



Third Sunday of Lent

March 22/23, 2025

Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12;

Luke 13.1-9

Today, the third Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading contains Jesus' call to penance and conversion. A demand for a change in our lives. In evangelical language "To convert to" means to change not only our innermost attitude but our exterior style, too. It is one of the most employed themes in the Gospel. Remember that, before the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, Saint John the Baptist announced his mission to call others to conversion "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." And, immediately after, Jesus' preaching can be summarized with these words: "Repent, and believe in the gospel." Yet, today's reading has some characteristics of its own that call for faithful attention and an adequate response. It can be said that the first part of the reading, with the two historic references (the Galileans' blood shed by Pilate and the crumbling of the Siloam tower), contains a threat. It is impossible to describe it any other way! We deplore the two misfortunes —regretted and cried at that time— but Jesus Christ, most seriously, says to all of us: "—If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!."

This shows us two basic things. In the first place, the total seriousness of the Christian commitment. And, secondly, if we do not respect it, as God commands, the possibility of our death not in this world but, much worse, in the one to come: the eternal doom. These two stories of death in our text are but examples of eternal death that cannot be compared to the first one.

Each one of us will eventually find out how to face this demand of personal change. Nobody is excluded. But if this worries us, the second part of the reading should comfort us, instead. The "gardener", who is Jesus, begs the owner of the vineyard, his Father, to wait another year. And, in the meanwhile, He will do whatever possible (and the impossible, by dying for us) so that the vineyard may bear fruit. That is, we change our ways! This is the message of Lent. Let us, therefore, take it seriously. The saints changed their ways by God's grace and inspire us to change too.

SUNDAY MASSES:

SATURDAY

5:00 pm - OLC (Pl)
 5:00 pm - St. Mary (En)
 5:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

SUNDAY

8:00 am - OLC (En)
 10:00 am - OLC (Pl)
 10:00 am - St. Mary (It)
 10:00 am St. Patrick (En)
 12:00 pm - St. Mary (En)
 12:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY

7:00 pm - St. Mary (En)

TUESDAY

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)
 7:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En)
 7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

THURSDAY

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En)
 7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

FRIDAY

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)
 7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

SATURDAY

9:00 am - OLC (Pl)
1st Saturday of the month

CONFESSIONS

OL CZESTOCHOWA

Saturday at 4:00 pm
 & before weekly Mass

ST. MARY

Saturdays at 4:00 pm
 & before weekly Mass

ST. PATRICK

Tuesday at 6:00 pm
 Saturday at 4:00 pm

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ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday to Friday
 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
 beside St. Mary Church

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

March 24 to March 30, 2025	March 31 to April 6, 2025
<p>TUESDAY, MARCH 25 <u><i>Annunciation of the Lord</i></u> <i>*Stations of the Cross: 6:30pm*</i> 7:00pm Int. of Graeme Annegret Hunter <u><i>Novena Mass</i></u> † DeWit Family † Maria De Melo † Paulino Faria</p>	<p>TUESDAY, APRIL 1 <u><i>Mary of Perpetual Help</i></u> <i>*Stations of the Cross: 6:30pm*</i> 7:00pm † Ottavio & Phyllis Marino <u><i>Novena Mass</i></u> † Dec'd members of St. Patrick CWL † Teresa, Marino Couto; Souls in Purgatory † Albina, Jose, Jennifer Cordeiro</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 9:00am † Teresa, Marino Couto; Souls in purgatory † Albina, Jose, Jennifer Cordeiro</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 9:00 am † Souls in Purgatory Int.of Judith Golob & Jessica</p>
<p>THURSDAY, MARCH 27 9:00am Int.of Kathy & Jamie Maczko † David Lockyer</p>	<p>THURSDAY, APRIL 3 9:00am Int.of Halina Lockyer (Hulanicki) Int.of Joyce & Ernie Redden</p>
<p>SATURDAY, MARCH 29 <u><i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i></u> 5:00 pm <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i> † Marlin Melizza</p>	<p>SATURDAY, APRIL 5 <u><i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i></u> 5:00pm <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i></p>
<p>SUNDAY, MARCH 30 <u><i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i></u> 10:00am <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY, APRIL 6 <u><i>5 Sunday of Lent -Lenten Mission</i></u> 10:00am <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i> <i>For the Int. of successful Lenten Mission</i></p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

BITS & PIECES FROM FR. GABRIEL

What a celebration of St. Patrick's last Sunday...Great solemn Mass to honor our Patron Saint and then festivity at the Parish Hall. What a crowd...Thanks to our ladies for preparing the hall and to Father Gabriel for serving the anniversary cake! Thanks to everyone for supporting this wonderful parish event. ***St. Patrick, pray for us.***

Our next **Coffee Sunday** is planned for **April 6**, after 10:00am Mass. **We are asking everyone to bring your favorite dessert to share.** Let's build up our community. **First Communion** preparations are on the way. We will celebrate this great event at St. Patrick Church on **Sunday May 4 at 12:00 Noon.** (*First Confession: April 26*)

LENTEN MINI MISSION - April 6 to 8

Lenten Season is a time of prayer, fasting & almsgiving. Also, it is a time to go with Jesus to the desert and to the mount of transfiguration. We are planning a mini Lenten Mission at St. Patrick and St. Mary's Church.

We begin with **Sunday Mass on April 6 at 10:00am at St. Patrick** and at **12:00 Noon at St. Mary's.**

On Monday, April 7 - we will gather at St. Mary Church.

On Tuesday, April 8 - we will get together at St. Patrick, Confession at 6:00pm, followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

Fr. Mark Sargent graciously accepted the invitation to lead this Lenten Mission for us.

An hour before Monday and Tuesday Mass, there will be Confession with 3 Priests available.

CCODP-for Development & Peace

Through their prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, the Christians express their desire to turn toward God and all God's children in preparation for Easter. The Bishops of Canada reserved the Season of Lent for collection to assist the Global South. *"So many people, even today, hope to have enough to eat. The Planet has food for all, but the will to share with everyone seems to be lacking.*

Special envelopes are in your offertory sets and also at the entrance to the Church. Thanks for your support.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Holy Week is the week which proceeds the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday; it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of Easter Triduum.

During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of His life on earth, beginning with His messianic entrance into Jerusalem. (Passion Sunday)

On Monday, **April 14** - an evening celebration of the **Mass of Chrism**, at St. Peter's Cathedral at 7:00pm.

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Last Supper: **7:00pm**

Good Friday - Passion of our Lord: **11:00am & 3pm**

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil: **7:00pm**

Easter Sunday Solemn Mass - **10:00am**

MEATLESS SOUP ON GOOD FRIDAY

After our Good Friday services, our CWL ladies will serve meatless soup at the Parish Hall (free will offering)