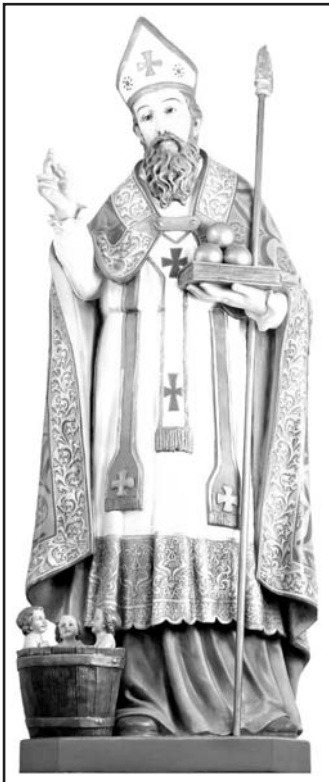


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MESSE DOMENICALI

9:00am: Italiano
10:30am: Inglese
12:00pm: Ge'ez Rite

MESSE FERIALE

8:00am: da Martedì a Sabato
7:30pm: Mercoledì
Messe memoriali (prenotare prima)

BATTESIMI

Chiamate in Ufficio quanto prima

CONFESSIONI

Tutti i giorni prima o dopo la Messa.
Altri giorni su appuntamento

MATRIMONI

Prenotarsi 1 anno prima

RITI D'INIZIAZIONE

Chiamate in Ufficio

SACRAMENTI PER GLI AMMALATI & ANZIANI

Chiamate in Ufficio qualunque
giorno

SUNDAY MASSES

9:00am : Italian
10:30am: English (with Children's Liturgy)
12:00pm: Ge'ez Rite

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:00am: Tuesday to Saturday
7:30pm: Wednesday & Friday Memorial
mass (upon request)

BAPTISM

By appointment and after instruction.
Parents must be registered members of our
parish community

CONFESSIONS

Every day before and after Mass and upon
request

MARRIAGES

One year notice and marriage course
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CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Please call the Office

SACRAMENTS FOR SICK & ELDERLY

Please call Rectory anytime

The Church is open for
personal prayer and meditation
from 7:30am to 12:00pm
(Monday to Friday)

Gruppo di preghiera di San Padre Pio

III Mercoledì del mese
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First Friday of the Month
8:30am - 9:00am

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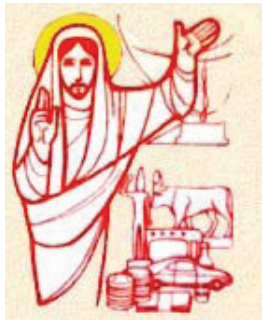
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Hall della Parrocchia disponibile per affitto. Chiamate in Ufficio
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — March 9, 2025



Luke 4:1-13

As we begin this sacred season of Lent, today's Gospel presents Jesus in the wilderness, fasting for forty days and facing temptation from the devil. This passage is not just about Jesus—it reflects our own struggles with temptation and our call to trust in God. Jesus is tested in three ways. First, the devil tempts Him to turn stones into bread, appealing to physical hunger. This represents our tendency to seek comfort in material things rather than in God. Jesus reminds us: "Man does not live by bread alone." Our deepest hunger is for God. Second, the devil offers Jesus power over all the kingdoms of the world if He worships him. This is the temptation of power, success, and compromise. But Jesus affirms that true greatness comes from worshiping and serving God alone. Third, the devil challenges Jesus to test God's protection by throwing Himself from the temple. This represents our struggle to trust in God's plan, especially in difficult times. But Jesus teaches us that faith is not about forcing God to act but about surrendering to Him. Jesus overcomes temptation by relying on Scripture and staying faithful to God. Likewise, our strength in spiritual battles comes through prayer, fasting, and trust in God's Word. Lent is a time to detach ourselves from distractions, to deepen our faith, and to turn our hearts back to God. As we journey through these forty days, let us follow Christ's example. Let us fast—not just from food, but from anything that pulls us away from God. Let us pray with sincerity, and let us give, not just from our excess, but with true love for others.

Blessed Moments: Offering Mass for Your Loved Ones

Did you know that you have the option to arrange a mass for your loved ones? Consider dedicating a mass for a departed family member or friend, someone going through an illness, in gratitude for a significant event like a birthday or anniversary, or even for a special person such as a priest. If you wish for your intention to be included in the mass, kindly reach out to Mary before the scheduled service. Your thoughtful gesture can bring solace and blessings to those you care about.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

If you are a new member or haven't yet registered, please fill out the registration form on the back cover of the bulletin and drop it into the collection basket at any mass.

Join us for the Children's Liturgy



The Children's Liturgy is back, and we can't wait to welcome your children! This is a wonderful opportunity for them to experience the Mass in a way that's engaging, meaningful, and tailored just for them. During the liturgy, children will

hear the Sunday Gospel in a way that connects with their hearts and minds, helping them grow in faith and understanding. **All children are invited to join, especially those preparing for their First Reconciliation and Communion!** We strongly encourage their attendance as part of their faith journey.

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- You helped sponsor 754 refugees on their journey to safety and freedom in Canada;
- You extended a helping hand to over 1,800 young parents and their children;
- You provided accessible, dignified support to over 1,400 people with special needs and their families

Learn more about the people you have helped at sharelife.org/impact. Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need!

**Living the Gospel: 2025 Parish Campaign
ShareLife Sunday Collections**

March 30 | May 4 | June 8

Our ShareLife goal for 2025 is **\$5,200.00**.

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PRIMA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA - 9 marzo 2025



Mass Intentions

March 9 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am – Antonia Pallotta; Antonietta Condaro, Domenico e Anna Condaro

10:30am – Anthony Steve Merchan; Antonietta Martino; All the living & deceased members of Dela Cruz, Salao, Cruz, Del Mundo & Abello Families & for thanksgiving for all blessings received

12:00pm – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

March 10 Monday/Lunedì

No mass today ----- Non c'è Messa

March 11 Tuesday/Martedì

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Gustek Misko, Dolores & Alberto Rivero, Joe Carreiro; For the generosity of St. Nicholas's parishioners; Holy Spirit's guidance for the families who have difficulties with separation, divorce, court hearings, custody of children & housing; Peace in the world; Birthday blessings upon Mathew Duncan

11:00am – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

March 12 Wednesday/Mercoledì

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Josefa Campos, Gustek Misko; St. Joseph help upon Colette and Alistair, Sylvia Lorenzo, Dinora, Irena, Ania, Linh, Renaldo, Carlos Tejada, Julian & Tabatha, Luba, Bryan, Martin, Josue, Rene Meza, Johanna & Ivan, Andrew Coppens, Josue, Emmanuel, Salvador Gomez Pimienta & Jose Mauricio Castaño

March 13 Thursday/Giovedì

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Carmela Gomez, Flor de Gonzalez, Ada & Alfonso Mendicino; End of abortion & euthanasia; For all Priest living and deceased; Healing of Jacob Lee McEwen, Otto, Walter, Irena, Ania, James Bregar, Gloria, Joe, Lucia, Pinargote Castro Family, Mily, Yolanda Gomez, Joaquin Guzman, Sandra Mejia, Yuli Buenahora, Karen Manzano; Birthday blessings upon Florecita Gonzalez

11:00am – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

March 14 Friday/Venerdì

8:00am - Repose of the soul of Roberto Ramirez, Salvador Gomez Lopez, Lolita Elvira Cordova; For the Priests of Holy Cross of Marylake; Repentance, conversion; Peace in the world; Healing of Miguelito, Sebastian, Emma Sophia Greco, Han Ycaza, Joaquin Guzman, Tatiana, Delia Avalos, Gloria del Pilar Guandique & Ingrita Gonzalez

6 :45pm – Via Crucis / Way of the Cross

March 15 Saturday/Sabato

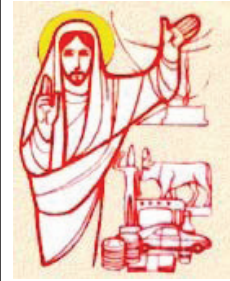
8:00am – Repose of the soul of Lucy Debayle, Margarita Escobar, Roberto Lorenzo; For the Priests of Holy Cross of Marylake; For the unborn, orphan & unbaptized children; All souls in Purgatory; For all migrants, refugees, prisoners, dying, sick, lonely, unemployed, poor; Thanksgiving to Heavenly Father for all Sacraments; Birthday blessings upon Isabela Sofia Alvarez & Lucas Diaz Iawoto

March 16 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am – Celeste e Francesco Bianco

10:30am – Rosetta Conforti; Francesco Martino

12:00pm – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)



Comento su Luca 4:1-13

Oggi il Vangelo ci porta nel deserto con Gesù, un luogo di solitudine ma anche di incontro profondo con Dio. Gesù è guidato dallo Spirito Santo per affrontare la prova, e questo ci insegna che anche nei momenti difficili della nostra vita, Dio è con noi per rafforzare la nostra fede. Gesù subisce tre tentazioni. La prima riguarda il pane: il diavolo lo invita a pensare solo ai bisogni materiali, ma Gesù risponde che l'uomo vive anche della Parola di Dio. La seconda è la tentazione del potere e della gloria, ma Gesù ci insegna che la vera grandezza sta nel servire, non nel dominare. La terza è la tentazione di mettere Dio alla prova, ma la fede autentica è fidarsi di Lui anche quando non vediamo subito le risposte. La Quaresima ci offre tre strumenti per avvicinarci a Dio: il digiuno, per liberarci da ciò che ci distrae; la preghiera, per dialogare con Lui; e la carità, per mostrare concretamente il nostro amore. Gesù ha vinto la prova del deserto perché è rimasto fedele al Padre. Anche noi, se ci affidiamo a Dio, possiamo superare le difficoltà della vita. Che questa Quaresima sia un tempo di speranza, di rinnovamento e di pace. Amen.



Che cos'è la Via Crucis e perché è importante nella Quaresima?

La **Via Crucis** è una devozione cristiana che ripercorre gli ultimi momenti della vita di Gesù, dalla condanna a morte fino alla crocifissione e sepoltura. È un cammino di preghiera e meditazione che ci aiuta a rivivere il sacrificio di Cristo per la nostra salvezza. Durante la Quaresima, la Via Crucis assume un significato ancora più profondo perché ci invita a meditare sulla Passione di Gesù e a prepararci spiritualmente alla Pasqua. Attraverso questo percorso, impariamo il valore del sacrificio, della sofferenza accolta con amore e della misericordia di Dio.

Come da tradizione, **ogni venerdì di Quaresima alle 18:45 celebriamo la Via Crucis in italiano e in inglese.** Tutti sono invitati a partecipare a questo momento di preghiera e riflessione.

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