

# Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. March 5 - Second Sunday of Lent  
9:30am - Joseph Locke by Miriam Locke

Sun. March 12- Third Sunday of Lent  
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## WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

### Readings for the week of March 5, 2023

Sun. Mar. 5 - Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Mon. Mar. 6 - Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tues. Mar 7 - Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wed. Mar. 8 - Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thurs. Mar 9 - Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Fri. Mar. 10 - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat. Mar 11 - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun. Mar 12 - Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

### Observances for the week of March 5, 2023

Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. John of God, Religious

Thursday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

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### Lector Schedule for March

#### 8:00am Mass - Lectionary Readings & Prayer of the Faithful

March 5 - Pat Howling

March 2 - Barbara Smith

March 19 - Pat Dyer

March 26 - Andre Allen

#### 9:30am Mass - Lectionary Readings

March 5 - Laurie Alford

March 12 - Carol Cole

March. 19 - Lurita Boyd

March. 26 - Alice Bragg

We encourage our parishioners to continue to be aware that COVID is still prevalent. Please be careful and take all precautions.



*Fr. Joe's Corner*

Good Morning, St. Lawrence & S. Martin de Porres,

I am writing this to you on Wednesday morning, before I head off to Niagara University for a full day conference on how to be a more effective pastor. It's mandatory for the new pastors of families. Go figure!!

I hope by the time you read this that my housing issue has been resolved. It's been very stressful not knowing what the Bishop's final decision will be in terms of where I can live. I really want to get moving with the family planning, which takes several months. When I see you all this weekend at the four Masses, I will share with you all the news that I have learned.

Please remember in your prayers all of our families who have had tragedies and heartaches over the last several weeks. Grief is so random, and it has no schedule. It has a will of its own. We lift up in prayer those who have lost a loved one recently, or who are preparing to say goodbye to a loved one.

I cannot thank you enough for all of your support these past six months at St. Martin de Porres and this past month at St. Lawrence. I also look forward with Blessed Trinity and Ss. Columba-Brigid, and my two brother priests who are doing their fine ministry there.

Have a blessed and peaceful week!

God's love, and mine,

*Father Joe,*

### March is Women's History Month

Today the Women's Guild of St. Martin de Porres is presenting Mrs. Ella E. Robinson with an "Angel of Music Ministry Certificate" honoring her contributions to our church and community.

Parish Financial Information		
February 2023		
	Collection	Martin's Future
Feb. 5, 2023	\$2,991.00	\$1,130.00
Feb 12, 2023	\$2,135.00	\$395.00
Feb. 19, 2023	\$2,597.00	\$460.00
Feb. 26, 2023	\$1,812.00	\$555.00
Feb E-Giving	\$1795.00	
Other Revenue	\$3,300.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$14,630.00</b>	<b>\$2,540.00</b>
Diocese Collections	\$135.00	
Total Revenue for February (Regular Collection & Martin's Future) \$17,170.00		
Total Expenses for February <u>\$17,632.46</u> ( \$ 462.46)		

**Special Intentions Prayer for Our Parish**

- ◆ Our Deceased Members
- ◆ Our 1st Responders, Health Care Workers
- ◆ Our Military Personnel
- ◆ All those in need of our prayers especially our sick & shut-ins :

Alice Bragg, Myrna Draper, Richard Ersing, Shirley Hargro, Sal & Sarah Howard, Susan Hutchins, LaEster Jones, Karl Magby, Mary Magby, Jewel Marshall, Daysi McGill Crespo, Thomasina McDougald, Renee Mills, Ernestine Morrell, Vanessa Newton, Dane Smith, and Josephine Williams.

**Message from Sr. Roberta to the Women's Guild**

**Ladies, Thank you so much for your kindness and love. Together we will continue to spread the good news of God's LOVE!**

**With Gratitude and Love, Sister Roberta Fulton, SSMN**

**Next Sunday, March 12, 2023 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins.**

**Catholic Charities Update**

The season of lent has begun and at this time we are asked to support our friends and neighbors who are in need. Please consider a donation to the Catholic Charities Appeal. Our appeal goal is **\$9600** this year. Catholic Charities celebrates its **100th anniversary** this year! Please stop by our Catholic Charities table and view some of our historical materials .

**Family of Parishes Lenten Events**

**Mon. Mar. 6** - Lenten Journey Mass @ Blessed Trinity - 7pm

**Fri. Mar. 10** - Soup Supper @ 5:30 & Station of the Cross at St. Lawrence at 7pm

**Mon. Mar. 13** - Lenten Journey Mass @ St. Lawrence - 7pm

**Fri. Mar. 17** - Stations of the Cross at St. Martin de Porres @ 7pm

**Mon. Mar. 20** - Lenten Journey Mass @ St. Martin de Porres - 7pm

**Fri. Mar. 24** - Youth of the Family Parishes at Ss. Columba-Brigid @ 7pm

**Mon. Mar. 27** - Penance Service @ 7pm

**Fri, Mar. 31** - Tenebrae Service at Blessed Trinity @ 7pm.

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**SMDP - "Save the Date" Events - Stay Tuned**

**Sun., May 28** - Taste of Congress XIII @ St. Martin de Porres from 11am - 2pm  
More Detail To Come!!

**Sat, June 17** - The Holy Name—"Father's Day Galo Event @ the Grapevine Restaurant 6:30pm-10:30pm.

**Sun. Aug. 20** - Annual Parish Picnic @ the Gazebo in Como Park

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**March 5, 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, "No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my sister!" I couldn't see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was.

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it's a miracle, it is so related to the apostles' perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: **"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him."** The Son is *always* bathed in the Father's love. It's only just now that they finally perceive it.

Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can't. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see.

— Father John Muir  
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