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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, March 10

- 9:00 a.m. +Austin Rosario by Frank & Eileen Joseph
10:30 a.m. No Mass Intention
12:00 p.m. Spec.Int.-Jose Do Rego by Maria Do Rego
+For the Soul of Benedicto Culala by Gerard & Joy Del Castillo

Monday, March 11

- 7:30 a.m. Thanksgiving of Joy Del Castillo
Spec.Int.-Jose Do Rego by Boaventura family
+Denise Peter by Tomanic family
7:00 p.m. No Mass Intention

Tuesday, March 12

- 7:30 a.m. Spec.Int.-Jose Do Rego by Maria Do Rego
7:00 p.m. No Mass Intention

Wednesday, March 13

- 7:30 a.m. Spec.Int.-Jose Do Rego by Do Rego family
7:00 p.m. No Mass Intention

Thursday, March 14

- 7:30 a.m. No Mass Intention
7:00 p.m. No Mass Intention

Friday, March 15

- 7:30 a.m. No Mass Intention
7:00 p.m. No Mass Intention

Saturday, March 16

- 5:00 p.m. No Mass Intention

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

“The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B help us understand that we must follow God’s commandments and truly live them in our hearts to find life. The first reading gives us the ten commandments. The second reading reminds us that God’s wisdom is not like human wisdom. And the gospel tells of Jesus cleansing the temple of the money changers who put their own desires above serving the Father.” (www.young-catholics.com)

THE LORD’S PROMISE:

“...everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” (Jn 3:15)

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The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B focus on God's faithfulness in drawing us closer to him. The first reading tells how God inspired Cyrus to allow the chosen people to worship once again in Jerusalem. And in the gospel we hear of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, where Jesus explains that he was sent to us out of the boundless love of God, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, vocations@archtoronto.org, www.vocationstoronto.ca



PRAAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for Your church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

REFLECTION ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Living in the Light

By Scott Hahn

Excerpts from young-catholics.com

The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history—God’s covenant with creation in the time of Noah; His promises to Abraham; the law He gave to Israel at Sinai.

In today’s First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God’s final Old Testament covenant—the covenant with David (see 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 89:3).

His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed, and they were exiled in Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today’s Psalm.

But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple (see Isaiah 44:28–45:1, 4).

God is rich in mercy, as today’s Epistle teaches. He promised that David’s kingdom would last forever, that David’s son would be His Son and rule all nations (see 2 Samuel 7:14–15; Psalm 2:7–9). In Jesus, God keeps that promise (see Revelation 22:16).

Moses lifted up the serpent as a sign of salvation (see Wisdom 16:6–7; Numbers 21:9). Now Jesus is lifted up on the Cross, to draw all people to Himself (see John 12:32).

Those who refuse to believe in this sign of the Father’s love condemn themselves—as the Israelites in their infidelity brought judgment upon themselves.

But God did not leave Israel in exile, and He does not want to leave any of us dead in our transgressions. We are God’s handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth.

Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One (see John 19:37) and rededicate ourselves to living the “good works” that God has prepared us for.”

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THE SIX SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

- 1) Presumption of God’s mercy
2) Despair
3) Resisting the known truth
4) Envy at another’s spiritual good
5) Obstinacy in sin
6) Final impenitence

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WEEKDAY MASS

Weekday Morning Mass at 7:30 a.m.
Weekday Evening Mass at 7:00 p.m. (during Lent)
Visit our parish website for the complete Mass schedule
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CONFESSION | SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

30 minutes before Mass
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**PALM SUNDAY** March 23, 2024: 5 p.m. (anticipated)  
**HOLY THURSDAY** March 24, 2024: 9 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 12noon  
 March 28, 2024: 7 p.m.  
**GOOD FRIDAY** March 29, 2024: No Mass.  
 Good Friday Service starts at 2:30 p.m.  
 (Stations of the Cross & Veneration of the Cross)  
**ADORATION**  
 • 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
 • 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
**EASTER VIGIL (HOLY SATURDAY)** March 30, 2024: 7 p.m.  
**ADORATION:** 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
**EASTER SUNDAY** March 31, 2024: 9 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 12 noon

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**Children who have completed the catechism classes for the sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion or Confirmation and have submitted all the mandatory requirements will be eligible to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**DATES OF FIRST RECONCILIATION prior to FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

St. Angela Merici & St. Aidan - Thursday, April 4, 2024 | 6:30 PM  
Guardian Angels & St. Lucy - Thursday, April 11, 2024 | 6:30 PM  
St. Daniel Comboni, St. Bonaventure and  
Other schools - Thursday, April 18, 2024 | 6:30 PM

**DATES OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2024**

St. Angela Merici & St. Aidan - Sunday, April 7, 2024 | 3:00 PM  
Guardian Angels & St. Lucy - Sunday, April 14, 2024 | 3:00 PM  
St. Daniel Comboni, St. Bonaventure and  
Other schools - Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 3:00 PM

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:**

**DATES OF RECONCILIATION prior to CONFIRMATION:**

St. Angela Merici & St. Aidan - Wednesday, April 3, 2024|6:30 PM  
Guardian Angels & St. Lucy and  
Other schools - Wednesday, April 10, 2024 | 6:30 PM  
St. Daniel Comboni and St. Bonaventure -  
Wednesday, April 17, 2024 | 6:30 PM

**DATES OF CONFIRMATION IN 2024**

St. Angela Merici & St. Aidan - Saturday April 6, 2024 | 2:00 PM  
Guardian Angels & St. Lucy and  
Other schools - Saturday April 13, 2024 | 2:00 PM  
St. Daniel Comboni, St. Bonaventure -  
Saturday, April 20, 2024 | 2:00 PM

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**SAINT FINA**

*Feast Day: March 12*

“St. Fina or Seraphina, Virgin A.D. 1253 The old town of San Geminiano in Tuscany treasures with special veneration the memory of Santa Fina, a young girl whose claim to be recognized as a saint lay in the perfect resignation with which she accepted bodily suffering. She was born of parents who had seen

better days but had fallen into poverty. The child was pretty and attractive. Poor as she was she always kept half her food to give to those who were worse off than herself. As far as possible she lived the life of a recluse at home, sewing indeed and spinning during the day, but spending much of the night in prayer. Her father seems to have died when she was still young and about the same time Fina was attacked by a sudden complication of diseases. Her head, hands, eyes, feet and internal organs were affected and paralysis supervened. She lost her good looks and became a miserable object. Desiring to be like our Lord on the cross, for six years she lay on a plank in one position, unable to turn or to move. Her mother had to leave her for hours while she went to work or beg, but Fina never complained. Although in terrible pain she always maintained serenity and with her eyes fixed upon the crucifix she kept on repeating, "It is not my wounds but thine, O Christ, that hurt me".

Fresh trouble befell her. Her mother died suddenly and Fina was left utterly destitute. Except for one devoted friend Beldia she was now so neglected that it was clear she could not live long, dependent on the casual attentions of poor neighbors who shrank from contact with her loathsome sores. Someone had told her about St. Gregory the Great and his sufferings, and she had conceived a special veneration for him. She used to pray that he, who was so much tried by disease would intercede with God that she might have patience in her affliction. Eight days before her death as she lay alone and untended, Gregory appeared to her and said, "Dear child on my festival God will give you rest". And it came to pass when her body was removed from the board on which it had rested, the rotten wood was found to be covered with white violets. All the city attended the funeral and many miracles were reported as having been wrought through her intercession. In particular she is said as she lay dead, to have raised her hand and to have clasped and healed the injured arm of her friend Beldia. The peasants of San Geminiano still give the name of Santa Fina's flowers to the white violets which bloom about the season of her feast day of March 12th.”  
www.catholic.org/saints

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**PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

Saturday/Sunday, April 20 & 21	Bake Sale
Sunday, May 12	Mother’s Day Roses (Youth)
Saturday, May 25	Spring Dinner & Dance
Sunday, June 23	Summer BBQ
Saturday, September 22	Guardian Angels Walk
Sunday, October 13	5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass - Parish Consecration
Sunday, October 27	International Food Festival
Saturday/Sunday, November 23/24	Bake Sale
Saturday, December 7	Christmas Concert
Saturday, February 15, 2025	Valentine’s Dinner & Dance

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