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ST. ISIDORE

Roman Catholic Parish

Sunday Bulletin • Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026



At Notre-Dame Cathedral last Sunday at the Rite of Election, the Archbishop called more than 200 adults to formally become catechumens, those who are preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. He also welcomed numerous candidates – those who have been baptized (including those from other Christian communities) who will complete their sacramental initiation by coming into full communion with our Roman Catholic Church and celebrating Confirmation and First Eucharist. The four members of our parish R.C.I.A. group were present with their sponsors and our catechists. It is a reminder that their journey in faith is a blessing to all of us, an encouragement to renew the commitments of our own Baptism. With the Gospel of St. John's account of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well, we begin the process of the Three Scrutinies for our catechumens. These rites, celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, serve to strengthen the Elect in their conversion, purify their hearts, and prepare them for their full initiation. The Scrutinies are not merely prayers of exorcism but profound encounters with Christ, who heals, strengthens, and calls the elect to deeper conversion. They reveal the presence of sin but also affirm God's power to bring freedom and new life. (cf. Archdiocese of Los Angeles – Office for Divine Worship)

In the Bulletins for the first two Sundays of Lent, I presented the teaching of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* on the Lenten disciplines of prayer and fasting. This Sunday, I offer the CCC's comments on almsgiving. God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them. The Church's love for the poor ... is a part of her constant tradition. This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor. Love for the poor is even one of the motives for the duty of working so as to "be able to give to those in need." It extends not only to material poverty but also to the many forms of cultural and religious poverty. Love for the poor is incompatible with immoderate love of riches or their selfish use. Giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God. In its various forms ... *human misery* is the obvious sign of the inherited condition of frailty and need for salvation in which we find ourselves as a consequence of original sin. This misery elicited the compassion of Christ the Saviour, who willingly took it upon himself and identified himself with the least of his brethren. Hence, those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a *preferential love* on the part of the Church which ... has not ceased to work for their relief, defense, and liberation through numerous works of charity. (2443-2448)

Fr. Kevin

O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord

Sunday Readings

Sunday, March 8th – Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17.3-7

Give us water to drink.

Psalms 95

O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord.

Do not harden your hearts!

Romans 5.1-2, 5-8

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 4.5-42

The water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

Liturgies

Saturday, March 7th - Third Sunday of Lent

3:00 – 3:45 pm Confessions

4:30 pm + Fred Bowie by his Brother Knights of St. Isidore Parish

For a special intention by a parishioner

Sunday, March 8th - Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 am For the intentions of the living and deceased members of St. Isidore Parish

11:00 am + Larry Custance by Carolyn Pauliuk

Tuesday, March 10th

9:00 am + Leon Choffin by Mary Jane Donohue

Wednesday, March 11th

9:00 am Private Intention

Thursday, March 12th

9:00 am No requested Intention

7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, March 13th

9:00 – 9:45 am Confessions

10:00 am + Ida and Philippe St. Denis by Jacques and Jane St. Denis

6:30 – 7:30 pm Confessions

7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

Parish Announcements

❖ Come, Holy Spirit - Prayers for our Confirmandi

Please keep our **61 Confirmation candidates** in your prayers as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit! **Bishop Yvan Mathieu** will join us to celebrate the Mass of Confirmation on **Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 pm**, just three days before Pentecost Sunday. Because of the large number of candidates this year, please be aware that **attendance at this Mass will be limited** to candidates and their families to ensure there is room for

everyone. We thank you for your understanding and for your continued spiritual support of our youth.

LENTEN FRIDAYS

o **6:00 pm – Soup** offered by the CWL
(freewill offering for the West Carleton Food Cupboard)

o **6:30 to 7:30 pm – Confessions**

o **7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross**

❖ **Daylight Savings Time starts this Sunday, March 8th.** Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour to "Spring Forward" on Saturday evening, March 7th ... or you could be one hour late for Sunday Mass!



❖ **Easter Flower Offering Envelopes** are available in the pews. **The names of deceased loved ones will be displayed at the Welcome Centre on the monitor.** The last day for the collection of these envelopes is next Sunday, March 15th.

❖ Stay cozy this winter with an inspiring book! We still have free copies of Matthew Kelly's "**Rediscover the Saints**" and "**The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic**", as well as Christopher West's "**Theology of the body**" available for pickup in the vestibule. Grab one today and enjoy some spiritual reading at home.

❖ **Serve your parish: Finance Council Secretary**
We are seeking a volunteer to assist in the preparation of meeting agendas and to record minutes at our meetings. If you are organized and wish to help our parish in this vital role, please contact **Fr. Kevin** or the Council Chair, **Christian Kratchanov**.

❖ **Shamrocks are available** in the vestibule in support of **the residents of Saint Patrick's Home**. A freewill offering would be much appreciated. All proceeds from the sale of the shamrocks go to support the pastoral ministry and social activities of the residents. Last year, \$7,000.00 were raised thanks to many parishioners and parishes.

❖ **Lenten Time of Confessions**
In addition to the Confession schedule above, our parish is holding a time of Lenten Reconciliation, where a number of priests will be available to hear Confessions. Come alone, or as a family on **Saturday, March 21st, between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon**.

❖ **Would you like to share your Gifts of Time and Talent?**
Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering in one of the Ministries below. Our Ministry leads will contact you. You may call Antonella at (613) 592-1961 ext. 1 or fill in this [form](#).

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