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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

#### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:30 am

#### Holy Hour:

Friday 11:00 am

#### Confessions:

Saturdays 4:30 - 4:55 pm

Sundays 8:30 - 8:55 am &

11 - 11:25 am

#### Baptism:

Call to make arrangements

#### MARRIAGE

Twelve months notice and Marriage Course usually required

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Tues-Fri. 9:30 am -4:00pm

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

Juanita Wootton-Radko

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Adele Heins

Sunday 9:00 am

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Sunday 11:30 am

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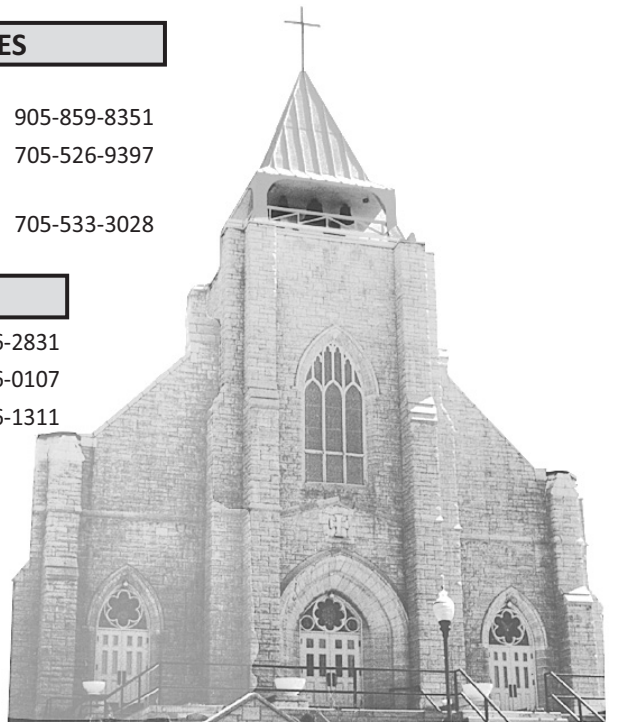
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## **Where Your Treasure Is**

Where is your passion? This is a good question for the season of Lent. Jesus was passionate about the Kingdom of God, about the Kingdom of his heavenly Father. One might easily wonder why: why this passion about his Father?

Knowing his Father intimately, Jesus wanted passionately to share with people his Father's love for them. He was frustrated, dismayed and angered when the religious leaders of his time reduced this relationship with God to a caricature, an imperative to comply with external rules and rituals, a type of religiosity that failed to relate them to the goodness of his Father. He wanted the Father's love to reign in their hearts and for people to freely respond to his Father in love. He wanted all, loved by God, to love one another as a consequence of God's love. That, for Jesus, was the essence of the Kingdom of God. And he was passionate about that.

But he was roundly misunderstood. He angered those who misunderstood him. He was not afraid. He called them hypocrites and likened them to snakes. In turn, they plotted to put him to death. And they did.

In the Gospel this Sunday (John 2: 13-25), Jesus, passionate about the Kingdom of his Father, overturns the tables of merchants and money-changers in anger. For Jesus the Temple was for worship, for acknowledging God as ruler of our lives, for discovering his compassion and goodness in our lives. But the merchants had changed the Temple into a marketplace where money ruled, not God, where greed ruled, not worship. So, brandishing a whip, an angry Jesus cries, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" (2: 16)

When people asked him for a sign to prove his authority for what he did, he replied cryptically, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (2: 19) Of course, he was misunderstood: he was referring to the temple of his own body and how he would suffer and die and how he would be raised from the dead to manifest the Kingship of his Father. In his resurrection after three days, his authority to cleanse

### **Tuesday Mar. 5th**

12:05pm + Vicente Mojica

Requested by Mila Benedicto

### **Wednesday Mar. 6th**

12:05 pm + Camilla Murphy

Requested by Mary, Beth & families

### **Thursday Mar 7<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity, Martyrs**

12:05 pm Special Intention

Requested by Carmel Cox

### **Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Saint John of God, Religious**

11 am – Holy Hour

12:05 pm + Roy Tang

Requested by Pauline Tang

7:0 pm **Stations of the Cross**

### **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Saint Frances of Rome, Religious**

10:00 am Special Intentions for Doug Kozy

Requested by Colleen Cameron

## **Fourth Sunday Of Lent**

### **Saturday March 9th**

5 pm + Doreen Contois & Michael Contois

Requested by the Contois family

### **Sunday March 10th**

9 am Mass for the People

11:30 am + Antonia Pickarz

Requested by Yvonne Rodriques

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## **The Pope's Prayer Intention for March**

*For the new Martyrs*

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

the Temple and call people to true worship is established. In his passion, people began to take notice, believe and be his disciples. Others began to plot for his death.

What is our passion in our lives? Money, pleasure, or power? Has our passion in life brought us to a life filled with love and compassion, as God wills, or has our passion filled our lives with darkness, confusion and despair so that we have effectively put Jesus to death in our lives?

We may wish to consider how Jesus' passion for the Kingdom of his Father impacts our passion in life. Jesus wanted passionately that we accept the values of the Kingdom of God to shape and influence our life, our lifestyle and choices. How do we serve the Kingdom of God in our family, our work, our church community, in our service for the common good?

May our passion for life be the joy of the Kingdom of God for all.

Grace and Peace,  
Father R C R A

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## **Adult Faith Formation Series**

St. Margaret's Parish Hall

*A light lunch will be provided after each session—free-will offering gratefully accepted.*

### **Passion of Jesus Christ**

Sat. March 2 and 9<sup>th</sup> 10:45 am – 11:45 am

Go deeper in your faith this Lenten season with Fr. Wayne Bolton's in-depth speaking series illustrating the Passion narratives of the gospels.

### **Celtic Spirituality**

Sat. March 16 10:45 am – 11:45 am

Fr. Wayne Bolton covers monasteries, missionaries and the sacred spaces of the Emerald Isle.

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## **Stations of the Cross +**

There will be Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm starting on Friday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Remember the Building Fund**

In 2023, St. Margaret's Parish had several necessary repairs which depleted the Building Fund. Please remember to give to St. Margaret's Building Fund to help cover future maintenance needs.

**The Second Collection on March 2-3** will be for the Building Fund.

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## **Laetare Sunday, March 10, 2024, 11:30 am Mass:**

Everyone is invited to be present at this Mass for the blessing of a recently created topographic map of Jerusalem in the time of Jesus. This map will be used by the children in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. After this Mass you will also be able to visit our Atrium, where children and catechists meet weekly.

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## **Show your love through ShareLife**

ShareLife Sunday is March 17.

Through your kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. This is all possible through your support. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at

**[sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate)**



**Please remember the following people in your**

**prayers:** Murray Taite; Marie Logan; Lisa Wright; Judy Martin; Mark Charlebois; Michael Pontze; Frank Whitkins; Dottie Whitkens; Bob Dorion; Carol Quesnelle; Barrett Smith; Alex Latondress; Malachy Maguire; Nick Tardif; Lynda Stanek; Lloyd Leroux; Mary Fletcher; Sherry Archer; Abigail Brown; Romelda Morson; Nicole Marchildon; Stephen Roach; Lilah Bates; Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Peter Pattenaude; Brenda Bylow; Marshal Laurin; John Gunther; Marilyn Dalton

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