



Pastor:  
 Father Roselle Cyrille R. Azares  
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**MASSES**

Seating is on a first come first serve basis.

**Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday - Friday 12:05 noon  
 Saturday 10:00 am  
 Doors will open 15 minutes before mass begins

**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
 Sunday 9:00 am  
 11:30 am  
 7:30 pm

**Holy Hour:**

Friday 11:00 am  
 Doors will open 15 minutes before Holy Hour begins

**Confessions:**

Saturdays 4:30 - 4:55 pm  
 Sundays 8:30 - 8:55 am &  
 11 - 11:25 am

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Tuesday - Friday 9:30 am - 11:30 am & 2:30 - 4:30 pm

For parishioners to get mass intentions and other items.

Please call 705-526-6313 ext 1 and we will be happy to assist you with your other needs.

**PARISH LIFE**

Parish Secretary	Sandy D'Alessandro
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Choirs	Adele Heins
Saturday 5:00 pm	Adele Heins
Sunday 9:00 am	Diana Swift
Sunday 11:30 am, 7:30 pm	Pauline Brabant
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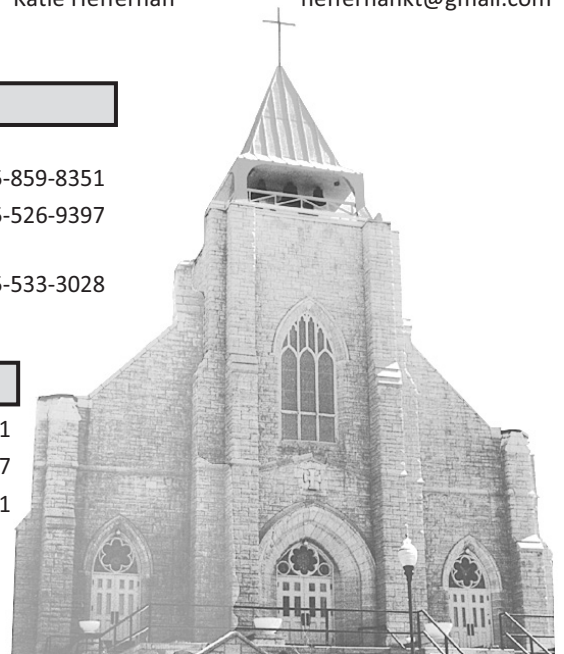
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**OTHER SERVICES**

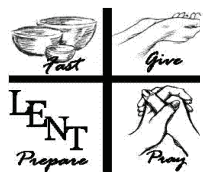
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Humanae Vitae Centre (Linda)	905-859-8351
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**SCHOOLS**

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### Mass Intentions Third Week of Lent

#### **Tuesday March 9**

+ Stefania & Franciscek Soltys  
Requested by Edward & Joanna

#### **Wednesday March 10**

+ Arthur Larmand  
Requested by Bob & Corinne Green

#### **Thursday March 11**

+ Nellie Kwapis  
Requested by Bob & Corinne Green

#### **Friday March 12**

+ Anne Marie Calhoun  
Requested by Mom & Dad (Jim & Yvonne Bowen)

#### **Saturday March 13**

Intentions of the Smith family grandchildren  
Requested by Nanna & Papa

### *Sunday Masses Fourth Sunday of Lent*

#### **Vigil Mass - Saturday March 14**

+ Wladyslawa & Zygmunt Jastrzebski  
Requested by Edward & Joanna Soltys

#### **Sunday March 15**

+ Simone Flaim  
Requested by John & family  
Intentions of Gerry & Tiena Juneau  
Requested by Bob & Corinne Green  
missa pro populo

#### **Please pray for:**



Shelley Smith; Anne Marie Radko;  
Nadine Adams; Nicole Marchildon;  
Sherry-Jane Jeffery; Josh;  
Louise DeVillers; Liz Gaudet;

#### **Prayer Requests**

#### **Please pray for our recently deceased relatives & friends:**

Henry Landry; Nellie Kwapis; Matthew Proulx; Troy Heins;  
Jose Signorelli Sr.; Fr. Armedeo Nardon; Pia Rossi;  
Christa Bourgeois; Murray Cadieux; Rosemary Yates;



### **The Pope's Prayer Intention For March: Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

### **St. Margaret's Schedules/Hours**

Friday February 26, 2021, the provincial government deployed the "emergency brake" and moved Simcoe region to the Grey (Lockdown) designation. The operations of St. Margaret's Parish, Midland effective March 1, 2021 will be as follows:

#### **Mass**

All public Masses are temporarily cancelled.  
\* Fr. Roselle celebrates private Mass daily for the intentions listed in the bulletin, the parishioners & for those suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic  
\* Parishioners are reminded that the dispensation from their Sunday obligation remains.  
\* We encourage parishioners to view online, livestream, televised Masses. Cardinal Collins will continue to celebrate the livestreamed Mass each day from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 7:30 am and a full list of Masses is available at [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

#### **Parish Office**

\* The parish office will open during the following times:  
**Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 9:30am until 12 noon**  
\* For other times, we are just a phone call or email away. Please call: 705-526-6313 ext. 1 or [stmargarets@rogers.com](mailto:stmargarets@rogers.com). We do our best to respond to your messages promptly.

### **The Online Bereavement Introductory Program**

New Beginnings Online Bereavement Program offers both women and men a learning environment which is safe, welcoming and non-judgmental. The program provides 4 weeks of psycho-education, which assists and accompanies the bereaved in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith. The program resources include PowerPoint, audio/video media and time will be allocated for questions and group discussion. The ideal candidate is ready and able to participate in a virtual group setting. Each candidate will be screened prior, to being considered for admittance into the program. Start: Wed. March 17 @ 7pm  
Total cost: no charge

#### **Online Separated/Divorced Introductory Program**

The Online Separated/Divorced Introductory Program offers both women and men a learning environment which is safe, welcoming and non-judgmental. The program provides 4 weeks of psycho-education which assists and accompanies the separated/divorced in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith. The program resources include PowerPoint, audio/video media and time will be allocated for questions and group discussion. The ideal candidate is ready and able to participate in a group setting. Each candidate will be screened prior, to being considered for admittance into the program.

Start: Thurs March 18 @ 7pm Total cost: no charge

For more information and to register for either of these programs please contact:  
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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent:

Reflection by Deacon Tim Dunlop P.D.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 20.1-27; Psalm 19; 2<sup>nd</sup>

Reading 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25; Gospel John 2.13-25

Brother & Sisters in Christ: Spring in the air, the days are getting longer, soon it will be above freezing in the daytime along with cool nights, a sure sign that fresh maple syrup is coming, along with our clock going ahead an hour Mar.14<sup>th</sup>

As a kid growing up in a farm house, we had this monster of a wood stove in the kitchen. It had a small broiler on the back that supplied hot water to the bathroom. The stove only had to be filled once a day with wood, a huge oven plus lots of room for cooking. But as many know, heating with wood is also dirty! It was a warm spring day, no need for the stove to be going, mom decided to start her spring cleaning in the kitchen. After us kids cleaned out the ashes from the stove, and swept what we could mom told us to get the vacuum that Dad got her at Christmas. As we started vacuuming – a dark dirty ash went everywhere, covering us kids and the clean wall - upon opening the vacuum, we realized that when Dad last used it he must have sucked up a hot ember which burnt a hole in the only bag in the house. Dad was lucky he was at work!

If we look at our lives, we'd probably say that we really don't need much cleaning up. We're basically good people. We are told that we are to Spring Clean by praying, fasting and alms-giving, the 3 ways of Spring cleaning our souls. Every year it's the same thing, right? It's like our kids saying, "Yeah, yeah, I get it," but really it means stop bugging me! Unless our kids see a good example in our own spiritual walk, they will imitate us in everything, good and bad.

Even in the best of families, the next generation will always have what I call faith-slippage. As a young boy, I

remember pre Vatican II, during lent going to weekly novenas', following our parents in lining up for confession. However; even us, as faith parents have and practice it ends up watered down by the next generation, and, by the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation, the faith of our grandparents seems a thing for a museum or a library.

Well, in Christ time Judaism had faith slippage, too. By the time Jesus had grown up, the priests and the temple no longer resembled the priests and the temple of his youth. Jesus, like some of a family's children, got the memo and made sure his faith-practice included what Mary and Joseph had taught him, and what he was trying to teach his disciples.

So, when he got to the temple for the big feast, he was blown away by what he saw. He saw the temple entrance stacked with tables of vendors and money-changers. This so angered him, that he made that whip and threw them all out. He did his own Spring Cleaning of his Father's house.

Jesus is inviting us to look at our lives and ask ourselves, "Have I succumbed to faith slippage? Does my heart and soul need some Spring Cleaning of our own?"

Many are asking what is COVID going to do to our churches, after things return to normal or even a less restriction that we are experiencing, will people return? Yes, prayers are needed. More to the point is: what is the condition of our personal and collective faith practice? Is my soul a source of living water for those around us, or does the container of our water receiver need to have fresh water replace the dirty water that has accumulated without our knowledge?

Do we look clean on the outside, but inside do we need our water changed? It's time to be honest with ourselves. Don't get down, because we're all in the same boat. That's why we need Lent. It's a season of togetherness. Start by asking ourselves: are there needs that need filling and hurts that need healing? If we address these, then our fasting is like Isaiah's in Ch. 58, which are the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Our readings for this weekend, are all about our friendship with Christ. The first reading (long version) reviews the 10 commandments. St. Paul in our second reading wasted no time in reminding us how we all have a cross to bear just as Christ did. Of course in our Gospel, cleansing of the Temple really challenged his disciples and possibly even us, in understanding that it is all about God's Will.

Now with our current lock down, a good exercise for a spring cleaning is to give our parish 1 hour of our prayer; our parish can do its collective work of building on our Spring Cleaning. If we can pray like Jesus, then our faith slippage each year can be stopped forever and Jesus will never have a reason to clean house. Isn't that worth trying?

Deacon Tim Dunlop

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