



Pilgrims of Hope: Embracing the Journey

The biblical narrative is replete with stories of pilgrimage, where individuals and communities embark on a journey of faith, hope, and love. From the Israelites' trek through the wilderness to the Christian's journey towards the heavenly Jerusalem, pilgrimage is a powerful metaphor for the human experience. At its core, pilgrimage is about trust – trust in the Lord's guidance and provision, even amid uncertainty and darkness.

The theme "Pilgrims of Hope" resonates deeply with this biblical narrative, inviting us to reflect on our lives as a journey of faith, hope, and love. As pilgrims of hope, we are called to trust in the Lord's goodness and mercy, even when the road ahead seems uncertain. This hope is not merely a feeling, but rather a choice – a decision to trust in the Lord's promise of salvation and eternal life.

However, this journey is not undertaken in isolation. As we reflect on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," we are reminded of the countless individuals and families around the world who are forced to flee their homes due to conflict, persecution, poverty, and environmental degradation. These modern-day pilgrims are often left without a place to call their own, struggling to survive in unfamiliar and hostile environments.

As Catholics, we are called to recognize the inherent dignity and worth of every human being, regardless of their nationality, ethnicity, or immigration status. We are reminded of the words of Jesus, "For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35). As pilgrims of hope, we are called to stand in solidarity with our displaced brothers and sisters, to consider their needs, to listen to their stories, and to advocate for their rights.

In this journey of pilgrimage, we are not alone. We are accompanied by the Lord, who guides and provides for us. We are also accompanied by our brothers and sisters, who share our joys and sorrows, our triumphs and struggles. Let us walk alongside one another, recognizing the dignity and worth of every human being, and advocating for their rights and needs. For in doing so, we embody the spirit of pilgrimage and become true pilgrims of hope.



Our journey continues: As we prepare our hearts this Lent, we invite you to Friday evenings of reflection, conversation, and discovery through the second half of *The Chosen*, Season Four. For the past four years, our community has gathered each Advent and Lent to watch, listen, and share in the spirit of synodality—walking together as we seek to follow Christ. This season, we enter into the unfolding story of Jesus and his disciples with open hearts, using the model of Spiritual Conversation to discern what God is

inviting us to in our own lives today. *Join us on Zoom, Friday evenings (March 14, 21 and 28) at 7 p.m. ET on Zoom for this time of prayerful listening, connecting and sharing. Whether you've been with us since Season One or are joining for the first time, you are welcome. Register today:* https://bit.ly/thechosen_season4_Lent2025



Development & Peace Share Lent Campaign “Transforming Debt into Hope. D&P, a movement of solidarity established in 1967 is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. D&P addresses the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality. In this Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis reminds us that hope must be given

to the millions of impoverished people who often lack the necessities of life and that the goods of the earth are not meant for a privileged few but for all. Inspired by this call Development & Peace joins Transforming Debt into Hope Campaign led by Caritas Internationalis and many other Faithbased and Civil Society organizations. Together, we demand that decisionmakers prioritize people and planet over profit and demand justice for communities burdened by unjust and unpayable debt. Pope Francis wrote, “If we truly wish to prepare the way for peace in the world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the root causes of injustice, let us settle unjust and unsolved debts.” What can we do? Next week, Sign the petition, “**Turn Debt into Hope.**” Visit www.devp.org/membership

MASS INTENTIONS – MARCH 8 - 16, 2025

Saturday, 4:00pm – March 8, 2025: 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

*Ernesta Ciampini
Giovanni, Norina & Silvano
Antoinetta, Sisto & Girolamo Pisaturo
Anna Ricci Pisaturo*

*Franca & Family
Zilli Family
Family
Family*

Sunday, 9:00am – March 9, 2025: 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

For All Parishioners Intentions

Sunday, 11:00am – March 9, 2025: 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

*Leonilda Francescangeli
John Bellini
Paola & Giuseppe Pendenza*

*Gino & Family
The Supino Family
Anna Cappello*

Tuesday, 8:30am – March 11, 2025: Lenten Weekday

Anna Ricci

Maria Pisaturo & Family

Wednesday, 8:30am – March 12, 2025: Lenten Weekday

*Mario Matta
Concetta & Mariano Santini
Ilario & Stellina Maiolo*

*Olga Santini Matta & Son
Olga Santini Matta & Son
Family*

Thursday – 8:30am & 7:00pm – March 13, 2025: Lenten Weekday

Deceased Members of the Stamgoni Family

Salvati Family

Friday, 8:30am – March 14, 2025: Lenten Weekday

Cosmo Maiolo

Maria Ienco