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Welcome home to St. Andrew



MAR 10 Fourth Sunday of Lent

God, you loved the world, and us in it, so completely that you sent your only Son in order that we can believe in your goodness and ours. Teach us to trust in your saving work, and draw us into the dying to self that allows us to receive your new life and Resurrection. Amen.

IMAGE FROM ST. EUGENE DE MAZENOD MISSION, BRAMPTON
PRAYER FROM THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS



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Seeking the Full Truth

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” [John 3:14-15](#)

The line quoted above concludes a dialogue that Jesus had with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. This is the first of three times Nicodemus is mentioned in the Gospel of John. The second time he appears is when he reminds the other members of the Sanhedrin that a man must be first heard before he is condemned. The third time was when Jesus was killed and Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes to prepare Jesus’ body for burial.

Jesus was not accepted by most of the Pharisees and within the Sanhedrin. For that reason, Nicodemus was taking a risk by going to him at night to talk. But Jesus clearly senses faith in the heart of Nicodemus, which is why when Nicodemus asks Jesus about His teaching, Jesus answers him. Unlike the other Pharisees, Nicodemus was not trying to trap our Lord; he sincerely wanted to understand.

At the beginning of this dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus, Nicodemus professes the beginning of faith in Jesus when he says, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him” ([John 3:2](#)). Interestingly, Jesus then speaks to Nicodemus in figures of speech, saying that one can only enter the Kingdom of God when they are “born from above” and “born from water and the Spirit.” Nicodemus tries to understand but fails. Jesus then gently rebukes him by saying, “You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this?” ([John 3:10](#)). Jesus then goes on to speak further in symbolic language and figures of speech, concluding with the beginning of today’s Gospel quoted above when He speaks in a veiled way about His coming crucifixion.

One thing that is important to understand from this dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus is that Jesus’ language is veiled in symbolic language because, even though Nicodemus was on the right path, he was not yet ready for the full revelation of the Gospel. He could not yet fully comprehend all that our Lord came to reveal. Thus, Jesus spoke in veiled language and invited Nicodemus to keep seeking its hidden meaning.

In our own lives, we can come to God and want Him to speak clearly and definitively to us, revealing His perfect will for our

lives. But often He doesn’t. Why? Because God knows we are not yet ready for the full truth. When He speaks to us and when we gain insight in one way or another, this is good and reveals we are on the right path. But the Gospel, in its fullness, is so radical and so demanding that most people are not yet ready for the full truth. Therefore, in His compassion, God gives us only what we can handle at the moment. But this humble truth should encourage us, as it did Nicodemus, to not give up and to continue opening ourselves to the fullness of the Word of God.

Reflect, today, upon how open you are to the fullness of God’s Word. What would happen if God were to reveal to you, by an immediate personal revelation of divine knowledge, all that was in His sacred mind? Would it be too much for you to handle? Yes, it would be. But that humble admission is an important step toward that very goal. Humble yourself, today, more fully before the mysterious Word of God and pray that you will continue to be changed and open so that the clarity of God’s truth will more fully penetrate your soul.

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LENTEN
Day of Confessions
MARCH 10 - 23, 2024

March 13th from 4 pm to 7 pm



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Today, as we contemplate God’s boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need.

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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH
HOLY WEEK
2024 SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:15 PM FOLLOWED BY MASS

HOLY THURSDAY (MARCH 28)
8:00 AM - MORNING PRAYER (LITURGY OF THE HOURS)
7:00 PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (FOLLOWED BY ADORATION IN THE PARISH HALL)

GOOD FRIDAY (MARCH 29)
11:00 AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
3:00 PM - THE LORD'S PASSION (ENGLISH)
5:00 PM - THE LORD'S PASSION (ENGLISH)
7:00 PM - LA PASSIONE DEL SIGNORE (ITALIAN)

EASTER VIGIL (MARCH 30)
9:00 AM - MORNING PRAYERS (LITURGY OF THE HOURS)
9:30 AM - ROSARY OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
9:00 PM - EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY (MARCH 31)
REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

EASTER MONDAY (APRIL 1)
8AM MASS (PARISH OFFICE CLOSED) NO MASS AT 7PM

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = *For the soul of* ♥ = *Special Intention*

Saturday, Mar 9 - St. Frances of Rome

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for prayers answered for Kevin, by Eveline and family

5:30 pm - For the health of James Spagnuolo, by Sarah Mikha

Sunday, Mar 10 - 4th Sunday of Lent

8 am - † Amador Alon, by Salanio family

9:30 am - (*Ital.Mass*) † Ascenzo Tuzi, by wife and family

11 am - For the people of the Parish - 2ndScrutiny (RCIA)

12:30pm - † Janakan Gopal, by family

2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)

5:30 pm - (*Spanish Mass*)

Monday, Mar 11

8 am - † Deceased members of Morgan and Benjamin family, by Alma

7 pm - † Phyllis Merrick, by Carol Anne McAvoy

Tuesday, Mar 12

8 am - (*No Intention*)

7 pm - (*No Intention*)

Wednesday, Mar 13

8 am - † Francesco and Luisa Astone, by family

4-7 pm - Lenten - Day of Confessions

7 pm - (*No Intention*)

Thursday, Mar 14

8 am - Special Intention for Manny & Rose Rabino, by Chan family

7 pm - † Saverio & Domenico Nasella, by Betty Nasella

Friday, Mar 15

8 am - † Gloria Mesina, by family

6:15 pm - Stations of the Cross

7 pm - † Milton and Mary Fernando, by family

Saturday, Mar 16

8:30 am - (*No Intention*)

5:30 pm - † Julie Fiorucci, by Layden family

Sunday, Mar 17 - 5th Sunday of Lent

8 am - Special Intention for Marcellina, by family

9:30 am - (*Ital.Mass*) † Giuseppe Marrello & in honour of St. Giuseppe, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish - 3rd Scrutiny (RCIA)

12:30pm - Thanksgiving for Jonathan Annobil, by Annobil family

2 pm - (*Twi Ghana*)

5:30 pm - (*Spanish Mass*)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

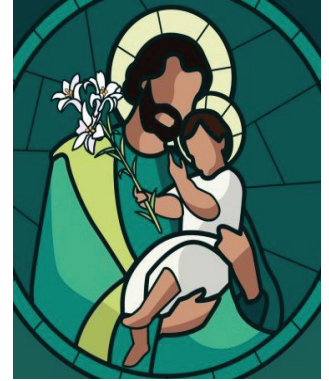


Every Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross will take place at 6:15pm (*in English*), followed by Holy Mass at 7pm.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

We will honour St. Joseph with a novena that takes place at the 8:00 a.m. Mass from Sunday, March 10 until Monday, March 18.

On Tuesday, March 19 the feast will be celebrated at the 7:00 p.m. Mass followed by fellowship in the parish hall. You are all invited to participate and bring finger food to share with the community.



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