

Prayer for the young and our families with Kateri

Oh, most humble Kateri
I seek your love and prayers.
I turn to you for your inspiration.

May I know the power of humility; the strength of seeking God's will in everything I do this day; the compassion to care this way for those who are weak and in need of help; and the faith to forgive those who walk a hurtful violent path.

Pray with me Kateri that through us, God our Creator will comfort the orphan, watch over the neglected child, and wait with the youth who go astray.

You lost your parents and found others along the way to care for you and guide you. May all parents and grandparents stay healthy, seek the selfless love of Jesus, and give where giving is most needed. May they make wise decisions and heed daily the Wisdom of the Great Spirit.

Your spirit was strong and your love for Jesus is deep. May I trust that Christ will turn my weakness into His strength and meekness; so that whatever comes to me this day, I may choose to do God's will and faithful will I stay. AMEN

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4th Sunday of Lent

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Dear Friends, as we continue our Lenten journey on this 4th Sunday of Lent the Lord speaks of his mercy, reconciliation, and renewal. We are reminded that no matter how lost we may be, God is always ready to welcome us back and make us new.

In the first reading (Joshua 5:9-12), we see that the Israelites finally entered the Promised Land after 40 years in the desert. Which means the wandering and suffering in their lives are over and now they are a free people. It's the beginning of a new chapter in their life. The darkness and uncertainties vanish and rays of hope enlighten them.

St. Paul continues this theme of renewal in the second reading (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). He says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." Through Christ, we are reconciled to God. The old self—our sins, our failures—is washed away, and we are given a new identity. Paul reminds us that we are also called to be "ambassadors for Christ." That means we are called to be witnesses of God's mercy in our families, communities, and workplaces.

The Gospel gives us the perfect image of God's mercy. The younger son, who is a loose character, realizes his mistakes and returns to his father. The father gives him a warm welcome, forgiving and forgetting everything that he had done. The prodigal was reunited with the family unconditionally. This is God's love for us. No matter how far we have strayed, He is always ready to welcome us back.

In short, Like the Israelites, God is calling us to leave behind our past struggles and start anew. St. Paul reminds us, we are called to be ambassadors of reconciliation, bringing peace to others. And the prodigal son tells us to turn back to God our father, no matter how far we have strayed, He is always ready to welcome us back with both hands opened. And we too must be merciful to others.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us ask for the grace to accept God's mercy and extend it to those around us. God bless you and your family. FR. Biju Mathew

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Parish Office Hours Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Masses for the Lord's Day

Sunday: 12:30 PM.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday: 12:00 PM.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS Please contact the parish office.

THE HOLY ROSARY is recited half hour before all Weekday Masses

Sacraments and Pastoral Needs

Baptism: Please contact the parish office at least one month before the baptism date (622-5138).

First Communion (Grade Two and older): Please register with school or with the parish office. Families will be contacted with requirements and other information.

Confirmation (Grade Eight and older): Please register with school or with the parish office. Families will be contacted with requirements and other information.

Marriages: Please contact the parish office at least **six months** before the wedding date. Preparation will be required for the couple.

Reconciliation (Penance): Please make an appointment with one of the priests. (622-5138).

Sacrament of the Sick (anointing): please contact the parish office (622-5138) **or in the Regional Hospital, the on-call priest is available in an urgent need.**

Funerals: Please contact the parish office to arrange a funeral (622-5138).

**Fundraiser Chili and Bannock Sunday
March 30th/25 Sunday after mass.
\$10.00**

For me, one of the most attractive aspects of the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola is his emphasis on imaginative contemplation/ The idea is to approach a Scripture passage by imagining the scene using all your senses. What do you see? Smell? Hear? And who are you in the scene: a main character, a supporting figure, an observer? With a bit of practice, I have found this quite a rich way of praying with Scripture.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the figure I instantly identified with was the sully elder brother. It humbles me to admit how easily I could relate to his indignation and his feeling of being unappreciated.

Now, however, it seems to me that each of us is reflected in all three of the main characters. Can we accept the unconditional love offered to the elder son, even when we feel most unlovable? Can we, like the younger son, admit

We have sinned and humbly accept forgiveness? Like the father (often interpreted to represent God), each of us too is called to practice hope, forgiveness and unconditional love.

Today's Gospel characters model for us many aspects of authentic discipleship. May they lead us to deeper Lenten reflection on our relationship with God and one another. Kyrstyna Higgins, Guelph, ON (Living with Christ)

This Week in Our Parish

Monday: March 31st ,2025

12:00 p.m. mass

**First Friday Healing Mass with General
absolution April 4th, 2025 at 6:30 pm**

AA meeting Sat April 5th ,2025, 8:00pm

Sunday: April 6th ,2024

12:30 pm mass

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 215.10

*Prayer meeting Wed, at
7 pm opportunity for more
prayer during Lent.*

**THE SIGN OF THE CROSS IN OJIBWE
LANGUAGE**

Od ijinikasowining Weossimind,

(In the name of the Father,)

gaie Wegwissimind,

(and of the Son,)

gaie Wenijishid-Manito.

(and of the Holy Spirit.)

Mi ge-ing (Amen)

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