latkowski	The Latkowski family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 30</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 am	Liam Sean Dellar McAleer	Mark and Cathy Cerisano
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 31</b>	
8:30 am	Rosalina Picciano	Johnny Picciano
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 1</b>	
8:30 am	Rose Marie Della Rocca (L)	Maria G. Cabral
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 2</b>	
8:30 am	Joan Hopkirk (L)	Julia Principe
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 3</b>	
8:30 am	Christine Charron (L)	Maria G. Cabral
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 4</b>	
8:30 am	Flora Marcik	Emil Marcik
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 5</b>	
4:30 pm	Chuck Boylan	Walter & Linda O'Grady
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 6</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 am	Maureen Gilmour	Carl and Fran Jorgensen
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

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## **SANCTUARY LAMP**

**March 23:** Dawn Valero Richardson, requested by the Richardson Family

**March 30:** Frederick and Barbara Kray, requested by Helen and Manfred Adam

**April 6:** Rose Marietta Greco Provenzano, requested by Daughter Patricia Provenzano and family

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

Gary Green, nephew of Jasmine Eames

Gilbert Verghese, son of Thomas and Phyllis

*Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## **“HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE”**



For most of the Church's history, no feasts were celebrated during Lent.

One of the two exceptions (the other is St. Joseph, March 19) is the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25 (the date calculated backwards from the Nativity (Christmas.)

In this feast, the Church commemorates two events important to all humanity. On this day, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce that she was to be the Mother of the Redeemer and Messiah promised for centuries. On the same day, the Incarnation took place: God the Son, the second person of the Trinity, assumed a human body and soul and became the Son of Mary and Joseph.

Sometimes one action of one person changes life for everyone. Adam and Eve deciding to disobey God is one example, bringing Original Sin into the world. The Annunciation is another very important example. 'Annunciation' sounds like announcement, and that's what happened. An angel appeared to Mary and 'announced' that she had found favour with God and would bear a son, Jesus, Son of the Most High. Mary answered, "Fiat" ('Let it be done to me according to Thy Word'). One simple action of saying 'Yes' to God changed everything. Mary became the Mother of God, and Our Blessed Mother. Jesus grew up in Nazareth, taught his disciples and died on the Cross for all our sins. The Feast of the Annunciation is an opportunity to bow our heads and thank Our Blessed Mother for her faith and trust, and to offer our own trusting 'Fiat' to God's plan for us.

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### ***From the Preface of the Mass for the Solemnity of the Annunciation***

*For the Virgin Mary heard with faith*

*that the Christ was to be born among men and for men's sake  
by the overshadowing power of the Holy Spirit.*

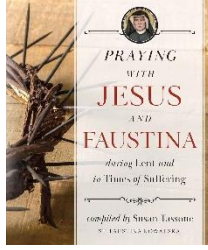
*Lovingly she bore him in her immaculate womb,*

*that the promises to the children of Israel might come about  
and the hope of nations be accomplished beyond all telling.*

*Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty  
and rejoices in your presence for ever.*

## WORTHWHILE READING

### *Praying with Jesus and Faustina During Lent: And in Times of Suffering*, compiled by Susan Tassone



St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) immersed herself in a vision of Christ's Passion that became a predominant theme in her famed Diary. In *Praying with Jesus and Faustina During Lent and in Times of Suffering*, award-winning and best-selling author Susan Tassone presents the Diary's words of Christ and St. Faustina on his sorrowful Passion. The book will engage you in Jesus' horrific sufferings, giving you grace, light and strength to bear your own sufferings. The book opens with daily Lenten meditations featuring the words of Jesus and St. Faustina on the Passion. Each day also includes both special reflections for times of suffering and a prayer. In the following chapters, St. Faustina will lead you through heartfelt prayers on the Way of the Cross, Christ's wounds, and on the Blessed Mother's sorrows. Susan also includes chapters on unique litanies, the Divine Mercy devotion, and confession. In *Praying with Jesus and Faustina During Lent and in Times of Suffering*, you will learn to more deeply:

- Meditate with Jesus and St. Faustina daily in Lent and in suffering
- Participate in St. Faustina's vision of Christ's passion
- Find comfort and strength from the Crucified Christ
- Pray the Stations of the Cross using the words of Jesus and St. Faustina
- Join your sufferings to Christ's sorrowful passion
- Find refuge, consolation and mercy in Christ's wounds
- Unite your sorrows with the sufferings that afflicted of Our Lady's heart
- Pray a vast variety of litanies for the troubled times of your life.
- Come to appreciate the beauty and value of confession from the words of Jesus and St. Faustina

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

**Mar 5:** Ash Wednesday: \$3,655.00

**Mar 10:** Offerings: \$4,627.50 Helping Others: \$2,020.00

**Mar 17:** Offerings: \$4,573.50

**Upcoming Special Collections:** April 6 - Development and Peace  
April 13 - Religious Education

## FOCUS ON THE VICTIMS OF ABUSE - TRAINING SEMINAR



The Catholic Church of Montreal, in collaboration with the Diocesan Responsible Pastoral Ministry Service, is offering an English, in-person, "Focus on the Victims of Abuse" training seminar on Saturday, March 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at our parish. The aim of this program is to raise awareness and educate people about the impact of abuse on victims and the responsibility of each of us to prevent and report it. We cannot remain indifferent to the ordeal of some of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been, and may still be victims of abuse. All are encouraged to attend. Please contact Rina if you have any questions: 514-626-4111 ext 223

For information and registration:

<https://diocesemontreal.org/en/archdiocese/responsible-pastoral-ministry>

Contact: [pastoresponsable@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:pastoresponsable@diocesemontreal.org), 514-925-4300, ext. 288 or 353

**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS** may be sent to the parish office or dropped in the Easter flower box at the back of the church. Please include on the envelope: name of your loved one or intention (memorial) along with your name (donor). Include your parish envelope number if you have one. Names of loved ones and intentions will be included in upcoming Easter bulletins.