

First Sunday of Lent

“Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble”

MARCH 9, 2025

A LENTEN MESSAGE FROM FATHER SILVA

Dear Parishioners,

We have already entered the season of Lent according to the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and as Immaculate Conception parishioners, we mark the holy cross of our Lord on our foreheads saying "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

Mother Church gives us her children 40 days for our spiritual preparation to celebrate our Lord's paschal mystery which means Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. It is very important that we give more time to the Lord. By doing so, we allow our Lord to speak to us and to amend our lives.

Prayers, penance, fasting and almsgiving are equally important for us to observe going out of our way in these 40 days. Let's attend the weekend masses faithfully and if you are free, it's better to walk an extra mile to participate in weekday masses.

Don't hesitate to approach the sacrament of Reconciliation to experience our Lord's infinite forgiveness, mercy and love.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for you; and as one family, let us march towards holiness helping one another in this grace filled season of Lent.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Silva - Pastor

KEY DATES IN LENT

March 7 to April 18 – Friday Mass @ 7:00PM followed @ 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross
Lenten Reconciliation (time/date to be confirmed)
April 17 – Last Supper 7:30 PM
April 18 – Good Friday 3:00PM & 7:30PM
April 19 – Easter Vigil 7:30PM
April 20 – Easter Sunday 9:00AM & 11:00AM

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

March 2, 2025

Total Weekly Donations - \$ 5647.00
Total Offertory - \$ 4002.00
Maintenance - \$1605.00
Initial Offering - \$ 40.00

Thank you for your generosity!

40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE



Annual Knights of Columbus Food Drive in support of Operation Scugog Food Bank. Food donations can be dropped off through Lent in vestibule.

Cash donations or cheque payable to K of C 8951 or Operation Scugog in an envelope marked K of C can be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the church office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Classes start on March 13, 2025. If you know of any adults interested, please contact Father Silva or the office.

PARISH 25th ANNIVERSARY

SAVE THE DATE !!!!!

April 5, 2025 – Dinner and Shared Memories, 7PM, Tickets will be available soon.

April 06, 2025 - We are excited to announce his Eminence Francis Cardinal Leo will be celebrating mass to commemorate our parish's 25 anniversary. We invite you to join us at the 11 AM mass. Cake and coffee/tea reception to follow.

Please tell your neighbours and friends, especially former parishioners.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST
COMMUNION CLASSES**

Sundays at 12 noon in the K of C room
March 2, 23, 30,
No classes on
March 9 and 16 – (March Break).

CONFIRMATION

Sundays at 12 noon in the Hall
March 2, 23, 30, April 13,27, May 4,25, June 1
No classes on
March 9 and 16 – (March Break).

MASS OFFERINGS

On Wednesday and Saturday mornings, multiple intentions will be offered during these weekday Holy Masses. If you would like a Holy Mass offered on either Wednesday or Saturday morning, the offering will be only \$10.00. All other Holy Masses will remain at an offering of \$20.00 each. Thank you!

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Spirituality and Pastoral Ministry of those 60 +
9:30 Coffee / 10:00-11:00 Session
THURSDAY MARCH 13 - Robert LeBlanc –
Sermon on the Other Mount - the words of Christ from the cross
THURSDAY MARCH 27 – Deacon Robert Kinghorn – The Church on the street
All are welcome

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pope Francis, Baby Elias, Emelda Jackson, Mavis, Patti Reilly, Brooklyn, Ruth Kenny, Lily Cosette, Lillian Partington, Kim Smith, Michele Baptiste, Nikki Edge, Rudy Hart, Zak Adams, Barbara Thompson, Dharen Dieterich, Veronica Kirk, Bonnie Johnson, Mary Theresa Rutledge, Shirley Harvey, Jose Chavez, Lucy Salvador, Anna Zambito, Mike McKernan, Wanda McGill, Loretta Escote, Inge Hentrich, Bob Partington, Truss Van Uden, Jeanette Klus, Maggie McDonald, Elaine Robins, Annetta Chin, Veronica Kingston, Christina Jol, Barry Wallace, John Brock, Ed Johanson. Mrs. Hewitt, Joyce Janssen, Eileen MacDonald, Paul Kingston Sr., Mary Lou Elliott.

**THIS WEEK AT IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION PARISH**

Monday, March 10
NO MASS, OFFICE and CHURCH Open

Tuesday, March 11
7:00pm Mass – Intentions of Michelle Gregory
Req. Mary Lou Elliott

Wednesday, March 12
9:00am Mass – Intentions of Ann Jaques
Req. Terri Mountjoy

Thursday, March 13
9:00 a.m. Mass – Intentions of Father Silva
Req. Mary Lou Elliott

Friday, March 14
9:00 a.m. Mass – Intentions of Martin Portier
Req. Teresa Louvelle
7:00 pm. Mass

Saturday, March 15
9:00 a.m. Mass – Intentions of Mike and Patti Reilly
Req. Mary Lou Elliott

9:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. – Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
Req. AM & B Tuzi

Sunday, March 16
9:00 a.m. Mass – + Bruno Salvador
Req. Emilie Lemieux
11:00 a.m. Mass- Intentions of Mary Lou & Richard Elliott
Req. Faye Tait