



# Our Lady of Victory Memorial Parish

*"We, the people of Our Lady of Victory Memorial Parish, accept as our mission to be a welcoming, diverse parish family who shares our gifts and talents that God has given us to serve others in need as we grow in our Faith."*

## March 16 & 17, 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

SATURDAY—4:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY—9:30 A.M.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

TUES, THURS, FRIDAY—9:30 A.M.  
\*\*ROSARY AT 9:10 A.M.  
WED—10:00 A.M. AT RIVERVIEW

**EXPOSITION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

### Readings for Next Sunday

Palm Sunday

1st Reading—Isaiah 50:4-7  
2nd Reading—Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel—Mark 14:1-15



# Events - News - Information

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Introduction:** Today's readings focus on the approaching death of Jesus which Paul considers a priestly sacrifice and John considers the moment of Jesus' "exaltation" and "glorification." The readings offer us a challenge. Just as Jesus became the "Promised Messiah of Glory" and the "Conquering Son of Man" by offering his life for others, we, too, if we would come to Heaven, must die to self by loving obedience, spending our lives in self-giving, sacrificial service.

### Life Messages

1) Today's Gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are possible only by the death of the self through obedience, suffering, and service. Salt delivers its taste by dissolving in water; a candle gives light by having its wick burned and its wax melted. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had. Let us pray for this self-sacrificial spirit, especially during Lent.

2) Only a life spent for others will be glorified here in this world and in Heaven. We know that the world owes everything to people who have spent their time and talents for God and for their fellow human beings. Mother Teresa, for instance, gave up her comfortable teaching career and, with just 5 rupees (17 cents) in her pocket, began her challenging life for the "poorest of the poor" in the crowded slums of Calcutta. Thus, she became, in the words of the Secretary General of the U.N., "the most powerful woman in the world." We see similar cases in the history of great saints, scientists, and benefactors of mankind in all walks of life.

3) It is better to burn out than rust out. This is one of the repeated pieces of advice Jesus has given us (Mark 8:35; Matthew 16:25; 10:39; Luke 9:24; 17:33). Bernard Shaw in his play, Joan of Arc, shows the saint as praying: "Lord I shall last a year; use me as you can." Many charitable foundations and research institutions are financed by generous millionaires who understood this great principle of life (e.g., The Rockefeller Foundation and the Bill Gates Foundation for AIDS Research), while so many others selfishly keep their God-given wealth and talents for themselves. Let us learn to live this Lenten period "burning out," spending our time and talents for others around us by humble, selfless and self-giving service. "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can" (John Wesley).

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### Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday, March 26—6pm

Easter Vigil, March 30—8pm

Good Friday, March 29—3pm

Easter Sunday, March 31—9:30am

**JOKE**  
OF  
THE  
**WEEK**

**Reframing Truth**

After an exceptionally long and boring sermon the congregation filed out of the church not saying a word to the pastor. After a while, a man shook the pastor's hand and said, "Pastor, that sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God!" The pastor was ecstatic. "Nobody has ever said anything like that about one of my sermons before! Tell me, how did it remind you of the peace and love of God?" "Well", said the man, "it reminded me of the peace of God because it passed all human understanding and it reminded me of the love of God because it endured forever!" "

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**St. Patrick—March 17**

Check out the Audio Drama *The Trials of Saint Patrick* on the Catholic app or website—FORMED. Listen to it while you drive to work, exercising, or relaxing at home. Head to [formed.org](http://formed.org) today!

**Stations of the Cross**

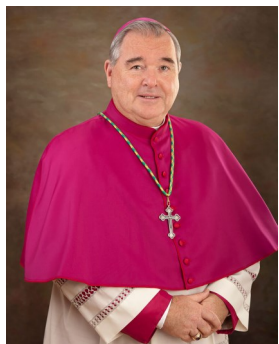
**Every Friday during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 6:00—6:30pm. Different groups will lead each week. Think about doing this for a Lenten Promise.**



**Lenten Reconciliation Services**

**OLV School: March 19th : 10:00 am**

**OLVMP: March 20th : 7:00 pm**



His Grace, Most Reverend Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg will pay a visit to OLVMP on Sunday, March 17 (5th Sunday in Lent).

We are all invited to give a warm and cordial welcome to our Pastor, by taking an active part in the Concelebrated Mass scheduled at 9:30 am.

**40 Tins for Lent**

Are you looking for ways to fulfill your Lenten Promise? Are you looking to help those in need? We are looking for parishioners to help those less fortunate. We are asking those who can to donate non-perishable food items and other items during Lent. They are collected at the back of the church and given to Missionaries of Charity on 167 Aikins Street. *Items Donation List* is available at either entrance and on our website.



**CWL NEWS**



**On Sunday, March 17, 2024, the CWL will be hosting a Fellowship Hour following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Archbishop Gagnon will be visiting our parish that day so let's give him a warm welcome. Fellowship will be sort of a pot-luck. Anything you wish to bring to the table will be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much in advance.**

**Just a reminder that on Friday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. the CWL will be leading the Stations of the Cross. All are invited to come, not only on the 22nd, but each Friday during Lent.**

**Saint for the Week**

**Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary—March 19**

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts.

When the Bible speaks of God "justifying" someone, it means that God, the all-holy or "righteous" one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God's own holiness, and hence it is really "right" for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not.



By saying Joseph was "just," the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.

The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage.

It is no contradiction of Joseph's manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this "quietly" because he was "a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame" (Matthew 1:19).

The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

**Reflection**

The Bible tells us nothing of Joseph in the years after the return to Nazareth except the incident of finding Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-51). Perhaps this can be taken to mean that God wants us to realize that the holiest family was like every other family, that the circumstances of life for the holiest family were like those of every family, so that when Jesus' mysterious nature began to appear, people couldn't believe that he came from such humble beginnings: "Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary...?" (Matthew 13:55a). It was almost as indignant as "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" (John 1:46b).

**Prayer Before Work**

*O Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account that I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.*

*All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph. Such shall be my watch-word in life and in death. Amen.*