

# First Sunday of Lent

## March 9, 2025

### Immaculate Conception

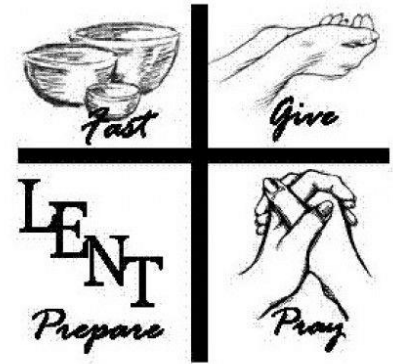
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#### MASS TIMES: Mar. & Apr.

**Major** Saturday 5 p.m.  
 Dodslan Saturday 7:30 p.m.  
 Luseland Sunday 9 a.m.  
 Kerrobert Sunday 11 a.m.

**Collection: \$520**

Date	Reader	Offertory
<b>March 5, Ash Wed</b>	Vicki	T. Parkin
<b>March 8, (Sat.) 5 pm</b>	Darren	T & M Richelhoff
<b>March 15, (Sat.) 5 pm</b>	Ray	M Scherr
<b>March 29, (Sat.) 5 pm</b>	Aimée	G & S Stang
<b>April 5, (Sat.) 5 pm</b>	Sharon	S & A Stang

#### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

Luke's account of the temptations follows right after the genealogy, which concludes "son of Adam, son of God." Adam, who was also God's son and was tempted in the garden, failed the test. Jesus, the son of God, was tempted in the wilderness, and passed the test. This sets up an interesting parallel between two contrasting ways of responding to "divine provenance."

1. How do the three temptations connect with the three ways the church invites us to observe Lent: fasting, almsgiving and prayer?
2. How do the temptations Jesus faced manifest themselves in our world today?
3. Which of these temptations plague you the most?

#### LENTEN RECONCILIATION TIMES

DATE	PLACE & TIME	DATE	PLACE & TIME
March 27 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs.	Unity – 7 pm	<b>April 9<sup>th</sup> – Wed.</b>	<b>Major – 7 pm</b>
April 1 <sup>st</sup> – Tues.	Kerrobert – 7 pm	April 9 <sup>th</sup> – Wed.	Biggar – 7 pm
April 8 <sup>th</sup> – Tues.	Luseland – 5 pm	April 10 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs.	Denzil – 7 pm
April 8 <sup>th</sup> – Tues.	Wilkie – 7 pm	April 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri.	Macklin – 7 pm

#### MESSAGE FROM DIOCESE OF SASKATOON CATHOLIC FOUNDATION –

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#### MAJOR CWL FEES

Our annual dues are once again owing. This year the CWL fees are \$40.50. We will accept either a cheque to Aimée or Blanche or we do accept e-transfer to [majorcwl@yahoo.com](mailto:majorcwl@yahoo.com). Thank you for continuing support of our local CWL.

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

"I Made You Wonderful" (Psalm 139: 1-18) - The World Day of Prayer national online World Day of Prayer service at 12 p.m. on Saturday, March 15 led by members of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. To register for the online event on March 15, please go to <https://wdpcanada.ca/get-involved/events/>.

## **SURRENDER**

A Diocesan Lenten Retreat with Fr. Gerard Cooper will be held 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. Register at:

<https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/lentenretreat2025> -- cost is \$30 (includes lunch.)

"Surrender" invites participants to embark on a profound Lenten journey of letting go and trusting in God's will. Release your burdens, fears, and doubts as you draw closer to the heart of Christ! Through powerful teachings, prayerful reflection, and worship, "Surrender" will provide a sacred space to encounter God's grace in a transformative way. This retreat offers an opportunity to deepen your faith, and prepare your heart for the joy of Easter.

## **JOURNEY THROUGH LENT**

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is again offering a "Journey Through Lent" video series to provide spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season. This year's presenters are Most Rev. Michel Proulx, O.Praem., Bishop of Bathurst (in French), and Most Rev. Gary Franken, Bishop of St. Paul (in English). The first videos are now available on the CCCB website:

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/journey-through-lent-video-series-weekly-reflections-for-the-lenten-season-2>

In French: <https://www.cecc.ca/annonce/serie-video-cheminer-ensemble-durant-le-temps-du-careme-reflexions-hebdomadaires-pour-le-temps-du-careme>

## **DIOCESAN SPRING CONGRESS –**

Celebrating Excellent Liturgy March 12-13. Spring Congress 2025 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon is focused on the diocesan Pastoral Plan priority of "Making Every Sunday Matter – Celebrating Excellent Liturgy. Spring Congress includes a clergy-only day 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12 and a public day 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13 for clergy, staff, parish ministry leaders, and all those interested. Both days will open with a video presentation by Abbott Jeremy Driscoll, OSB, entitled "Source and Summit" Register online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/241715853687266>. Cost is \$25 per day in-person (includes lunch) or \$10 per day for Zoom. A free evening session will also be held 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13 on "Liturgical and Sacramental Ministries and Music and Singing at the Liturgy" with refreshments served at 5 p.m.

## **CALLED AND GIFTED**

Explore what gifts the Holy Spirit has given you! A Called and Gifted introductory workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22, presented by the Cathedral of the Holy Family and open to all those interested. Cost is \$80. Find online registration at:

<https://form.jotform.com/250085439325255>. The Called and Gifted discernment process from the Catherine of Siena Institute begins with an introductory workshop. God has distributed His gifts in accordance with the purpose and plan He has for each one of us to share in the building up of His Kingdom and His people. Whether in our homes, parishes or workplaces, these gifts (charisms) are indispensable to our accomplishing God's purposes. For more information about Called and Gifted see <https://rcdos.ca/called-and-gifted> (Called and Gifted is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)

## **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Holy Spirit, lead us, please, to Christ's desert. Speak straight into our hearts. Be our one nourishment. Source of all energy. Fill us with your love. Help us to resist racism, eco-injustice, and our disinterest in others. Instead, let us always bring good news to the poor, as you did with Jesus. AMEN

## **WORDS OF WISDOM**

1. Say something positive as early as possible every day.
2. Believe in miracles, but don't depend on them.
3. Regardless of the situation, remember that nothing is ever lost by courtesy.
4. Never open the refrigerator when you're bored.
5. Fill out expense reports the day you return from your trip.
6. Be thankful you were born in this great country.