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REF: Name or Pledge Number.

CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 5:00 – 5:20 PM

Sundays: 7:15 – 7:45 AM

and on request

HALL BOOKINGS

Gil Hoffman 0828719183

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT CYCLE C

INTRODUCTION:

Unless you repent, you will all perish. These hard words come from the mouth of Jesus. We read them today because we are approaching Easter and it is already the third Sunday of lent. We will try to repent. We will try to approach Easter in the way in which Moses approached God in the burning bush. Moses showed us what it meant to repent. He fell to the ground. He respected God. He asked him what to do. He surrendered to him

GOSPEL: LUKE 13: 1 – 9

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—do you think they were guiltier than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

THREE PILLARS OF LENT



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

PILLAR 1: PRAYER

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

17:00 Stations of the Cross at St Jude

17:30 Mass at St Jude

18:00 Stations of the Cross at Regina Pacis

18:30 Growing in Faith session in the Hall.

LENTEN RETREAT AT RPP

28/03 & 29/03: Lenten Retreat @ RPP

29/03 Confessions

PILLAR 2: FASTING

Do you want to fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis...

Fast from:

Hurting words - and say kind words

Sadness - and be filled with gratitude

Anger - and be filled with patience

Pessimism - and be filled with hope

Worries - and have trust in God

Complaints - and contemplate simplicity

Pressure - and be prayerful

Bitterness - and fill your hearts with joy

Selfishness - and be compassionate to others

Grudges - and be reconciled

Words - and be silent so you can listen

PILLAR 3: ALMS GIVING



LENTEN APPEAL COLLECTION

Envelopes available in the porch.

Second collection, every weekend during Lent.

This collection directly and indirectly supports works of charity in dioceses involving feeding schemes, elderly in need and vulnerable children; educational outreaches including catechesis; the training of priests; Justice and Peace; youth ministry; specialised ministries such as those serving the deaf; as well as the offices helping to coordinate this work in the Southern African Church

SICK & ELDERLY

Please pray for the sick & elderly of the parish, family & friends especially: Nokuthula Kubheka, Penny Powell, Jean Smith, Dolly Bimbrish, Alvin Govender, Mavis Makhubo, Norman Browne, Khohli Kunene, Barbara Amod, Sebenzile Molefe, Margarida De Franca, Joyce Chetty, Netta Liebenberg, Mthokozisi Mthembu, and Avenel Aarons.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH: For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

PARISH DIARY & MEETINGS

Mon 24	18:00	Singing practice
Tue 25	10:00 10:30 18:30	Mass @ RPP Bereavement group RPP PFC meeting RPP
Wed 26	06:00	Mass @ RPP
Thu 27	09:00 18:00 18:30	Mass @ RPP then adoration Benediction Fundraising meeting @ RPP
Fri 28	17:30 18:00	Mass @ St Jude Way of the Cross followed by Lenten session (1/2 hour)
Sat 29	17:30	Mass @ RPP
Sun 30	08:00 10:00	Mass @ RPP Mass @ St Jude

UPCOMING EVENTS

30/03 Baptism of children

06/04: Meeting for all existing Altar Servers and

Candidates who want to be altar servers, after Mass.

WHY DO WE PRACTICE FASTING & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT?

- 1 Imitating Jesus' temptation in the desert.
- 2 Opportunity to suffer for Christ & His Church!
- 3 Numerous scriptural roots of fasting.
- 4 The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1434, 1438, 2043)

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Repent or You
Will Perish!

DATE	SACRISTAN	EMOHC	PROCLAIMER	MASS INTENTION	FR'S DINNER
22/03/2025	Coehleen		Nokwazi / Luiz		Nirvana
23/03/2025	Brenda	Llindiwe H	Christopher / Leah		
29/03/2025	Shamim		Gil / Evelyn		Sandra
30/03/2025	Ntokozo	Anton	Fabian / Brenda		