



† This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

Sunday, March 16

Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

10:30 a.m. For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

†Diomira Contestabile, by the family.

†JoAnne Valiquette, by her friends.

Tuesday, March 18

9:00 a.m. †Chris Mooney, by Dave & Lynn Webb.

Wednesday, March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. †For the souls in purgatory.

Thursday, March 20

9:00 a.m. -

Friday, March 21

9:00 a.m. For the healing of Michael Miller, by Jeanette de Nazareth.

Saturday, March 22

4:30 p.m. William Blampied, by his wife Helen.
For the protection of Canada & the well-being of all its citizens, by a parishioner.
†Ursula Herzog-Brown “Thank you for your intervention”, by R. Wallace Brown.
†Ena Luke.

Sunday, March 23

Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

10:30 a.m. For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

†Diomira Contestabile, by the family.

†Beryl Lamsee, by her son.

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Michelle Boyer, Baby Ivy Murray, Nickie Shaw, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Patricia McNamara, Rachel McIntyre, Zygmunt Wysocki, Linda MacNay, Theresa Tam-Sue, Alice Hilchie, Lily Harmon, Debby MacAdam, Michael Budge, Robby Felteau, Lise Campbell, Elaine Taylor, Richard Lafleur, Wanda Staples, Judette & Marie, Marilyn & Jim Donoghue.

Vocation Prayer:

- That mothers and fathers will help their children grow strong in their faith, filled with the wisdom of God, and encourage openness to vocations, we pray to the Lord.

HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTION

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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
(Year B)**

First Reading: Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18

Second Reading: Philippians 3.17 – 4.1

Gospel: Luke 9.28b-36



Lectors & Commentators

Saturday, March 22

4:30 p.m. Daniel Boyer

Sunday, March 23

9:00 a.m. Paulette Michel

10:30 a.m. Almira Buen

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, March 22

4:30 p.m. Marisa Fusaro

Sunday, March 23

9:00 a.m. –

10:30 a.m. Peter Landry - Choir

25 JUBILEE FACTS

8. The Eucharist at the Heart of the Jubilee

The [Eucharist](#) is central to the Jubilee. Pope Francis encourages Catholics to approach the altar with renewed reverence, recognizing Jesus as the source of hope.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Handmaids of the Lord is hosting a Christian Life Program on Sunday afternoons from April 13 to June 8, 2025. Please join us at Saint Theresa Parish from 1:00 to 4:00 in the Conference room.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Father Vincent & all parishioners for their generous support and welcoming prayers during Manny's hospitalization and recovery. God bless you all ~ Manny and Lourdes Aguisanda.

SYNOD UPDATE

Synod update: When the final report on the results of the Synod meetings were released in October from Rome it was noted that two committees were created to further discuss two important issues. One committee would further explore the roles of women in the church and one would explore the rights and roles of the members of the LGBTQ community in the church. The final report from those two committees is expected in June. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the discussions and report on the final decisions.

CONVERSION STORY

Jonathan Lunine, chief scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab, shared the story of his conversion to Catholicism at a Jan. 28 lecture at the University of Southern California's Caruso Catholic Center. Lunine, a lifelong astronomer and co-founder of the Society of Catholic Scientists, spoke after Los Angeles' first-ever Gold Mass for Catholics in the Sciences, which Archbishop José H. Gomez celebrated at Our Savior Church, on USC's campus. In his talk, Lunine recounted his journey from Judaism to Methodism before ultimately embracing Catholicism, influenced by the Jesuit fathers and brothers working at the Vatican Observatory. "Gradually, my stubborn heart was moved," Lunine said, "I just suddenly realized that it was time to stop running from the one who had comforted me 33 years earlier." The event, marking the 800th anniversary of St. Thomas Aquinas' birth, was organized as part of a "broader effort to empower Catholic thinkers working in academic and professional circles increasingly dominated by secularist thought". Lunine stressed the need to inspire young Catholics to integrate their faith with scientific achievement, citing historical examples of Catholic scientists. He also addressed common misconceptions about the relationship between science and religion. "However close science might seem to get to Thomistic philosophy, or however far it might get, science can never be used to prove or disprove the existence of God," Lunine said. He also encouraged aspiring Catholic scientists to search for scientific inspiration in the mystery of Christ's incarnation. "I urge those of you pursuing a career in science to embrace it. Strive to be your best, do great science, and, at the same time, embrace your faith, open your heart to the God who loves you."

MARDI GRAS SUCCESS

The verdict is in! Mardi Gras was a big success. Good friends enjoyed the jambalaya and cornbread. There were lots and lots of door prizes, with thanks to many donors. The dancing started off with a hot, hot, hot rendition of a conga line and continued all evening with a great beat. The party was topped off with New Orleans Kings' Cake and hopes for more celebrations to come. Our theme song should be: "With a little help from our friends." Thank you to the parishioners of St Theresa and their friends. After all expenses were paid a total of \$2,457.89---- was raised for the parish.

KNOW YOUR SAINTS

Know your saints: Dominic Savio. Many holy persons seem to die young, among them was Dominic Savio, the patron of choirboys. Born into a peasant family at Riva, Italy, Dominic joined Saint John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin at the age of 12. He was determined to be a priest and worked hard to help neglected and poor boys. A peacemaker at heart, he founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception. They were devoted to helping John Bosco in his work.. At a young age he was called home to heaven.

As a youth, Dominic spent hours in prayer. He called his prayers "my distractions." Dominic would say, "I can't do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God."

Dominic's health, always frail, led to lung problems and he was sent home to recuperate. As was the custom of the day, he was bled hoping it would help, but his condition worsened. He died on March 9, 1857, after receiving the Last Sacraments. Saint John Bosco himself wrote the account of his life. Some thought that Dominic was too young to be considered a saint but Pope Pius X declared that just the opposite was true, and Dominic was canonized in 1954. His liturgical feast is celebrated on March 9.

Like many children Dominic was aware that he was different from his peers. He tried to keep his piety from his friends lest he have to endure their laughter. However, no one is too young—or too old or too anything else—to achieve the holiness to which we all are called.

Saint Dominic Savio is the Patron Saint of: Choirboys and Juvenile delinquents.

WARM CLOTHING WANTED

Did you get a new wardrobe for Christmas and now you are not sure what to do with your old clothes? Gently used clothing can be brought to church and the Social Outreach Committee will deliver them to The Shepherds of Good Hope, The Ottawa Mission, Matthew's Refuge Homes and women's shelters. Warm clothing is desperately needed in Ottawa. Please help if you can.