

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish

Pastor: Fr. Ramon Jose Oncog JCL



### Confession Schedule:

Saturday (4:00 – 4:45 PM) & Sunday (5:00 – 5:45 PM) or call for appointment

### PARISH UPDATE 03/09/2025

I was so happy at the huge turnout during the Ash Wednesday Mass. We have certainly begun the Lenten season for this jubilee year in the right way. May we remain faithful so as to receive the blessings God has reserved for us during this special season of grace..... Those who came for the Mass on Ash Wednesday might have noticed the irony. We were obliged to fast on that day and we have ashes imposed on our foreheads, meanwhile the day's Gospel speaks of not trying to show we are fasting. What are we to make of this? Well, we recall that in the Old Testament peoples would publicly do penance for their sins and put on sackcloth and ashes on their heads. An instance that comes to mind is the case of the Ninevites who did penance upon hearing the preaching of Jonah. Also, our elder brethren in the faith – the Jewish people – have communal days of fasting, like on the Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur..... So, for us Catholics, we have public days of penance – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days, we abstain and fast together publicly as a believing community. But, it does not mean that these are the only days that we should fast! We should fast many times and individually during the entire season of Lent. Traditionally, one may fast every Wednesday (because it was the day Judas betrayed our Lord which points to our own acts of betrayal) and Friday (the day our Lord died for the forgiveness of our sins). On these days of individual fasting and penance, our acts of penance should be "done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."..... I encourage individual families in our parish to do these secret fasting and abstinence, like no dessert on Wednesdays and no meat on Fridays. On the other hand, fasting is not limited to food. Members of families may encourage each other to deactivate from social media for the entire Lent. Or, families may give up movie nights. Or, movies are limited to those with religious themes (e.g., an entire season of The Chosen)..... March 19 is the Feast of St. Joseph the Husband of Mary. I am calling all Catholic husbands and fathers in our parish to start a novena tomorrow, March 10, until March 18 in his honour. Think of a specific special intention concerning your respective families and ask for his intercession. You may download the free app Laudate, click Prayers, click St Joseph intercessory..... At last, we are feeling more of the jubilee vibe in our church! You might have noticed the jubilee banner on the sanctuary wall. It's a bit expensive to order here in Canada, so we are very grateful to Fr. Peter Le, the pastor of St. Claude Parish, for having these banners made in Vietnam during his holiday and gifted each parish in the Mountain Deanery.

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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY

Mar 08 // 5PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### SUNDAY (First Sunday of Lent)

Mar 09 // 11AM- For the intentions of all parishioners

Mar 09 // 6PM- Misa en Español (Mass in Spanish)

### MONDAY

Mar 10 // No Mass

### TUESDAY

Mar 11 // 7PM - For the intentions of all parishioners

### WEDNESDAY

Mar 12 // 7PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### THURSDAY

Mar 13 // 7PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### FRIDAY

Mar 14 // 10AM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### SATURDAY

Mar 15 // 5PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### SUNDAY (Second Sunday of Lent)

Mar 16 // 11AM- For the intentions of all parishioners

Mar 16 // 6PM- For the intentions of all parishioners

### UPCOMING EVENTS\*

- ◆ Feast of St. Joseph- March 19th
- ◆ Children's Rosary and Mass- April 5th//4:30PM
- ◆ Misa en Español (Mass in Spanish)- April 13th//6PM
- ◆ Registration deadline for Adult Confirmation- April 27th
- ◆ Registration deadline for Mass Wedding- April 27th
- ◆ Adult Confirmation- June 29th

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Please submit Mass Intentions and Announcements by Friday noon for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.
- ◆ Join our 1st Music Workshop on March 15th, 9AM-4PM. Pre-register for \$5; bring a dish for lunch. Please contact Kitin Cayona or Jewel White.
- ◆ "Come Alive 2025 Youth Conference" on Saturday, May 10, at St. Timothy's Parish. Please check the bulletin board for more information.

### Answers of 03/02/2025

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### ◆ Weekly Bible Quiz

1. Who led Jesus into the wilderness? (Luke 4:1-13)  
a. Holy Spirit b. An angel c. John the Baptist d. His Disciples
2. How long did Jesus fast in the wilderness? (Luke 4:1-13)  
a. 10 Days b. 20 Days c. 30 Days d. 40 Days

### THE TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS



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