

## Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22, 2026

### Intentions:

March 22 - for the parishioners of St. Gabriel & St. Michael parishes.  
Mass Intentions: \$15.00

### Offertory Collection:

March 08 - \$640.00  
March 15 - \$756.00  
Pancake Supper - \$1061.70 Thank You.

### March 23

#### Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo (Toribio Alfonso de Mogrovejo):

Turibius was born in Spain about 1538. He was a professor of law when King Philip II appointed him chief judge in the Inquisition of Granada. Later, he was named Archbishop of Lima, Peru.

In Lima he was appalled by the attitude of the conquerors. Turibius condemned abuses and provided for the people, founding numerous schools, hospitals, and churches, and establishing the first seminary in Latin America. He learned the native languages and was an effective teacher and preacher. He died March 23, 1606 and was canonized in 1726. He is a patron of Latin American bishops.

### March 25

**The Annunciation of the Lord:** This is the ancient title for the feast celebrating the Incarnation of the Word. This feast is a joint celebration of Christ and the Blessed Virgin of the Word who becomes the Son of Mary and of the virgin who becomes the Mother of God.

In the universal Church, this liturgy celebrates the beginning of redemption. It also honours Mary as the “new Eve.” the obedient and faithful woman who generously agrees to be the Mother of God. Mary cooperates freely in the plan of salvation.




**Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially for Roy Campbell, Linda Cassidy, Patricia Cassidy, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, Lorraine Stafford and Arleen Whelan. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*



### Stations of the Cross

Please join us at St. Gabriel's for the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday) starting at 3:00 p.m.



**Reflection:** Jesus promises Martha (and us) that whoever “lives and believes in me will never die.” The amazing fact of our living the dying and rising of the paschal mystery is that we already share in this eternal life. We readily see the dying in our everyday lives-the pain, suffering, death, sinfulness, self-emptying, discipline, giving up our wills. This gospel challenges us to see and believe equally signs of the grace of new life-glory, joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy, trust, kindness. Living the paschal mystery draws us to see these dyings and risings as two aspects of the same mystery. The *already* of eternal life is God's grace *already* working in our lives. (Living Liturgy, p. 80)

### Holy Week Schedule

Thursday	26 March - Parish Reconciliation	(St. Michael)	7:00 pm.
Friday	27 March - Stations of the Cross	(St. Gabriel)	3:00 p.m.
Saturday	28 March - Passion (Palm) Sunday	(St. Michael)	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	29 March - Passion (Palm) Sunday	(St. Michael)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	29 March - Passion (Palm) Sunday	(St. Gabriel)	11:00 a.m.
Tuesday	31 March - Chrism Mass	(Notre Dame Basilica)	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	02 April - Mass of the Lord's Supper	(St. Gabriel)	5:00 p.m.
Friday	03 April - Passion of the Lord	(St. Michael)	3:00 p.m.
Saturday	04 April - Easter Vigil	(St. Gabriel)	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	04 April - Easter Vigil	(St. Michael)	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	05 April - Resurrection of our Lord	(St. Michael)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	05 April - Resurrection of our Lord	(St. Gabriel)	11:00 a.m.

**Pope's Intentions for the Month of March:** For disarmament and peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence .

## Administrator's Corner

### Replacing Religious Apathy with Divine Compassion:

This weekend readings present to us the rich contrast of apathy and compassion. Apathy is the state of emotional dullness or loss of enthusiasm. In this state one's capacity to feeling, motivation or engagement to events of the world goes lukewarm. In normal life what use to matter for someone in the past, now is reduced to the back burner. In the spiritual realm it is the state in which one is unresponsive to God's instructions and lacking willingness to act upon spiritual convictions. Conversely, divine compassion is the profound and tender mercy that God offers towards His creation, characterised by His willingness to forgive, heal and restore.

The prophet Ezekiel describes Israel's state in the Babylonian captivity using the dead bones in the valley of death (Ezekiel 37). This imagery applies to our situation too; bad experiences, painful loss, illness, bitter disappointment, a wrong or betrayal suffered, a grave error committed. We might hear those who say that “There is nothing more to be done” and lose hope. There are times when everything in life seems dark and we see only sorrow and despair. But God has the last answer

God promises to restore His people; through His Spirit, renewing their inner life and restoring them to the homeland. This Divine vision of restoration is both physical and spiritual encouraging us to trust in God's ability to restore what seems impossible and hopeless in our lives. This passage serves the background for Lazarus resurrection in the gospel

The gospel shows Jesus genuine friendship with Lazarus' family, Mary and Martha's trust in Jesus, Jesus grief, and his moving prayer. Dear friends, Jesus humanity is key here, he didn't shield them from pain, but arrived two days after Lazarus death. Both sisters expressed “master if you had been here, our brother would not have died. Jn 11:21,32. A sign of submission to their masters plan. Martha even went further saying “I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you. If we were these sisters we would have accused Jesus of purposely coming late and many more. In response Jesus wept. This reveals his empathy and compassion. Jesus wept because death was not God's original plan; He feels other's pain then by His divine power he raised Lazarus from death.

Applying this miracle to our life situation Pope Francis comments “Jesus says this to us too. Take away the stone: draw out everything that is inside. “Ah, but I am ashamed”. Throw it to me with confidence, says the Lord, I will not be outraged; throw it to me without fear, because I am with you, I care about you and I want you to start living again. And, as he did with Lazarus, he repeats to each one of us: come out! Rise again, get on the path, and regain your confidence.”

Note that Jesus delayed visiting Lazarus teaches us that God's timing differs from ours but His is the best. Growth happens in waiting, learning patience and trust. Jesus reassures Martha that if she believes she will see the glory of God. This encourages us to always believe even when there are no signs. Dear friends, like Lazarus, we may face situations that seem hopeless, but God can bring new life from our struggle. Growth often requires transformation through pain and trials.

Similarly, just as Jesus called Lazarus from death to life, our spiritual growth will involve constant calling on the Holy name of Jesus who will bring us out of spiritual death (despair, doubt and separation from God) to life (hope, faith, communion in love with Him).

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**Sts Michael and Gabriel helpinghand ministry:** Her objective is to serve needy families periodically in a timely and confidential manner. More details will be announced soon. The administrators can be reached at [stmichaelshelpinghands@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelshelpinghands@gmail.com) or (613) 623-3419.

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### Weekly Eucharist

**St. Gabriel's** (Constance Bay) **St. Michael's** (Fitzroy Harbour)

Sunday 11:00 am Mass

Saturday 4:00 pm Mass  
Sunday 9:00 am Mass

live streaming link on YouTube St. Michael's Mass at 9 am Sunday  
**StMStG-Live**

Confessions and Sacrament Of the Sick are also available by request.  
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