



Mass Intentions For 03/10/2018 Through 03/18/2018
Fourth Sunday of Lent



Saturday: March 10, 2018 Hos 6:1-6; Lk 10:9-14

9:00 am St Mary: Forgotten Souls in Purgatory †

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Saturday: March 10, 2018 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10
 Jn 3:14-21

4:00 pm St. James: Lorraine Caouette † & C.M. Daniels †

4:00 pm St. Mary: Richard Lloyd †

6:00 pm St. Edward: Past & Present Altar Servers

Sunday: March 11, 2018 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10;
 Jn 3:14-21

8:30 am St Edward: Louis † & Tillie † Fugere

10:00 am St Mary: Deacon John Gratton †
 & Hector † & Vinalda † Raboin

10:10 am St James: Adelard † & Claire † Riendeau
 & Theresa Lavoie †

11:30 am St Benedict: Thanksgiving for Favors Received

7:00 pm St. Mary: John † & Agnes † Fedele
 In Honor of Raymond & Stephani Curtice

Monday: March 12, 2018 Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

9:00 am St. Mary: Thanksgiving for Healing of a Loved One

5:30 pm St. Edward: Intentions of Pope Francis

Tuesday: March 13, 2018 Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

9:00 am St Mary: Joanne Nolin † (1st Ann)

2:00 pm Derby Green: Intentions of the Residents

5:30 pm St. Edward: Danny Meunier †

Wednesday: March 14, 2018 Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

9:00 am St. Mary: Intentions of Caroline & Jennifer Bergeron

2:00 pm N.S.C.F.: Intentions of the Residents

5:30 pm St. Edward: For an End to Gun Violence in the U.S.

Thursday: March 15, 2018 Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

9:00 am St Mary: Oscar † & Yvonne † Desrochers

3:30 pm St. James: Holy Rosary

4:00 pm St. James: For Parishioners of St. James Who Are Ill
 Stations of the Cross following 4:00 pm Mass

5:30 pm St. Edward: For Those Who Are on Our Prayer List

Friday: March 16, 2018 Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

9:00 am St Mary Deceased Members of Bergeron Family †

3:30 pm St. Benedict: Stations of the Cross

4:00 pm St. Benedict: For Sick Parishioners of St. Benedict's

5:30 pm St Edward: For Those Who Have Died This Week †
 Stations of the Cross following 5:30 pm Mass

6:00 pm St. Mary: Stations of the Cross

Saturday: March 17, 2018 Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Saint Patrick

9:00 am St Mary: Forgotten Souls in Purgatory †

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday: March 17, 2018 Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9;
 Jn 12:20-33

4:00 pm St. James: Suzanne Sicotte †

4:00 pm St. Mary: Rose Ange † & Jose † Perrault

6:00 pm St. Edward: Ruby Jenness †

Sunday: March 18, 2018 Jer 31:31-34; Hb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

8:30 am St Edward: Marie Surette †

10:00 am St Mary: Emma Guillemette & Family & Conrad

10:10 am St James: Jeannine Stebenne † Daigle †

11:30 am St Benedict: Deacon John Gratton †

7:00 pm St. Mary: In Honor of the Currans & Sean Casey †



If you would like to have your home blessed, or if you know of anyone in the parish who is sick, homebound or hospitalized, and would like to receive the Sacraments of Communion, Confession or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 with their name, address and telephone number. We will contact them and arrange for a Priest to visit them.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

Weekend of March 3 & 4, 2018

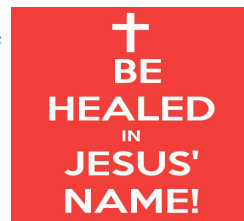
Offertory	\$6,990.00
Fuel	1,663.00
Insurance	10.00
Food Shelf	65.00
Repairs & Maintenance	5.00
Envelopes	30.00
Easter Flowers	51.00
Latin America	20.00
TOTAL	\$8,834.00

THERE IS A SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES. COLLECTION BASKETS WILL BE PASSED ONCE. BASKETS WILL BE PLACED AT THE DOOR FOR YOUR DONATION. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE.



2018 PRAYER LIST

Dan Barry	Cecile Fortin	Phil B. Mesina
Tanner Blais	Pauline Fournier	Purie G. Mesina
Mary Ann Blake	Gerry Gagnon	Rita Monfette
Rita Bouffard	Evelyn Guillette	Mercedes Patenaude
Yolande Brasseur	Ruth Joseph	Leo Patenaude
Mary Dunbar	Mason Judd	Marcel Poulin
Irma Bowen	Bernadette Kelley	Beverly Poutre
Jacob Callaway	Cam Laramie	Roger Raboin
Raymond Choiniere	Amanda Letourneau	Leonard Richardi
Alice Collins	Phil Letourneau	Bob Risicato
Birdena Collins	Fabienne Lessard	Norman Rivard
Lisa Collins	Timothy Marland	Beverly Robitaille
Thomas Collins		Gisele Seymour
Lise Comeau		Claudette Schoolcraft
Raymond Curtice		Ron Tetreault
Jean Coutu		Denise Turner
Regis Dagesse		Lindsey Warren
Sue Dagesse		Daniel Westlake
Paul Diette		Westlake Family
Donna		Lucille Wing



We pray in a special way for the soul of **Joanne Marcoux** † who has entered into eternal life and for her grieving family.

Church Volunteers



Calling All St. Mary's Volunteers

All Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and any other volunteers involved in Holy Week services at **St. Mary's** are expected to attend the meeting on **Monday, March 12 at 6:00 pm in Newport** to practice for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Thank you all for your dedicated service to Mater Dei Parish.

Come And Spend Time With Jesus and His Mother

Mater Dei Parish Family Adoration and Lenten Confessions

St. Mary Star of the Sea Church

Sunday March 18, 2018

11:30 am - Benediction at 6:30 pm

Join us and spend time in Lenten prayer & reflection.

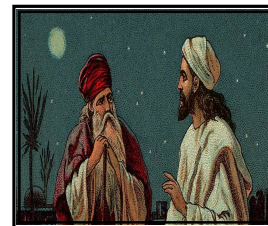


Reflection

for this Sunday:

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. This Sunday, the antiphon is taken from Isaiah 66:10-11. Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.



Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel and consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but, unlike questions from other Pharisees meant to trap Jesus, there was no animosity in the questions Nicodemus posed to Jesus.

In His conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus refers to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through His death and Resurrection.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the Gospel's narrative. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people prefer the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News: it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD sees into the heart."

Let our eyes be opened to the love of God in our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are March 16 - 18, 2018 in Isle La Motte, VT and April 6 - 8, 2018 in Wappingers Falls, NY. For more information, call Gary & Lynn Root at (802) 456-8114 or visit them at <https://wwmevt.org>.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

Lenten Study Classes are being held **each Tuesday during Lent at St. Edward's after the 5:30 pm Mass**

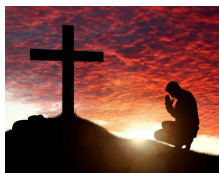
Upcoming Topics:

Tuesday, March 13: Have it Your Way

Tuesday, March 20: Take Courage

Tuesday, March 27: At the Crossroads

Discussions are based on the previous Sunday Gospel **Come join us! All are welcome! Strengthen your faith!**



ST. MARY'S SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS

St. Mary's Senior Choir meets to practice for Holy Week and Easter services on **Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's.**

All are welcome to join us!

For more information, please

contact Diane Laramie at (802) 334-2893.



SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS NEEDED AT ST. PAUL'S



St. Paul's Catholic School is looking for donors to fund 7 full scholarships for needs-based scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year. Will you be the sponsor for a family in need? Full sponsorship is a donation of \$3950, but any amount toward a partial sponsorship would be welcome and greatly appreciated. St. Paul's 2018-2019 budget is underfunded. Please help us to grow the outreach and success of our area Catholic School.



DON'T FORGET!!

Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, MARCH 11, 2018.** Clocks were turned **AHEAD 1 hour** before bed on **March 10.**

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is said **every FRIDAY at St. Mary's Adoration Chapel at 2:45 pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the **Chaplet of Mercy at 3:00 pm.**

