

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND

4th Sunday of Lent – March 10, 2024

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Mass Schedule & Intentions – March 9 – March 17, 2024

SATURDAY March 9th - 5.00pm

Angela & Adelina Biamonte by Tavano Family
 Alba Nobile by Maria Diegidio
 Frank Sdao by Franca Sdao

SUNDAY March, 10th 9.00am (4th Sunday of Lent)

Dino Lostracco by Family
 Antonio Giovinazzo by Family
 Rosa Chiavaroli by Angie & Domenic D'Aurizzio
 Michael Angelo Mammoliti by Grandchild

11.00am - for all your intentions

TUESDAY March 12th - 5.00pm -Mass & Adoration

Domenico Giovinazzo by Maria Fazzalari

WEDNESDAY March 13th - 9:00am

Deceased of the 3rd Order Franciscans by David Fox

THURSDAY March 14th - 5.00pm -Mass & Adoration

In Honour of St. Jude by G. Pang

FRIDAY March 15th - 9.15am

Colette Gleason by Friend

6:30pm - Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY March 16th - 5.00pm

Tommaso Vescio by Joe & Lidia Labricciosa
 Stephania Grocholsky by Maria Fazzalari

SUNDAY March 17th 9.00am (5th Sunday of Lent)

Steve Mannella by Family
 Adelina Muraca by Franca Sdao
 Rachel Schad by Raymond & Peter Schad
 Deceased of the Poll/Alsop Families by George & Connie Poll

11.00am - for all your intentions



Special Collection
 Next Weekend

**Development
 and Peace**
 CARITAS CANADA



Join us to pray the
 Rosary 20 minutes
 before each
 weekday Mass

*"What you are is
 God's gift to you
 What you become
 is your gift to God"*

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation
Saturday March 16, 2024

Confession in Every Parish 10:00AM – 2:00PM



Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom (Conclusion) by Pope Francis

Then the atrophied and isolated heart will revive. Slow down, then, and pause! The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies. In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers. This is God's dream, the promised land to which we journey once we have left our slavery behind.

The Church's synodal form, which in these years we are rediscovering and cultivating, suggests that Lent is also a *time of communitarian decisions*, of decisions, small and large, that are countercurrent. Decisions capable of altering the daily lives of individuals and entire neighbourhoods, such as the ways we acquire goods, care for creation, and strive to include those who go unseen or are looked down upon. I invite every Christian community to do just this: to offer its members moments set aside to rethink their lifestyles, times to examine their presence in society and the contribution they make to its betterment. Woe to us if our Christian penance were to resemble the kind of penance that so dismayed Jesus. To us too, he says: "Whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting" (Mt 6:16). Instead, let others see joyful faces, catch the scent of freedom and experience the love that makes all things new, beginning with the smallest and those nearest to us. This can happen in every one of our Christian communities.

To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope. Allow me to repeat what I told the young people whom I met in Lisbon last summer: "Keep seeking and be ready to take risks. At this moment in time, we face enormous risks; we hear the painful plea of so many people. Indeed, we are experiencing a third world war fought piecemeal. Yet let us find the courage to see our world, not as being in its death throes but in a process of giving birth, not at the end but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history. We need courage to think like this". Such is the courage of conversion, born of coming up from slavery. For faith and charity take hope, this small child, by the hand. They teach her to walk, and at the same time, she leads them forward.

I bless all of you and your Lenten journey.

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