

**MASSES FOR MARCH 31 - APRIL 6**

Monday, 31	8:30 am (SF)	<b>Rita Ventolo (<i>Bridget &amp; Mike Cernansky</i>)</b> Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday, 1	8:30 am (SJ)	<b>Darice Fidak (<i>Sisters &amp; Brother</i>)</b> Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday, 2	8:30 am (SF)	<b>For the People</b> Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday, 3	8:30 am (SJ)	<b>Jane Tisch (<i>CWC of Toronto</i>)</b> Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday, 4	8:30 am (SF)	<b>Dick Carter (<i>Tara &amp; Mitch LeMasters</i>)</b> Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, 5	5:00 pm (SF)	<b>Damien Gabis (<i>Greg &amp; Gloria Zamborsky</i>)</b>
Sunday, 6	9:00 am (SJ)	<b>Paula Vanihel (<i>Vanihel Family</i>)</b>
	11:00 am (SF)	<b>Frances &amp; Christine Lamantia (<i>Family</i>)</b> Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Parish School of Religion - 6:00pm (SJH) <b>Confessions - 6:30-7:30pm (SJ)</b>
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross - 6:00pm (SJ)</b> <b>Confessions - Following Stations (SJ)</b>
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	Confessions - 10:30am (SJ) <b>Pirohi &amp; Nut Roll Sales after the 5:00pm Mass (SFH)</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>Pirohi &amp; Nut Roll Sales after both Masses</b> <b>Vespers &amp; Benediction - 6:00 pm (SF)</b> <b>Confessions directly after Vespers</b> <b>Choir Practice directly after Vespers</b>

**As of 03/25/2025:** Trinity West: **Patricia Stiles**; Trinity East; UPMC Veterans Hospital: **Bill Swick** . **Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes.** If a family member is admitted into a hospital, please be sure to contact the parish office so Father may go and visit them.

**Holy Thursday:** The Liturgy for Holy Thursday includes the “Mandatum” that is the washing of the feet. This gesture gives me as pastor the opportunity to remember my responsibility to always be the servant to the people I am asked to serve. There are sign-up sheets at each parish.

**Volunteers Needed:** Without the assistance of a Deacon, we will once again be needing help for the distribution of Holy Communion at the weekend Masses. If you are interested in becoming an Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please let me know. Thanks to those who have already responded. If anyone else is interested, please contact the parish office.

**Thank you:** To all who responded to the request for brick-a-brack and other materials for the Comfort Bear’s and St. Anne’s Society, we are most grateful! Whenever the call is put out, our community is always very generous. Thank you for all the materials that were provided!

**Day of Reflection:** There will be a Day of Reflection and Prayer on the Role of the Holy Spirit in Your Life next Saturday, April 5 from 9:30am-3:00pm at Holy Family Church Malara Hall. Admission is free and open to everyone though pre-registration is requested. Lunch & refreshments will be provided. To register by April 1, email office@coglove.org or call (740) 266-9081. Include your name, how many will be attending and your cell number.



**CHURCH SUPPORT:** St. Francis: Adult: \$1,948.00; Loose: \$121.00; Candles: \$48.00. St. Joseph: Adult: \$1,108.00; Loose: \$130.00; Candles: \$10.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for March 23rd: 5:00pm: 87; 9:00am: 77; 11:00am: 94.**

**MASSES:** For **Br. Dominic Carroll** by Rick & Marian Barker; for **Stella Westlake** by Rock & Marian Barker; Tim & Agie Rock; Ladies from Nut Rolls; Bob & Debbie Petras; Mary Ann Whalen; CWC of Toronto; for **Mary Kay Westlake** by CWC of Toronto; for **Teresa Marker** by Tim & Agie Rock; CWC of Toronto; for **Evelyn Byers, Elizabeth Rogers, Mary Ann Liddick, Rosemond Garnick & Theresa Popp** by the CWC of Toronto.

**MEMORIALS:** To **St. Francis Church** In memory of **Betty Rogers** Bob & Mary Lou Deku; in memory of **Stella Westlake** by Bob & Mary Lou Deku; in memory of **Rosemond Garnick** by Marie Bernabei; to **St. Joseph Church** in memory of **Stella Westlake** by Marie Bernabei; Kent & Tina McGrath; Riggi Family; Margaret Swartzmiller; Marcita Heckathorn; Carol Rogers; Bob & Anita Montgomery; in memory of **Mary Kay Westlake & Damien Gabis** by Bob & Anita Montgomery.

**Deepest Sympathy:** On behalf of the parishioners, I would like express our sympathy to the family of **Antonio McDonald**. Please remember to keep Antonio and his family in your prayers. May God grant Antonio eternal rest and peace.

**Special Pirohi Notice:** We have started selling pirohi at the back of St. Joseph Church following the 9:00 AM Mass. We are hopeful this will make it more convenient for you. Sales at St. Francis Church will continue from the kitchen. All the cabbage and prune pirohi are sold, but there is still plenty of potato pirohi left. Thank you for once again supporting this CWC project.

#### **MINISTERS FOR APRIL 5 & 6, 2025**

**Altar Servers: 5pm:** Hank & Haley Bodnar; **9am:** Carmen, Lincoln, & Royce Abdalla; **11am:** Anthony Mitch, Sylas Trimmer, Luca Provenzano. **Lectors: 5pm:** Sally Wenner; **9am:** Steve Zdinak; **11am:** Mike Cernansky

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE**

We await with anticipation holidays and holiday parties – but do we look forward to the day after? To the cleanup, the back-to-the-grind, the business-as-usual? Jesus' parable in today's Gospel recounts the lavish celebration of the father who rejoices at the homecoming of his wayward son. We rightly recognize in the father's mercy the abundant forgiveness of our heavenly Father. But have we ever considered what happened the next day? The son, accustomed to his independence and dissolute life, is once again in his father's house. He must live according to his father's rules and demonstrate the sincerity of his repentance by faithfully carrying out his duties. There is work to be done – crops to be harvested, perhaps. As the weeks and months pass without another fatted calf for feasting, the son might ask if his father's love has waned. And although we may sympathize with his unease, the certainty of his father's goodness must be, for the prodigal son and for us, the guarantee of his steadfast love.

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

In our relationship with God, we will likely experience moments when our Father's love is keenly felt. Perhaps we will be overwhelmed with peace when we return to him in the sacrament of confession. Perhaps we will be struck by a verse of Scripture during a moment of prayer. But most of our days will look more like the prodigal son's "day after" than the festivities which marked his return. We know, however, that if the weeks that followed were comparatively boring, his father's love had lost none of its warmth or vitality. Similarly, in the days when God seems quiet, when our prayers seem to drift into space or our hearts are distracted with the concerns of everyday life, we must not despair of the Father's love. Nor can we suppose that our happiness can be found outside of his fold. We abide under the care of our Father who lovingly calls us to himself with every circumstance he places before us. To believe this, even when the festivities are over, is to live by faith.

**PRAY:** With so many opportunities for gratification at our fingertips, it is easy to become restless and to seek happiness in distractions. This week, find an image of Jesus or a Scripture verse about God's love and keep it with you as you work, study, or carry out monotonous tasks. When you're tempted to leave your duties aside out of boredom, take a moment instead to praise and thank God for his love.