



Learning How to Die

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It has been pointed out that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, that is, to go where we would rather not go, to love when we know it will cost, to offer ourselves even when we know we will be used. If we die a bit every day, sometimes with struggle and sacrifice in those situations that may call for such, then at our final moment we will be able to stand before that specter face to face and not run, simply because we have met before and have been able to walk away the victor.

Dying well does not mean we do so without fear. Courage blossoms when we stand in a field of fear. Even the Lord Jesus “offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears” to God, as the Letter to the Hebrews notes. Dying well does not mean we do so cleanly. Dying is often messy, and it is always an uprooting that disrupts and scatters everything nearby.

Nor does dying well mean we do so in control of the event. That is what is so devastating about death. It has complete and total control. At its best and at its worst the only way to die well is to say “yes” to it every time it demands our submission. And like the eye of stillness at the center of the hurricane, it is at the heart of death where we embrace resurrection and where the holy offers life. It is where we can have a deep encounter with the Lord Jesus. ●

Reflect

***Can you accept the little deaths
along the way as preparation
for the final passing from this life?***

*Unless a grain of wheat falls to
the ground and dies, it remains
just a grain of wheat; but if it
dies, it produces much fruit.*

JOHN 12:24





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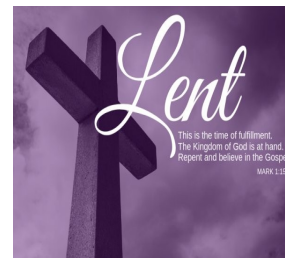
Confessions: Saturday at 5:30pm or by appointment

Baptisms: By appointment – 5 weeks in advance

Weddings: By appointment – 1 year in advance. Pre-Marriage Course is required for all weddings here or overseas

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DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS FOR
Sat. MAR 16th	6:30pm	Wishing Good Health for Bishop Robert Kurtz CR
Sun. MAR 17th (Portuguese)	8:30am	Intentions of Marie-Sophie Brackstone
	10:00am	+ Antonio Mansinho, Joao Carlos Frias, Manuel Medeiros, Maria de Jesus Andrade, Jose Soares Oliveira, & Maria de Lurdes Lima
	11:30am 6:00pm	+ Victor Moniz, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Arminda Garrafa St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon. MAR 18th	7:30am	+ Maria Stella Reynaldo
	12:10pm	+ Molly Funk
Tues. MAR 19th	7:30am	Intentions of Bishop Wes Spiewak CR
	12:10pm	+ Henry Meacock
Wed. MAR 20th	7:30am	Intentions of Fr. Dandy Traje CP
	12:10pm	
Thurs MAR 21st	7:30am 12:10pm	+ Efigenia Reynaldo
Fri. MAR 22nd	7:30am	Intentions of Bishop Robert Kurtz CR
	12:30pm	+ Fr. Wallace Metcalfe
Sat. MAR 23rd	6:30pm	+ John Johnson
Sun. MAR 24th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Kirby Brackstone
	10:00am	
	11:30am	Intentions of Bishop Wes Spiewak CR
	6:00pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: March 23rd & 24th, 2024

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	A. Machado C. Powell	K. Scarth C. Scarth	E. Mosley I. Aleria	H. Velasco K. Johann
Communion	J. Judd	L. Scarth	J. Alcantara	Volunteers Needed
Ministers:	P. Whitecross	G. Lovecchio	G. Edwards	
Song Leaders:	K. Judd	J. Pearman	M. Gravito	S. Marine

MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR EASTER!

Forms are located at the doors of the Cathedral and on the communion rail for anyone who wishes to make an offering for Easter Flowers “In Memory” of their deceased loved ones. **Deadline is next Sunday, 24th March, 2023.** Your anticipated support will be greatly appreciated!

SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS WITH ONLINE BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES Please make direct payments to St. Theresa's Cathedral at Bank of Butterfield A/C #20006060-482732100 and include “Sunday Offering” in the memo field. Also, the parish encourages the use of Sunday Offering Envelopes to promote the concept of stewardship of treasure. Thank you for your continued support in remembering the needs of the Cathedral.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION!

On Good Friday, March 29 there will be a special collection in support of **Christians in the Holy Land**. Envelopes will be available at the entrance to the Church, or donations may be made online to St. Theresa's Cathedral at Butterfield Bank Account #2000 6060 4827 32100. ****Please remember to include Holy Land Collection in the memo field of your payment.**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT :



When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of Man may be glorified through it." Every aspect of our lives-our sufferings as well as our gifts-can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessings for ourselves and others.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Mar 2nd/3rd	\$3,888.00
Electronic offering:	Mar 2nd/3rd	\$1060.00
Filipino mass	Mar 8th	\$578.00
To Date:	Week 7	\$81,334.50

ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL

March 10th to 16th, 2024

Donation Given for

Two 7-Day Votive Candles And 2 Roses

In Memory of

Fr. Jerome Kroetsch CR



HOLY THURSDAY INVITATION:



It is our Catholic tradition that at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the celebrant washes the feet of the faithful. In the past years the CCD children were asked to act as the apostles and representatives of the Parish. This year **the invitation is open to all**. We need twelve persons to volunteer to be a part of this rite. The Mass of Lord's Supper will take place on **Holy Thursday, 28th of March at 7:30pm**. If you want to volunteer, please call the Parish Office or send an email.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK:

Wednesday, 20th of March, 4pm to 6pm at St. Patrick's Church.

*Please note the change in the church, as it was originally planned to take place at St. Michael's Church.

Thursday, March 21st at 6pm to 8pm at St. Theresa's Cathedral.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fridays during Lent-11:40am & 6:00pm

Portuguese - Sundays at 4:00pm

12:10pm MASS:

During the season of **Lent**, the 12:10pm Masses at St. Theresa's will be celebrated from **Monday to Friday**.



CHRISM MASS CHOIR INVITATION:

Rehearsals will be held in Mr. Pastor's classroom at MSA on **Tuesday's March 5, 12, & 19th at 7:30pm**. Please contact Martin at choirguy33@gmail.com. Chrism Mass will be on Tuesday, March 26th at 7:30pm. Please come and lend your beautiful voices for our Diocesan choir!!!

THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

This Bishop's Corner is going to be composed of two parts. The first you will find below; the second you shall find next weekend.

"Catholic institutions and media outlets must hold themselves to the highest standards," the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops said in their pastoral letter that focuses on social media. As a communication tool, social media has great potential to "serve a fundamental human good; the building of bridges among people by the sharing of information," the Bishops write in their "Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious" letter.

The Canadian Bishops "applaud the missionary spirit of those who have chosen to witness" through social media, and they "admire the creative work" of Catholic parishes, schools, and organizations that use social media to engage people with opportunities for greater participation in local faith communities.

However, the letter comes with a warning: "We mustn't be naive. The design of the platforms and the algorithms that dictate their performance can play on the worst of our human tendencies, leading to online environments that violate the core Christian values of truth and human dignity," the Bishops write. "Digital relationships can also give the illusion of creating bridges between people when it is, in fact, tearing apart our common life. If Catholics share their faith with others online in ways that are not grounded in charity, prudence, and truth, we may end up doing harm rather than good."

The Bishops encourage Catholics on social media to "Pause and reflect both individually and communally, on their engagement with social media and on how they might be part of the larger effort to claim the 'digital continent' for Christ, most particularly by the quality of their conduct online."

Have a real-ly good weekend and a fruitful 5th week of Lent!

Bishop Wes



ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:

A new shipment of **Easter Cards** have arrived. Please stop by and see their selection, as well as many other items for **gifts and or mementos**.

Do support our little gift shop!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT VICTORIA PARK:

Following the practice of past years, there will be an Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at Victoria Park on **Good Friday, 29th of March, at 1:30pm**. We will walk on the footsteps of **Jesus** together with our Anglican sisters and brothers.

Dear Padre,

What is the difference between temptation and sin?

The temptations of Jesus, as they are recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus’ message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

The Church teaches that sin is a deliberative process. Temptation is something that happens to you without your consent: a thought or desire pops into your mind. For temptation to become a sin, you have to entertain that thought or desire, or plan to act on it, or do it. That’s when temptation “turns a corner” and becomes sin.

Although the sacrament of penance is available throughout the year, the Church places a special emphasis on it during Lent. There may be a communal penance service in your area. Perhaps you can commit now to participating in the service. If it’s been a while since you’ve been to confession or you’re not sure what to do or say, just tell the priest. He will show you. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 18 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62 or 13:41c–62 Jn 8:1–11	March 19 <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Lk 2:41–51a	March 20 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95 Jn 8:31–42	March 21 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Gn 17:3–9 Jn 8:51–59	March 22 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 20:10–13 Jn 10:31–42	March 23 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ez 37:21–28 Jn 11:45–56	March 24 <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Mk 11:1–10 or Jn 12:12–16 Is 50:4–7 Phil 2:6–11 Mk 14:1–15:47 or 15:1–39

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are called to take on the paschal law of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does losing life mean?... It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to “see” and to meet the needs of our neighbors, especially the least of them.

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