

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND

3rd Sunday of Lent – March 3, 2024

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Mass Schedule & Intentions – March 2 – March 10, 2024

SATURDAY March 2nd - 5.00pm

Giovanni & Antoinietta Buccelli by Lidia & Guiseppa Labricciosa
 Alba Nobile by Rafelina DiGioia
 Eva Sorbara by Franca Sdao
 Mr. KM & Mrs SJ Pang by G. Pang

SUNDAY March, 3rd 9.00am (3rd Sunday of Lent)

Maria & Antonio Tavano by Family
 Lucy Kuczma by Maria Fazzalari
 Rosa Chiavaroli by Graziana Bernardi
 Deceased of Doucette & Parent Families by George & Connie Poll
11.00am - for all your intentions

TUESDAY March 5th - 5.00pm -Mass & Adoration

Pierette Gauthier (well being) by Suzanne Matte

WEDNESDAY March 6th - 9:00am

Tommaso Gioia by Wife

THURSDAY March 7th - 5.00pm -Mass & Adoration

Vincenzo Fazzalari by Maria Fazzalari

FRIDAY March 8th - 9.15am

Matteo Mancini by Maria Ruggi-Dietsch

6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross



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Program continues
 Wednesday,
 March 6, 2024
 6:30pm in the
 church. Please Join.

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

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 Grandchildren
11.00am - for all your intentions



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 St. Andrew's
 CWL
 Newsletter at
 both entrances

Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom - POPE FRANCIS - LENT 2024 – Part 3

God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2). Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken.

This, however, entails a struggle, as the book of Exodus and the temptations of Jesus in the desert make clear to us. The voice of God, who says, "You are my Son, the Beloved" (Mk 1:11), and "You shall have no other gods before me" (Ex 20:3) is opposed by the enemy and his lies. Even more to be feared than Pharaoh are the idols that we set up for ourselves; we can consider them as his voice speaking within us. To be all-powerful, to be looked up to by all, to domineer over others: every human being is aware of how deeply seductive that lie can be. It is a road well-travelled. We can become attached to money, to certain projects, ideas or goals, to our position, to a tradition, even to certain individuals. Instead of making us move forward, they paralyze us. Instead of encounter, they create conflict. Yet there is also a new humanity, a people of the little ones and of the humble who have not yielded to the allure of the lie. Whereas those who serve idols become like them, mute, blind, deaf and immobile (cf. Ps 114:4), the poor of spirit are open and ready: a silent force of good that heals and sustains the world.

It is time to act, and in Lent, to act also means to pause. To pause in prayer, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister. Love of God and love of neighbour are one love. Not to have other gods is to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbour. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us.
Popes Lenten message concludes next week

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40 Days For Life to End Abortion