

# St. Boniface Church

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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am; 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 8:30 am  
Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 pm

## DEVOTIONS

### **ROSARY**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday:  
@ 8am before morning Mass

### **MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

### **SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

First Friday: 7:00 pm

### **ADORATION AND DIVINE MERCY**

Every Friday after evening Mass

## SACRAMENTS

### **BAPTISM**

Registered parishioners are invited to pick up a Baptism information package from the Parish Office.

### **COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION**

Please contact Parish Office for program start dates.

### **MARRIAGE**

Couples should contact the Parish Office ONE year in advance. At least one party must be a registered and practicing member of St. Boniface.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

**ST. AGATHA - 416-393-5302**

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### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Help Line: 416-261-3528

## Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners

A very warm welcome to all new parishioners and those who are visiting St. Boniface Parish this weekend. New parishioners are asked to fill out registration form below and put it in the collection basket or drop-off at the office.

### PARISHIONER INFORMATION SHEET

MR. & MRS.  MR.  MRS.  MISS  MS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name(s)

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STREET# AND NAME/APARTMENT# OR UNIT #

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**NAME(S) AND DATE(S) OF BIRTH OF CHILD/CHILDREN:**

NAME(S) DD/MM/YEAR

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ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE ENVELOPES?  
YES  NO  YES  NO

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CONTACTED ABOUT PARISH INVOLVEMENT?  
YES  NO

**ONCE REGISTERED, ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE BY ENTRANCE OF CHURCH.**



# MARCH 9, 2025 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

CYCLE C (LUKE)

## INSIGHT INTO LENT BY FR. ALEX OSEI, CSSp.

Every thoughtful Christian instinctively recognizes that Lent is a special, grace-filled, and challenging time of the year. It is intelligible only in the light of its climax, Easter. The beginning is in ashes; the end is a paschal fire. The discipline of Lent is not an end, but a time of preparation of oneself to enter as fully as possible, in mind and heart, into the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and of our own in union with him.

Lent leads us to personal conversion, life—long process of turning to Christ and allowing him to take over the direction of our lives. It is a life—long process of being filled with the ideals of the Gospel of Jesus. It is growing up in Christ, and it is not only for individual Christians, but for the entire church. On Tuesday of the first week of Lent we will pray: {“Father, look on us, your children. Through the discipline of Lent, help us to grow in our desire for you.” what greater favor can we request than a deeper desire for God? St. Augustine remarked long ago about our restless, desire-filled hearts. He told us that they only one who could satisfy those hungry hearts was God himself. But the fulfillment comes only in proportion to the depth and genuineness of our desires. The more spiritually restless we are and the greater our hunger and desire for God, the greater will be our satisfaction at Easter.

Lent brings us to a deeper appreciation and love for the greatest treasure we have as Christians/Catholics. The Eucharist—the Mass. If confession is “lent in miniature,” the Mass is more. It makes the entire redeeming life, work, and sacrifice of Jesus present on our altars.

Lent is a collective retreat in daily life for the church, a time for entering more consciously in the mystery of Christ’s Passover from death to resurrection. Lent is a time of prayer, so that we can unmask the subtle and destructive forces masquerading under the appearance of good in our own time, in our individuals lives, in the life of the church. Lent is a time not only for prayer, but also for fasting and almsgiving, which St. Augustine called “the wings of prayer”, meaning that without the fasting and almsgiving, our prayer remains earthbound and ineffective.

Day by day Lent leads us along a road of ever-growing appreciation of the historical life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, now made present on our altars, so that we can take it to ourselves and add our own loving sacrificial life to it. Your presence, O Lord, I seek, Hide not your face from me.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 8TH TO MARCH 14TH 2025

Sat Mar 8th	5:00pm -	Maria Johanna Dizon; Valdene Dizon †; and intention for Reynaldo Dizon
Sun Mar 9th	7:30am -	People of the Parish
	9:00am -	Anne Smyth †
	10:30am-	Don & Eileen Farguharson †
	12:00pm-	Leo O'Donnell †
Mon Mar 10th	8:30am -	Mr. and Mrs. Felix family and deceased members
Tue Mar 11th	8:30am -	Jesusa Jimenez Alinas †
Wed Mar 12th	7:30pm -	Carolina Mabugat †; Xavier Da Costa
Thu Mar 13th	8:30am -	Rev. Fr. Antonio P. Festin †
Fri Mar 14th	7:30pm -	Angie O Campo and Tommy Moll
Sat Mar 15th	8:30am -	Mary Ann Lauzon and Joseph Arthur Lauzon †; Crispin Montemayor †



## OUR SICK:

Mauro Laude, Joan Fitzgibbon, Virginia Johnson, Derek John Taylor, Donna Mesic, Oliver Malinowski, Anunciacion Chang, Derek Rosario, Maria Theresa, Maria Johanna Tizon, Linda Morgan, Sally Benadetto, Maverick Valle, Richard Stockman, Don O'Shaughnessy, Alana Maurica Gerardine, Bette McDermott, Josephine Lavecchia, Romeo Dimalanta, Mara Ezgeta, Fredrick Martyn, John Rodriguez, Sabrina Achaibar, Sharon Garisto, Elizabeth Singh, Richard Rodriguez, Kenny Gonsalves, Kris Gonsalves, Carlo Tomasi, Anna Tomasi, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemenz, Estela Pett, Steve McAuley, George Paramby Varghese, Edward Kaminski, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Holly Macinnis, Ursula Solomon, Jennifer Solomon, Randeer Kumar Hulooman, Norma Dulanuan, Bill Filipchuk, Kathleen Filipchuk, Colleen Balgobin, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ramona Labo, Ruth Claire Alinas, Andre Baksh, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, John Jansen In De Wal, Mary Foulkes, Lorraine Fraser, Jean Griffin Davis, Stephanie Solomon, Shirley Ecclejton, Kathleen Copeland, Conchita Estolano Paran, Giacomina Genova, Frosa Karakolis, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Jennifer Young, Glenda McNeil, Naty Germain, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Innes Potgieter, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Adeline Noronha, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Duverney Family, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Marina Jose, Frances Schober, William Schober, Marie Dignum, Ahilla Kissoon.



**CONFESSIONS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
THROUGHOUT FRIDAY'S DURING LENT**

**Stations of the Cross** will be available throughout Friday evenings during Lent.

Come and be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God:

**7:00pm - Stations of the Cross**

**7:30pm - Mass**

**8:00pm - Adoration and Confessions**

**MARCH 15, 2025 REFLECTION ON THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS**

The Knights of Columbus Maharlika Council 7488 will be holding a Parish Lenten Reflection on March 15, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at St. Boniface Parish.

**Theme:** "The Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross".

To prepare our hearts and minds to commemorate the death and resurrection of our Saviour at Easter.

For more information, contact Schubert Restituto at [bertieres@gmail.com](mailto:bertieres@gmail.com)/ or at (416)821-6584, or Eden Mercado at [\(416\)264-7167](mailto:mercado_eden@yahoo.com).

**Schedule:**

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

9:15 a.m. Reflections I

10:45a.m. Reflections II

11: 30a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Confessions are available on request only during the recollection.

Light refreshments will be served at the hall.



Serving Our Neighbours In Need

*Bundle up Weekend*

**SAVE THE DATE : APRIL 5th & 6th 2025**

**SL ShareLife**

Your Love Leads the Way! 2025 Parish Campaign ShareLife Sunday Collection dates are as follows:

**March 30 | May 4 | June 8**

# DID YOU KNOW?

## WHY IS THE NUMBER FORTY SIGNIFICANT?

Lent recalls the forty days of our Lord's fasting in the desert, which He undertook before entering into His public ministry. We read in the Gospel: "Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry" (Mt 4,1-2). Like Moses, who fasted before receiving the tablets of the Law (cf. Ex 34,28) and Elijah's fast before meeting the Lord on Mount Horeb (cf. 1 Kings 19,8), Jesus, too, through prayer and fasting, prepared Himself for the mission that lay before Him.



## Parish Lenten Seminar

Join us for a seminar led by Father Alex and the lectors' ministry

## Why Do We Need to Pray? ...Are They Answered?



**When: March 29, 2025**

**Where: St. Boniface Parish**

**Time: 2:00 p.m.**

Supported by Knights of Columbus Maharlika 7488

## St. Boniface Parish Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is an Association of Catholics. They are inviting new members to keep the Legion alive.

Feel free to approach any legionary every Saturday, after the 8:30 a.m. mass, to discover the joy of being a Legionary.

Please visit our website at: [stbonifacesc@archtoronto.org](mailto:stbonifacesc@archtoronto.org) and go under "Our Ministries" for more information.

Thank you.



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