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#### LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES: SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM & SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM & 8:00 PM



### 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Please contact Candace at 204-453-0933 ext. 281 or candace@stvitalparish.ca for more information.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-6:45pm OR by appointment

#### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Please contact one of our priests at the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

#### **FUNERALS:**

Please contact one of our priests at the parish office prior to making arrangements with the funeral home.

# March 3 2024

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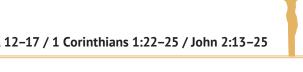
#### **SACRED MUSIC**

Danielle Savard

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 / 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 / John 2:13-25



# **Spring Cleaning Life**

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

hen Jesus cleansed the temple, he cleared it of all the sacrificial animals and foreign coins that cluttered that holy place. He also shifted the focus of where we find God made present—from a building to himself. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). Saint Paul tells us that we, too, are God's temple because the Holy Spirit dwells in us. So it makes sense that Jesus also wants to clear our lives of all that clutters them so that we might grow in his image.

Such decluttering happens when youthful freedom and partying are left behind because we hear some inner call to settle down and contribute to life. It happens when young couples begin to raise a family and trade in sporty cars and fashionable lifestyles for baby furniture and SUVs. It happens in middle age when in the midst of building a life we change the blueprint. The weight of illness will shift our perspectives as well, when worries about life's details turn dispensable because what we once thought was important becomes clutter in need of being cleared out.

None of this comes about because of some user manual for daily living, but rather because we sense an invitation from Jesus to reassess our lives—to join him in clearing out the clutter in order to take care of what is essential. It is a strange sort of wisdom that flows from a source deeper than ourselves. If not for that powerful force of God's Spirit clearing the temples of our lives, we would never become the people God created us to be. •

Reflect

What might be cluttering your life right now?

#### **MASS** SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

4PM † Mary Wirth

(Mr. & Mrs. C.J. Paci)

SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

9AM **Marek Ring** 

(Monika Ring)

WED. MARCH 6TH - FRI. MARCH 8TH

(Delphine Braganza)

† Albert Braganza

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH

7PM

**Masses Cancelled** 

11:30AM † Gerald Cormier

(Doris Cormier)

Please join us for Stations of the Cross

Tuesday evening starting at 6:15pm

8PM Missa Pro Populo

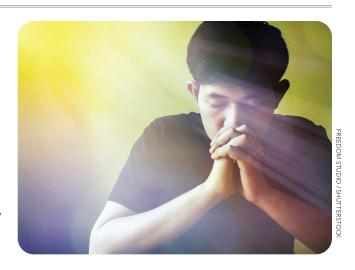
\*\*SPECIAL NOTE\*\*

TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH - Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral beginning at 10:30am. All are welcome.

# Dear Padre,

My thoughts are my worst enemy. Sometimes they turn to lust and anger. When I recognize what I am thinking, I pray to Jesus and Mary, but I still struggle. What else can I do?

When angry and lustful thoughts enter our consciousness, we should say a prayer and turn our mind to something else. Such thoughts become sins only when we deliberately encourage them or when we make plans to commit the sin. The thoughts themselves are temptations, not sins.



Continue to put your trust in Jesus and Mary, and try to focus on what is good and peaceful. You might also consider what you are letting into your thoughts or imagination: What are you watching on TV or the internet? What music are you listening to? What are you reading? Are those helping to shape your thoughts and imagination in a new direction, or are they contributing to the problem?

A good thing to turn your attention to is God's word in Scripture. You might want to memorize all or part of the following New Testament verse: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). Peacefully reflect on these words when troubled by temptation.

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

#### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.



#### ARCHDIOCESE OF WINNIPEG-SOUTH DEANERY LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH: St. Jean Brebeuf 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH: Holy Rosary 10am - noon

1pm - 2:30pm 7:30pm - 9pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH: St. Vital Parish 7pm

9am - 5pm SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH: St. Ignatius

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help 10:30am-noon

Our Lady of Victory 7pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST: St. Gianna's 7pm



## Stewardship of Treasure - Financial Gifts to God Thank you for your stewardship! February 25, 2024

Regular Offertory \$ 9213.59
Parish Debt \$ 210.00

Sharing God's Gifts \$ 80.00 Social Justice \$ 250.55





