**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

 **“How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?”**

 **Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday, March 11, 5:00 p.m. Mass + For the Soul of Pedulla Paolo by Liza and Family**

**Sunday, March 12, 9:30 a.m. Mass – Pro - Populo**

**11:00 a.m. Mass – For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**Monday, March 13, No Mass**

**Tuesday, March 14, 7: 00 p.m. (Healing Mass)**

**Wednesday, March 15, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Thursday, March 16, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Friday, March 17, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 18, 5:00 p.m. Mass - Pro – Populo**

**Sunday, March 19, - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**9:30 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**11:00 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT REFLECTION: On this Third Sunday of Lent and for the following two Sundays we shall be hearing lengthy passages from the Gospel of John, chosen to help us prepare for Easter and the celebration of our new life in Jesus Christ. Due to the length of the reading only the opening verses are given here (verses 5-15). You are invited to complete the reading, which ends in verse 42, in your own Bible. The Samaritan woman gradually learns more about Jesus and what he offers her. Her journey reflects our own journey of faith. The dialogue begins with Jesus seeking a drink and then offering 'living water' to the woman. Water gives life. The 'living water' given by Jesus points to eternal life. As the dialogue continues it is established that Jesus is not only a prophet, but the Messiah. The woman's eyes are gradually opening, enough for her to go and tell her townspeople. At the end they too come to believe, not simply due to her testimony but because they have themselves heard the preaching of Jesus. In the middle of the chapter we hear about the need to worship 'in spirit and truth' (verse 23). Jesus comes, and this chapter shows it, to bring together the Jews, the Samaritans and all the nations of the earth in the worship of the one, true God. How is the Samaritan woman a model for our faith journey? Are we also sometimes slow to understand the gifts of God? We pray that we may worship the Lord in spirit and truth. We pray for the courage to lead others to Christ, the teacher who gives us 'living water.**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Children’s Liturgy of the Word is back! Please join us at 9:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday. Parents are welcome to participate with their young children. We ask that masks be worn at this time.**

**Tax Receipts for 2022: Your 2022 tax receipts are available for pick - up on the table behind the last pew in the church. If you have any question about your tax receipt, please contact the parish office**

**THE SEASON OF LENT:** **Historically the origin of Lent is tied to the final spiritual preparation of catechumens for baptism and initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil. These days of preparation were marked by prayer, fasting and almsgiving or acts of charity. Over time, Christians were so moved by the devotion of the catechumens that they began to join them in these acts in preparation for celebrating the Feast of Easter. Regardless if you are preparing to be baptized or already are, the purpose of Lent remains the same to turn our hearts to the Lord and give some perspective to our lives. Lent is not a season for comfort. It is a season for sacrifice and growth. It calls us to move. And this is the great question we have to ask ourselves: What makes me move, what drives me?**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** **Reflecting and praying the Stations of the Cross is a popular devotion practiced in the church, especially during the Lenten season. Come and Walk in the 14 steps with Jesus. The Stations of the Cross is held every Friday evening during lent at 6:30pm, here at the parish. Please join us.**

**LENTEN MISSION: WITH BISHOP Yvan MATHIEU**, **Scripture scholar and Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa-Cornwall, will explore what it means to be “Baptized in God’s love…Sent to the world.” There will be a Reconciliation Service during the Tuesday mission. All are welcome. Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 153 Woodroffe Ave., Sun., March 26 - Wed., March 29, 7 pm. Info: 613-722-7661**

**DIOCESAN NEW SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS**: **The Diocese invites you to take advantage of their new social media platforms. You will find prayers, inspiring messages, photos, videos, and even quizzes! Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are updated several times a week in both official languages. They invite you to share your comments on the posts, send them your stories, and encourage those you know to register. Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/ottawacornwall/?hl=en Twitter: https://twitter.com/OttawaCornwall Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ottawacornwall YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@archdiocese-archidioceseot854 LinkedIn:** [**https://ca.linkedin.com/company/ottawacornwal**](https://ca.linkedin.com/company/ottawacornwal)

**YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK!** **The Archdiocese would like to thank you for all your support during their first special collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. To date, they have raised more than half a million dollars. The parishes have raised $275,000 of that amount! They are now in the process of reaching out to local Indigenous organizations. The first event that is able to make use of some of the funds that you helped raise happens on March 25 as the Odawa Native Friendship Centre is hosting the 23rd Annual Ottawa Indigenous Children and Youth Pow Wow at the Shaw Centre (55 Colonel By Drive.) The Pow Wow begins at noon with the Grand Entry. The Feast is at 5 pm followed by the Round Dance at 7 pm. Admission is free though donations are appreciated. You are invited to drop by to soak in and learn more about the Indigenous culture.**

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY MASS OF THANKSGIVING**- **Presided by His grace Archbishop Marcel Damphousse. Will be celebrated 10:00 AM Friday, March 17, 2023 at St. Patrick’s Basilica, Kent Street. All are invited to a coffee & cookie reception in the Scavi after Mass.**

**Happy St. Patrick’s Day!** **A man of God… St. Patrick was a towering figure. He had a strong biblical faith centred on the Trinity. He was deeply familiar with the Word of God and pondered it day and night. He lived in intimate union with Christ who was always before, behind, above and within him. Every step he took was in the company of Jesus, every word he spoke was inspired by Jesus, every breath was full of the spirit of Jesus.**