



**MARCH 4, 2018**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**CYCLE B**

**REFLECTION**

**Spiritual Sacrifice**

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill it (see Matthew 5:17)—to reveal its true purpose in God’s saving plan. He is the Lord the prophets said would come—to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples (see Zechariah 14:21; Malachi 3:1–5; Isaiah 56:7). The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands (see Acts 7:48; 2 Samuel 7:5). Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves (see Psalm 50:7–13). Notice in today’s First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices—only that Israel heed His commandments (see Jeremiah 7:21–23; Amos 5:25). His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today’s Psalm. It was a law of love (see Matthew 22:36–40), perfectly expressed in Christ’s self-offering on the cross (see John 15:13). This is the “sign” Jesus offers in the Gospel today—the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us in the Epistle. Jesus’ body—destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later—is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple (see 1 Corinthians 3:16), and together builds us into a dwelling place of God (see Ephesians 2:22). In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires (see John 4:23–24). We are to offer praise as our sacrifice (see Psalm 50:14,23). This means imitating Christ—offering our bodies—all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others (see Hebrews 10:5–7; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:5).



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**HEROES IN HOLINESS**  
**QUOTES FROM THE SAINTS**

“He who can preserve gentleness amid pains, and peace amid worry multitude of affairs, is almost perfect”  
 –St. Francis de Sales

The Saints who have gone before us are the witness, par excellence, to this tethering to Truth that enlightens and inspires and elevates mankind.

**Mass Intentions**   
 FOR THE WEEK

**MARCH 3 TO MARCH 10, 2018**

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| SAT. MAR. 3RD  | 5:00 PM  | - Patrick Fellows †  |
| SUN. MAR. 4TH  | 7:30 AM  | - Maude, Harry, & Neville D’Sa                               |
|                | 9:00 AM  | - Antonio & Maria Iaconis †                                  |
|                | 10:30 AM | - People of the Parish                                       |
|                | 12:00 PM | - Lawrence & Florine Pinto †                                 |
| TUE. MAR. 6TH  | 8:30 AM  | - All Souls in Purgatory                                     |
| WED. MAR. 7TH  | 7:30 PM  | - Francisca Serrano †  |
| THU. MAR. 8TH  | 8:30 AM  | - Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Felix and deceased family members |
| FRI. MAR. 9TH  | 7:30 PM  | - Concettina Petitti †                                       |
| SAT. MAR. 10TH | 8:30 AM  | - Augusto da Silva †   |



**OUR SICK:** Mario Tan Jr., Nicanor Gocado, Daniela Alario, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Cristeta Del Mundo, Dina Sorbera, Daniel Leonardo, Monica Bouchard, Kerrie Leonard, Ramona Labo, Harold Hunt, Adeline Noronha, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Carmen Humbel, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Peter Pacione, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Maureen Dempsey, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Joshua Bolingot, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Clara Uy Cruz, Mary Loretta Nof-tall, Marie Herrera, Salome Mason, Frank McPhearson, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Loren Lea Hodgeson, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Tony & Nelie Sicat, Teofilo Mondala, Du-verney Family, Anthony de la Isla, Leonard Rodrigues, John Jarman, William Dale, Anne O’Callaghan, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Deacon Ger-ald Godsoe, Ellen Jarman, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Nida Carandang, Marie McPherson, Marina Jose, Rasheeda DeFranca, Vicki Scallon, Frances Schober, William Schober, Rita Ropke, Marie Dignum, Maria Anna Diandra Rivera, Nata-lina Fernandes, Umbelina Felix, Anita Gouveia, Erlinda Balita, Colleen Balgobin, Joan Crowley, Webster Paul, Ela Sicat-Angeles

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**What are the Beatitudes & what do they mean?**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Scripture must be read in its historical context, and thus so too this particular passage. Hunger and thirst, as these words are used here, are something that few of us in the western world have experienced. What Jesus is referring to is the hunger pangs of a first century Palestinian laborer who knew what it was like to go without food for an extended period of time, and the thirst is that of a Palestinian who has experienced the heat of the desert and the thirst it induces. There is a tremendous amount of indifference in this world, and the reason is that indifference is rather painless. The indifferent do not suffer over the wounds of others; many in fact secretly delight in the misfortunes of others, which is why bad news spreads quickly. Many are simply not in-censed at the injustices around them, and although they are very passionate about their goals, those ambitions often have little to do with making this a more just world and more to do with their own individual fulfillment. But an indication that the Lord is drawing you into himself, into his own life, is that you are the kind of person who loves justice more than you love yourself, as opposed to the kind of person who looks out for himself first, and only later, after all his needs are met, con-cerns himself with others. Those who have entered into Christ will suffer a great deal of hunger and thirst, because there is so much injustice around us. The more intense your love, the more intense your hunger and thirst; blessed are you if you live with this kind of hunger and thirst, because that means you have entered into the hunger and thirst of Christ. *Next week we look at "Blessed are the merciful"*

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's liturgy program is on Sunday's at the 10:30 am Mass. Geared towards children in Kindergarten, Grades 1 to 6.

March 4, 2018

GOSPEL THEME:

JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE

John 2:13-25



### Office of Vocations

Senior Men's High School Retreat (grades 11 & 12) on Saturday, March 17, 2018

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, on Saturday, March 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. This retreat will provide time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. Registration for the retreat is to be done online at:

www.vocationstoronto.ca (under Programs) or <http://bit.ly/2xh8uMA> - For more information please call the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



### Bereavement Peer Support meeting

Date: Saturday March 17, 2018

Time: 3-4 pm

Place: St. Stephen's Room (downstairs from side entrance on Markanna Drive)

**New members are welcomed.**



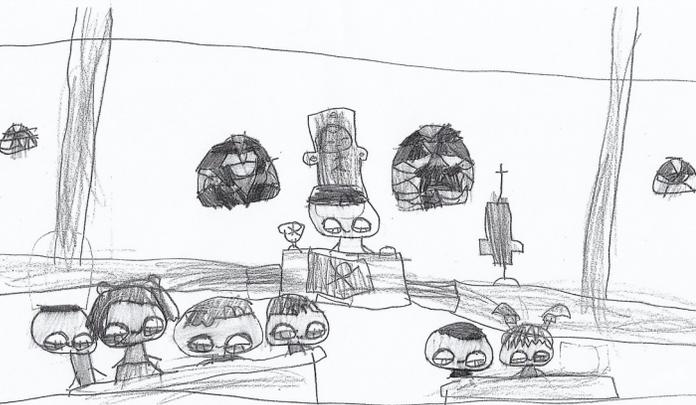
### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

The CWL will be having a Membership Campaign on Sunday March 11 after all Masses in the Hall.

All are invited to for refreshments and to learn more about the CWL, who they are and what they do.



### WHY MY FAITH IS IMPORTANT TO ME ~ YEAR OF THE SCHOOL ~



My faith is important to me because...

I like to pray with my family at church.

### ST. BONIFACE SPEAKER SERIES

### Culture of Life Series

### **Campaign Life Coalition - YOUTH**

Marie-Claire Bissonnette - Youth Coordinator and Spokeswoman of Campaign Life Coalition



Young people have a special role to play in transforming the culture of death into a culture of life. Politicians pay special attention to the voices of young people. Our fellow youth, often lacking financial resources, are particularly vulnerable to abortion and need support from friends and classmates if faced with a crisis pregnancy. Finally, our own generation are the leaders of tomorrow. The changes to the hearts and minds of our peers that we make today will largely determine whether we are able to end abortion in our lifetimes.

Please join us on....

**SUNDAY MARCH 18 AT 1:30PM**  
**In the Church**

### Tax Receipts

All donation tax receipts have been mailed out. If you have not received it yet, please contact parish office.

SVDP tax receipts are available after all Masses this weekend (March 3/4)

### CONFESSIONS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS THROUGH LENT

Confession and Stations of the Cross will be available through-out Lent Friday evenings. 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 - Holy Hour with Divine Mercy and Confessions



### SCHOOL MASSES

Parents & community members are welcome to join our parish schools as they celebrate their school masses;

- **St. Nicholas School:** Fri. March 9, 2018 at 10am - held in the school
- **St. Agatha School:** Wed. March 21, 2018 at 9:30am (RESCHEDULED) - held in the school
- **St. Boniface School:** Fri. March 23, 2018 at 10am - held in the church

### PARISH SCHOOLS FAMILY MASS

On Tuesday April 17, 2018 at 6:00pm we will celebrate Mass with our 3 schools at our church. This Mass will be hosted by St. Agatha School.

**All are welcome!**



### NEXT EDGE NIGHT

When: Tuesday March 6th, 6:30pm - 8pm

Where: St. Boniface Church Hall

EDGE is a Ministry for those in grades 6,7 & 8.

Parents, please follow us on FaceBook for information and latest updates.

Search "St. Boniface Parish EDGERS and Parents" and request to join.

