

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



PASTOR'S CORNER

What can a psychiatrist tell us about suffering? Recently, I came across this timely reflection:

My work as a psychiatrist often reminds me of two inescapable truths. First, to a greater or lesser degree, everyone suffers in this life. Second, we often have no idea what other people are suffering interiorly. Appearances frequently deceive, and our assumptions about the lives of others—even people we think we know well—routinely miss the mark. Since my professional work involves diving deeply into my patients' hidden pain and anguish, I want to share with you what I have learned about the Christian meaning of suffering. In my clinical practice, I frequently see patients who have endured unspeakable evils. They bear an anguish that cannot be communicated or comprehended. Trying to accompany them in their pain has been my daily bread for over twenty years. This professional experience has provided a window into the suffering of the human heart that most people probably cannot access in the same way, at least outside of their own personal experience of suffering.

When we suffer, we understandably want to comprehend the reasons for our anguish. My patients often ask, as I ask when I am in pain: *Why is this happening to me? Did I do something wrong to deserve this? Is God punishing me? Why is God—who is all good, all knowing, and all-powerful—allowing me to suffer when He could have prevented it? These questions are perfectly natural. Notice, however, that they all involve asking God to teach me about my suffering. We want God to explain our anguish to us. We pray, “Help me make sense of my suffering”. But this side of eternity, we are not usually given the answers to those questions, for our finite intellects are incapable of comprehending the reasons behind God’s providential designs. God’s answer to Job’s questions was itself a question: “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?” (Job 38:4). God did not explain Job’s suffering to him, except to say that the answer was beyond Job’s or his friends’ capacity to comprehend.*

P.S. What can I tell you about suffering? One lady told her priest, *“Father, I never knew what suffering was until I had to listen to you preach for 25 minutes. Now I know.”*

On a more serious note, Lent often reminds us that violence is quick, and healing is slow, because love takes time. We crave instant success, and we want to move on, but our sudden outburst of self-assertion will expire. So do not be fooled by the instant way in Lent. Nothing good usually happens in a second. Choose the long and winding path to the heart of God. Yes, evil ones may undo everything in a moment; this is the truth of the cross, but God has been preparing your resurrection since the moment of your conception. Not in the swirling unknown of a dark future, not in the dread of the end, but here and now...your healing begins, for as someone once said, *“We are bathed in God's word, and our breath is God's spirit.” But if such a life is not hard to imagine, neither is it terribly difficult to live.*

Fr. Slawek

MARCH 23, 2025

The Divine Mercy Novena

Good Friday April 18 – Saturday April 26, 2025



Day 1 - Good Friday After the 3:00 p.m. Service
Day 2 – Holy Saturday After the 7:30 p.m. Mass
Day 3 – Easter Sunday After 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass
Day 4 – Monday 10:15 a.m. (In Church Basement)
Day 5 – Tuesday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass
Day 6 - Wednesday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass
Day 7 – Thursday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass
Day 8 - Friday After the 9:00 a.m. Mass
Day 9: Saturday 3:45 p.m. – Before Evening Mass



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Holy Spirit Conference

Turning concern into action

Loving Saviour, you gave your life for me – for us – in love. Help me witness to your Love in acts of care and compassion to those in need – our neighbour in need.”

We are called to follow Jesus, by being of service to others with humility, gentleness and love.
Please remember the POOR BOX on your way out of the Church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!



Parish Summer Camp
Grade 1–8
More information to follow

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

**Assigned Envelopes not pick up by March 31, 2025
Will be reassigned.
Envelopes listed below.**

13, 19, 24, 33, 45, 49, 82, 95, 96, 102, 107, 130, 147, 148, 161, 172,
173, 175, 180, 183, 194, 196, 199, 205, 221, 222, 229, 231, 240, 250,
256, 267, 277, 282, 289, 291, 294, 304, 307, 313, 316, 320, 321, 323,
324, 328, 331, 340, 354, 368, 372, 375, 376, 381, 385, 386, 387, 388,
394, 397

Please come to the parish office during office hours to collect your envelope. After March 31, 2025 the number will be removed from parishioner and reassigned.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 25

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Anthony Loorthamma.

Wednesday, March 26

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Janina Glowacz.

Thursday, March 27

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of David Emer req. by the Emer family.

Friday, March 28

9 a.m. Private Intentions..

Saturday, March 29

4:30p.m Intentions of all Parishioners.

Sunday, March 30

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Tim Colaco req. by Linda & Teresita.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Silvestro De Laurentis req. by the De Laurentis family.



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, March 26, 2025
After the 9 a.m. Mass
in the Parish Basement



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU MOVED ALREADY?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated.



*Keeping
a Holy Lent*