

The Catholic Community of Bradford

Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025

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Pastor

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St. Bernard of Clairvaux



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

LENTEN SCHEDULE FOR DAILY MASSES

Divine Mercy Chapel: Saturday at 9:00 am
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 9:00 am
St. Bernard Church: Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday at 12:10 pm

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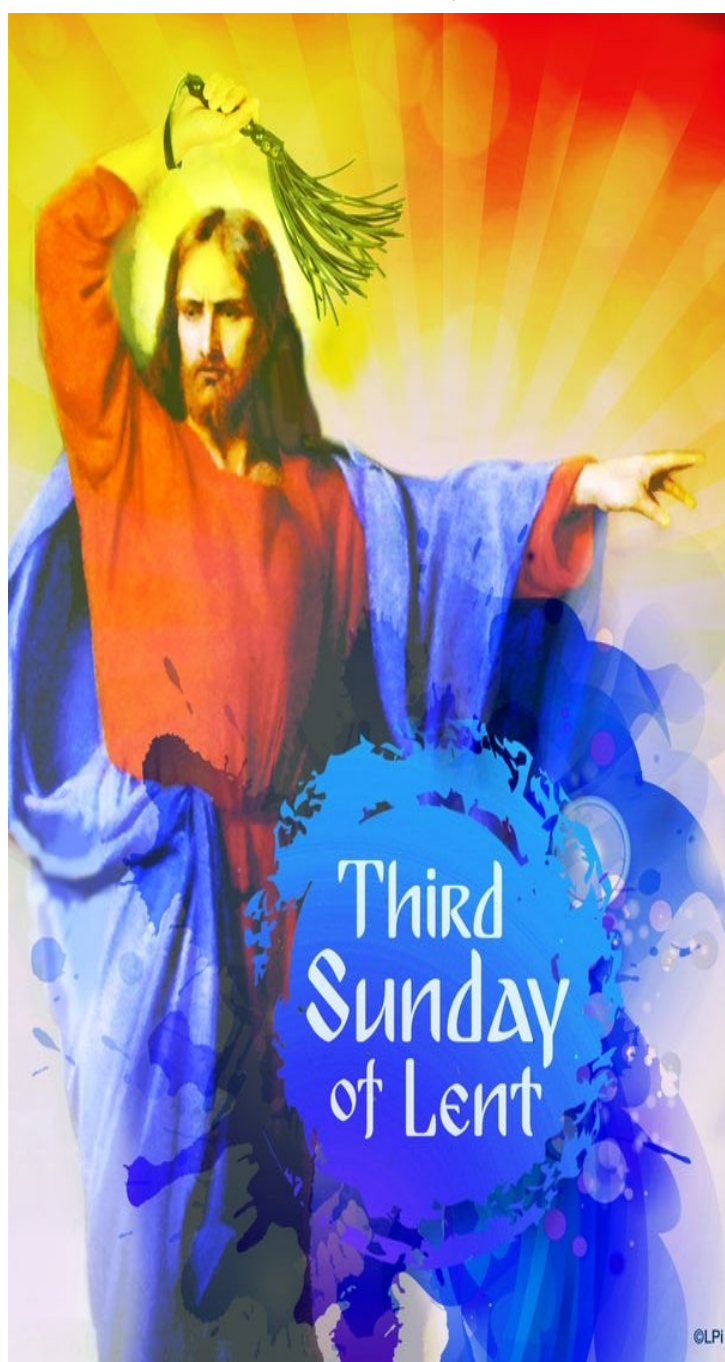
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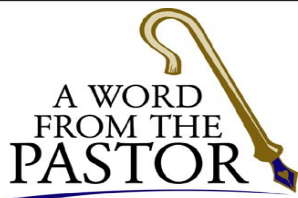
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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM

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St Bernard of Clairvaux, Bradford PA





On March 11th, we priests gathered for our Lenten Day of Recollection near Titusville. The day dealt with the theological background and pastoral responses to various levels of evil that afflict the lives of people. Our presenters were careful to distinguish between temptations (on the heels of reflections on Jesus’ struggles in the desert) and various kinds of issues such as obsessions, oppressions, and possessions. We were reminded that these are real things and the Church has ministry to deal with these.

Of course, there are sensationalized versions (especially in media). Movies such as “The Exorcist” or “The Exorcism of Emily Rose” have a few true elements, but are largely exaggerations for dramatic effect.

The Diocese has organized a Center for Spiritual Healing, which includes a couple of priests, a psychiatric therapist, a deacon, and some other Catholic “prayer warriors” in order to methodically investigate and therapeutically address some of these issues.

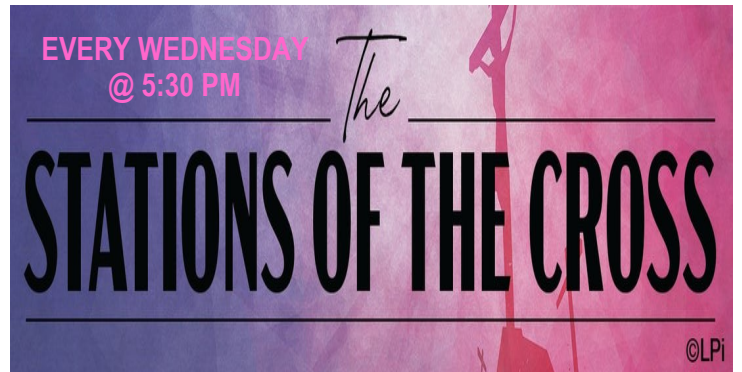
Temptations, the most common (ordinary) form we all experience is the kind of state where we are lead, by our own free will, to endanger our spiritual life and even our salvation. Our weaknesses are exploited by evil spirits all the time. As an example, our Protection of Youth office set up decades ago, set up strategies to counter the evil that had been perpetrated.

Fr Anthony Baetzold, a Capuchin Franciscan who now works out of Columbus, OH, joined Fr Chris Singer, our Chancellor, since he (Fr Baetzold) had a lot of experience in this deliverance ministry in several places. Sometimes, the simplest thing is to counter the struggles with which a person deals with some “good news,” meaning the Gospel and other blessings we experience. These priests unpacked the stories of Jesus’ temptation, and the confrontation between Jesus and the demon-possessed man among the tombs in the land of the Gerasene’s. This story is found in Mark’s Gospel, chapter 5.

I learned more about angels (the good ones and the fallen ones) than I had ever been taught before. I did not expect much from this particular “day,” but was quite pleasantly surprised at the expertise and efforts underway to help free our part of the world from sin and evil. *Fr John*



MARCH 24-30—This week, we focus on giving. Lent calls us to almsgiving—not just in money, but in time, kindness and love. Every act of generosity is a reflection of God’s love for us. During this Lenten journey together, I invite you to find one way to give this week—help a neighbor, donate to a cause or simply offer a kind word. How will you be the hands and feet of Christ today?



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: Thursday, April 10th @ 6:30 - Ritchie Hall
Widow's Group: TBA
K of C #403 : Tuesday, April 8th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, May 7th @ 11:00 am
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, April 15th @ 6:00 pm
Finance Council: TBA
SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, April 9th @ 11:00 am
Liturgy Committee: TBA
Catholic Women's Club: Sunday, April 13th, Meeting @ 11 am followed by Easter Bag Project with REP @12:10 pm



The Catholic Women's Club is again collecting items for Easter bags for our shut-ins. Items like crackers, candy and cookies in individual packages, small tissue packets, nail files, and other small items are needed. Please include only new or unopened items. The REP students (Grades 1-5) will help to pack the treats into gift bags on Sunday, April 13th at 12:15pm in Gallina Hall, for delivery just before Easter. Please drop items off at the parish office by April 10th. **Please no nuts or caramels.** Thank you!

2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico

Mark Your Calendars for the 2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration. This years celebrations will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2025 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie, 2:00 pm and Sunday, August 24, 2025 at St. Tobias, Brockway, **3:00 pm**. More information will be coming shortly as will the registration form. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful sacrament with you in August 2025. Mark Your Calendars!

PARENTING POINTERS March 21 is Single Parent Day.

Single parents do double duty. It's hard but it's not impossible. Your children will eventually appreciate your sacrifices. If you're not a single parent, find one and give them a break.



We are offering the Gift Card (SCRIP) program again. Order Forms are available in the back of the church. A percentage of gift card sales goes directly back to the church. This is a great way to give back! **Orders are due by Friday, April 4th.** Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office.



The Bradford Council #403 of the Knights of Columbus
www.koc403.com

Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office. **Please Note: Next meeting on April 8th** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.



GRADES 6-9 will meet in Gallina Hall on Sunday, March 23rd at 5:45 pm. **First Reconciliation for 2nd Grade will be on Sunday, March 30th in the Divine Mercy Chapel at 11:15 am.** Information will be coming home soon.
NOTE: All students taking home Rice Bowls, please place them in the offertory basket during Holy Week.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: What is the name of the commemorative, prayerful "walk" that Catholics take part in to retrace Christ's journey to Calvary?

Answer: The Stations of the Cross.

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MARRIAGE MOMENT "Agree to disagree. Typical couples have 10 irreconcilable differences. When one of those comes up, you won't have to repeat an old argument." (Trudy Costa) Choose one difference to make peace with today.

RICE BOWL LOCAL—Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Through a recognition of the world’s needs and a personal commitment to act, we give alms. Through CRS Rice Bowl, Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for our neighbors by supporting the Kane Area Food Pantry, the Christian Community Food Bank, the Saint Joseph Soup Kitchen, the Friendship Table, Destinations Bradford Community Outreach, and our sisters and brothers around the world.

CRS Rice Bowl - In Santa María Chiquimula, Guatemala, over half the community is affected by malnutrition. Amid rising food prices and job loss, Ana Belén and her husband were struggling to provide for their growing family. But they saw a ray of hope through their participation in a Catholic Relief Services’ program that helps them ensure their children are healthy and have the nutrition they need to thrive and play. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-3 to read this week’s Story of Hope.



Rice Bowl envelopes are in your offering envelope packets or you can mark “Rice Bowl Donation” on a plain envelope any time during Lent. There are also Rice Bowls at the Church entrances.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not meet his expectations. In families, there are those who don’t live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and support. Don’t cut them out of your life. Love calls us to be connected, not just productive.



THE CHURCH VOLUNTEER CLEANING CREW will be meeting on Saturday, April 12th and Saturday, April 19th at 9:30 am to ensure the Church is ready for the Holy Week and Easter services. If you would like to help please meet at the Church on those days and times. You can also reach out to Craig Cuthbertson at 814-558-1785.

Say Yes!
to the tenth annual

1:38 WOMEN’S CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

PLACE: ST. JUDE PARISH, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie
TIME: 8:00 AM -1:00 PM
REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS:
8:00 - 8:45 AM in the Church
COST: \$25
College students, High school students & Religious - FREE!
Conference Includes: Two talks, Adoration, Confession,
Mass, Basket Raffle, Book/Media Sales, and 1:38 Women attire for sale.
ATTENDANCE: Live in-person, Live-streamed to a satellite parish or your home



Danielle Bean
Danielle is a Catholic writer and speaker. She helps women to know their dignity and worth so they can find peace, balance, and joy in faith and family living.



Sister Mary Gabriel, SV
Sister Mary Gabriel is a member of the Sisters of Life, a religious community dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of human life.

MORE INFO
www.138women.com or 814-455-7364
ALL FAITHS WELCOME!



Just Two More Weeks Until 1:38 Women—Register Now!

Join women from across the Diocese of Erie and beyond for the 10th Annual 1:38 Women’s Conference. This day of inspiration and spiritual growth, open to women of all faiths, will feature national speakers – Danielle Bean and Sr. Mary Gabriel, SV. The 10th Annual 1:38 Women’s conference will be held on Saturday, April 5th, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and you may attend as follows:

1. Live in-person at St. Jude Church in Erie.
2. Live-streamed to hosting parishes: participating parishes are listed on the website at www.138women.com.
3. Live-streamed to your home.

Don’t miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring talks and opportunities for prayer, Reconciliation, and Mass. All you need to have is an open heart!

The conference is just \$25. For more information and to register, visit www.138women.com or call (814) 455-7364.

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation Opportunities this Lent



- [Saturdays after 9 am Mass](#) in the Divine Mercy Chapel
- [Saturdays before the 4 pm Mass](#) in the church from 3 pm to 3:45 pm.
- [Thursday, April 3rd](#) starting @ 4:30 pm in the church
- [Sunday, April 6th](#) Fr Ed and Fr John will both be in the church from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm



WELCOME

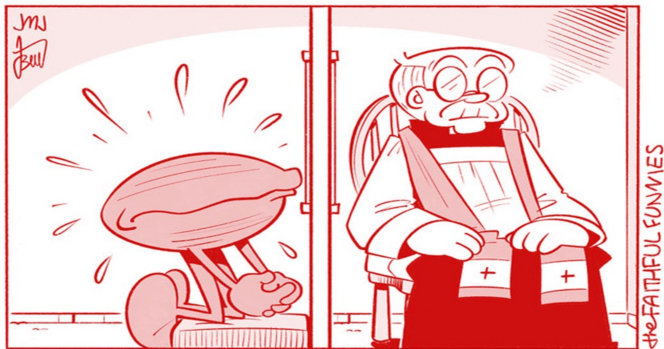
March 13, 2025

Mattie Elizabeth Monago

March 16, 2025

Isabelle Lenora Cox

"Why did the clam go to confession?"



"Because he had been shellfish."



Lent is a penitential season. It is a time for us to be sorry for our many faults against God and to repent and amend to do better. The way we best do this is by going to the Sacrament of Confession where we receive forgiveness for our sins.

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St. Bernard Church Fish Fry



St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of Tim Newhouse



MAMA JANE'S EATERY PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

March 16.....\$ 6,890

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414

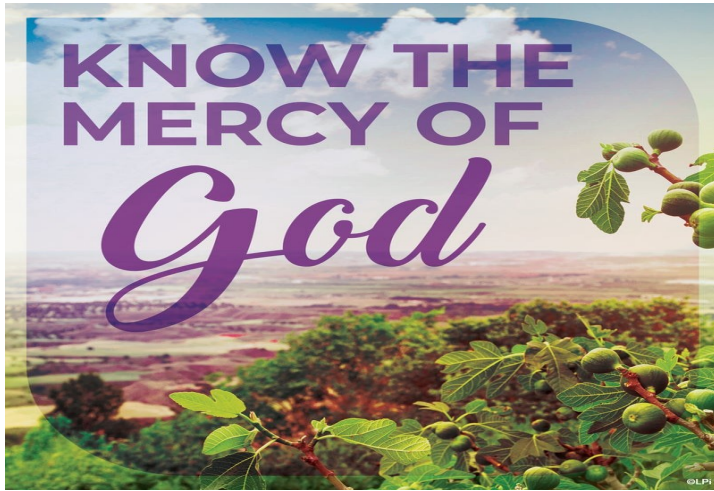
2025 CSA Collected \$ 25,521

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CSA PLEDGES IN BY MARCH 23RD. THANK YOU!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Prayer of Lent

Dear God, As I fast, may Your presence be my sustenance. As I pray, continue to reveal Yourself to me. As I give to others, may I know You even more deeply. Amen. ©LPI



PASTORAL STAFF:

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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM:

You Tube, St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford

WEBSITE: <https://stbernardcatholic.org/>

FACEBOOK: St Bernard of Clairvaux - Bradford Pa

MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 2394
 Bradford, PA 16701

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm
 Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*
 Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

CONFESSIONS:

St. Bernard — Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45 pm before 4:00 pm mass; Thursday before First Friday from 4:30 to 5 pm; After 9 am mass on Saturdays.
 Private appointments may be made by calling the **Parish Office 362-6825.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)

REP Coordinator: Kim VanHorn

Students not attending Catholic school should be enrolled in REP programs. The Bradford Catholic Community Religious Education program is Grades 1—5 & Grades 6—9 (Confirmation). Please call the parish office for more information.

Nursery Program The former Nursery Program is now a Kid’s Liturgy Program. During the 10 am Mass, during the Liturgy of the Word, volunteers will take the kids, ages 3-6, for a mini lesson. The lesson will be held in a small room off the Sacristy. They’ll return to the pews during the Presentation of the Gifts. We are excited for this new format!



BULLETIN INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING BY NOON ON FRIDAY 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO BULLETIN DATE.

MEMBERSHIP: All Baptized Catholics should be registered, practicing and supporting members of a Parish. Only properly registered members appear on our parish list and are eligible to receive the benefits of parish membership for sacraments. Each parishioner is called upon to practice good stewardship of time, talent and treasure. If you are not currently receiving envelopes, you may not be registered. Call the Parish Office - we would love to meet you!

MARRIAGE: Couples need to contact a priest *at least six months before their wedding.* Registered and active participation needs to be considered before marriage.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: We welcome all inquiries about the Catholic faith. This **RCIA** process begins in the fall of the year. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office to request the Sacrament of the Sick for family members who are seriously ill. Communion for the sick is taken to the hospital, nursing homes, and the home-bound on a regular basis.

BAPTISM: Both parents must attend the Pre-Baptism Preparation Program. Please call the St. Bernard Parish Office for dates and times of upcoming class. Baptisms are scheduled after completing the program. Call the Parish Office to schedule the class and baptism. Godparents must be at least 16, confirmed and active, registered members of their parish.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Liturgical

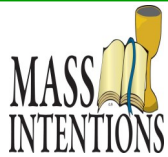
Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Organist St. Bernard	Rita Bennardi
	Michael Hicks
Resurrection Choir	Joan Raabe
God’s Housekeepers	Parish Office
Liturgy	Fr. John B Jacquel

Parish Community

Pastoral Council	Craig Cuthbertson
Catholic Women’s Club	Joan Yohe
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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WEEK OF MARCH 24TH—MARCH 30TH
 See Cover of Bulletin for Daily & Weekend
 Mass Schedule During Lent

Monday, March 24th

SBC 9:00 am Trudie Luke (Family)
 SB 12:10 pm Millie & Andy Pehonsky (Patricia Kelly)

Tuesday, March 25th

SBC 9:00 am Jamie Ann Pascarella Giordano (Family)

Wednesday, March 26th

SB 12:10 pm Sue Larson Emery (Steven & Anne Campogiani)
 SB 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 27th

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners
 SB 12:10 pm Colette Eddy (BCCHS Class of 1967)

Friday, March 28th

SB 12:10 pm Virginia Carloni (Carloni Family)

Saturday, March 29th

SBC 9:00 am George Schaming (Joyce Schaming)
 SB 4:00 pm Pat & Mike Pehonsky (Family)

Sunday, March 30th

SB 8:00 am Theresa Cummins (Family)
 SB 10:00 am Edward Harris (Cheryl McPherson)
 SB 11:30 am Henry & Rose Vecellio (Family)

*Weekly confessions: Saturdays after 9 am Mass and
 3:00 to 3:45 pm before 4 pm Mass.*



MARCH 29TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

Lector: Jean Truman
EM: Tammy Black **CUP:** Chris Pehonsky/Peggy Johnson
Servers: Bella & Giana Davidson

MARCH 30TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

Lector: Carla Manion
EM: Deb Soyke **CUP:** Joan Yohe/Patty Colosimo
Server: David Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

Lector: Andy Kearns
EM: Teri Everett **CUP:** Gloria Scarano/Kim Racine
Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**

St. Bernard 11:30 am

Lector: Craig Cuthbertson
EM: Charlotte Cuthbertson **CUP:** Sue Lee/Carol Vinca
Server: Dan Cuthbertson

The kingdom of God is at hand



*Please pray for those who are sick
 or suffering*

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Mary Beth Behan, Nancy Black, Theresa Bond, Sue Bradley, Nancy Bukowski, Tim Burris, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Charlotte Cuthbertson, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Pat Geary, Kate Geils, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Shirley Lerch, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Harold Little, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandy Rhodes, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Philip Weese & Family, Rick Wheaton, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat. *May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.*

Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19



Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-3