

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of

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### MASS INTENTIONS Mar 18, 2023 to Mar 26, 2023

#### SATURDAY, Mar 18, 2023

5:00 p.m. MASS in Morden- the eternal repose of Restituto & Analie Gomez – req. Arlene Cobben

#### SUNDAY, Mar 19, 2023 -

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

11:00 a.m. MASS in Morden -The intentions of all parishioners

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden - the intentions of all parishioners

#### MONDAY, Mar 20, 2023

7:00 p.m. Mass in Morden - NO MASS

#### TUESDAY, Mar 21, 2023

7:00 p.m. Mass in Morden - The intentions of all parishioners

#### WEDNESDAY, Mar 22, 2023

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden - The intentions of all parishioners

#### THURSDAY, Mar 23, 2023

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden- The intentions of all parishioners

#### FRIDAY, Mar 24, 2023

10:00 a.m. Mass in Morden- The intentions of all parishioners

#### SATURDAY, Mar 25, 2023

5:00 p.m. MASS in Morden- the eternal repose of Joan Bolzan - req. Gaston & Judy Sanders

#### SUNDAY, Mar 26, 2023 -

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

11:00 a.m. MASS in Morden- the intentions of all parishioners

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden- the intentions of all parishioners

### **Father Ramon** **The Shepherds walking stick**

#### **PARISH UPDATE 03/19/2023 –**

Last week, I have discussed the need of going to Confession during this Lent and also I appealed you to render material / financial support to the parish. Come to think of it, these are two of the five precepts of the Church which are namely: (a) to attend Mass during Sunday and holy days of obligation, (b) to confess one's sins at least once a year, (c) to receive Holy Communion at least once during Easter season – i.e. from Palm Sunday to Trinity Sunday, (d) to observe the days of fasting and abstinence, and (e) to help provide for the needs of the Church..... What are precepts of the Church? How do they differ from the (Ten) Commandments? Well, the latter are revealed by God himself and handed down through the Scriptures. Precepts, on the other hand, are rules authored by the Church, who continues Christ's ministry here on earth, in order to teach us about the minimum needed to grow in prayer and love towards God and neighbour. For example, one of the Ten Commandments is: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. How do we do that? The precept of the Church says that we keep holy the Sabbath day by attending Mass during Sunday and days of obligation. Take note that while it is an obligation to attend Mass every Sunday and days of obligation, it is NOT required to receive holy communion every time. Holy Communion is required only once a year. This is so in order that no one is compelled to receive the Eucharist while in the state of unconfessed mortal sin..... As I have said, these precepts provides the minimum in our spiritual life. Doing them means one is on the right track. Of course, it would be great if one comes to Mass not just on Sundays but also once during the weekdays and receive holy communion every time, and go to Confession regularly, like once every 2-3 months. On the other hand, if one fails to comply to any of these minimum in the Christian life, then that means one has a long way to go in one's spiritual life.

### **PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN THE MOUNTAIN DEANERY**

**Notre-Dame-de-la-Nativité Parish (Somerset)** -  
March 22 (Wednesday) @ 7:30 PM (NB - The Penitential Service is part of the Lenten Retreat "Baptized:Therefore Disciple")

**St. John Berchman's Parish (Holland)** -  
March 24 (Friday) @ 7:30 PM

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish (Carman)** -  
March 28 (Tuesday) @ 7:00 PM

**St. John the Evangelist Parish (Morden)** -  
March 30 (Thursday) @ 7:00 PM

### **PARISH STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2022**

Baptisms - 23  
Confirmation - 0  
Matrimony - 1  
Funerals - 3

### **INVITATION**

His Grace Archbishop Albert LeGatt is inviting two pairs of grandparents as representatives from our parish to the Chrism Mass and the banquet preceding it. If you are interested, kindly contact Fr. Ramon not later than March 26.

The banquet will take place at 5:30 PM on April 4 (Holy Tuesday) in the cathedral parish hall and followed by the Chrism Mass at 7:30 PM

### **March 19, 2023 - 4th Sunday of Lent**

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 SAMUEL 16:7  
How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

### **Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis** **Prayer Intention for March, 2023**

For victims of abuse – We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

*"Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."*

*-Ven. Fulton Sheen*

**Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish....**

(Please call 204-822-5240 if someone should be included or removed. Thanks!)