

**MASSES FOR MARCH 8 -14**

Monday, 8	8:30 am	(SF)	<b>Dolores Graceffa (Tony &amp; Mary Lou Lamantia)</b> 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday, 9	8:30 am	(SJ)	<b>Wilma Sabol (Cathy &amp; Bruce Pertko)</b> Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday, 10	8:30 am	(SF)	<b>For the People</b> Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday, 11	8:30 am	(SJ)	<b>No Mass</b> Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday, 12	8:30 am	(SF)	<b>Shane Maple (Dad)</b> Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday, 13	5:00 pm	(SF)	<b>Joseph Restifo – 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Blessings (CWC of Toronto)</b> Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b; Lk 18:9-14 (Daily Readings)
Sunday, 14	9:00 am	(SJ)	<b>Katie Tizziani (Larry &amp; Angie Fogle)</b>
	11:00 am	(SF)	<b>George E. Wenner (Sally Wenner)</b> 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>Vespers &amp; Benediction – 6:00pm (SF)</b>
<b>MONDAY:</b>	Comfort Bears – 9:00am (SJH)
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross – 6:00pm (SJ)</b> <b>Confessions – 7:00pm (SJ)</b>
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	Confessions – 10:30am (SJ)
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>Vespers &amp; Benediction – 6:00pm (SF)</b>

**As of 03/02/2021:** Trinity West: **Bill Straka; Agnes Santin;** Trinity East: **Joe Keenan; Marcia Bishop.**  
Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. If you or a family member becomes hospitalized, please be sure to contact the rectory.



**The 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent:** “God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.” -Pope Francis. This is a reminder that God is always with us. Continue to make an effort to attend **daily Mass**; there are only 3 remaining **Stations of the Cross** with a time for **confession** following immediately after **Stations** and 3 **Vespers and Benediction** on **Sunday’s**.



**Comfort Bears** will be meeting this coming Monday, **March 8<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Joseph Church Hall** beginning at **9am**. Welcome back Ladies!



**Joseph Restifo**, a lifelong parishioner of St. Francis Parish will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to remember him on his birthday, please send greetings to **1308 Ridge Ave., Toronto**.



**Birthday Wishes Gratitude!** **Gene Calabrese and Marie Bernabei** wish to thank everyone who sent cards and well wishes for their birthdays! They were all greatly appreciated!



**CHURCH SUPPORT:** **St. Francis:** Adult: \$1,608.00; Loose: \$76.00; Candles: \$38.00; Ash Wednesday: \$5.00. **St. Joseph:** Adult: \$1,113.50; Loose: \$0.00; Candles: \$32.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for February 28<sup>th</sup>:** Saturday 5:00pm: 78 Sunday: 9:00am – 62; 11:00am – 60. **Average Attendance per weekend for February:** **St. Francis:** 5 pm: **72**; 11am: **50**; **St. Joseph:** 9 am: **59**.

**MASSES:** For **Josephine Griffo** by Pat & Dick Balsler.

**MEMORIALS:** To **St. Francis Church** in memory of **Gary Hughes** by Marie Bernabei.

 Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Fred Straka, son of Irma Straka**. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Straka family. May Fred live in the eternal light of Christ.

*Third Sunday of Lent  
by The Faithful Disciple*

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE**

**GROW:** We have rules in our house. Every family does. “No back talk. Do your chores. Bedtime. Curfews. Respect one another. Be kind.” Rules bring order out of chaos, forge a shared identity, and set standards to which everyone is held. Not surprisingly, life in God’s family has rules, too. Hence the Ten Commandments, which we hear today. They begin with these words: “I, the Lord, am your God.” If we miss that line, we miss the point of the rules – of the law. God’s law is about God’s love. Through his laws, God taught the Israelites a new way to live based on God’s values: humility, justice, love, sacrifice, simplicity, kindness, and mercy – values they rarely saw when enslaved in Egypt. This Lent, we give thanks to God for the law of love and we pray to grow in this love, and be strengthened in virtue.

### **GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

**GO:** Today’s Gospel reminds me of the time my older son once helped his younger brother understand the rules of a game we were playing. He did so by showing his own cards, which meant he would lose that round. While not done under the same circumstances, or with the same anger with which Jesus cleansed the temple, my older son did what he did for the same reason and with the same effect: love. When Jesus cleansed the temple, he did so out of love: love for God the Father, and love for those being exploited by the marketers. We have an opportunity this Lent to witness to this same love of Christ by putting the needs of others first. Sure, our kids demand our time, energy, and resources. Our spouses and parents sometimes do, too. To follow Christ means to choose to sacrifice for others with love, not simply because it has to be done. Christ infused the world with love through his sacrifice. We have the opportunity to be Christ today when we make our sacrifices out of love.

**ACTIONS:** Read the Ten Commandments this week and imagine God giving you all the wisdom you could ever want in those rules. Think about the chaos those rules have protected you from in your life. Imagine telling your loved ones how to find happiness by following the way God guarantees will lead to joy. (Read John 3:16)

### **BULLETIN BOARD**

**CCHS Drama Club Presentation of Our Town:** The Steubenville Catholic Central Drama Club is very excited to announce the production of the play **Our Town by Thornton Wilder**. There will be four performances in Berkman Theater at CCHS: Thursday, March 11 at 7 pm, Friday March 12 at 7 pm, and Saturday, March 13 at 2 pm and 7 pm. Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Advance tickets purchase through the main office of CCHS is preferred. There will be a very limited amount of tickets available at the door. Seating is extremely limited due to pandemic precautions and health department requirements for seating capacity, so please purchase your tickets early!

### **Thought for the Week:**

*“You may never know that JESUS is all you need,  
until JESUS is all you have.”*

**~ Corrie ten Boom**