



Journeying Together

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are reminded that our faith is not a solitary endeavor, but a communal pilgrimage. The Church is called to be synodal, to walk together, and to journey alongside one another. This is not just a practical necessity, but a theological imperative. As Pope Francis reminds us, “The Church is not a fortress, but a tent, open to all”.

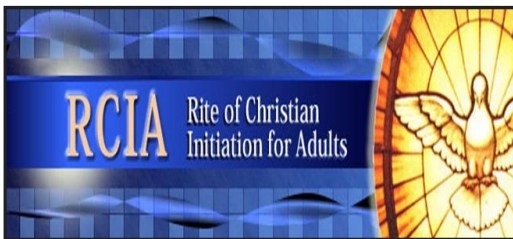
Journeying together means recognizing our common dignity as children of God. We are all equal, regardless of our backgrounds, cultures, or socioeconomic statuses. We are all beloved sons and daughters of the Father, and this shared identity is the foundation of our unity. As the Pope emphasizes, “We are all in the same boat, and we must row together.

However, travelling together is not always easy. It requires effort, patience, and love. It means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others. It means being attentive to one another’s needs, listening to each other’s stories, and supporting each other’s struggles. As Pope Francis notes, “The Church must be a place of mercy, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, and forgiven”.

Journeying together also means being mindful of our own weaknesses and limitations. We must recognize that we are not self-sufficient, but rather, we are all in need of God’s mercy and forgiveness. As the Pope reminds us, “We are all sinners, and we must acknowledge our sins”.

Ultimately, journeying together is a journey of hope. We are not traveling alone, but with the companionship of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are not journeying to a destination, but rather, we are journeying towards a Person – Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). As Pope Francis encourages us, “Let us walk together, with courage and hope, and let us build a Church that is more synodal, more missionary, and more merciful”.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us commit ourselves to journeying together, as one family, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May our journey be marked by love, patience, and mercy, and may we always keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, our destination and our hope.



Praying for Our RCIA Candidates this Lent

During the Lenten season, the Church places a special emphasis on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. This is no coincidence, as Lent is a time of spiritual preparation and renewal for the entire Church.

The RCIA program is a journey of faith for adults who are seeking to become members of the Catholic Church. Through a process of prayer, reflection, and catechesis, these individuals are formed in the teachings of Christ and prepared to receive the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

As we journey through Lent, we are reminded that our own baptismal promises are renewed and strengthened through our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and charity. Similarly, our RCIA candidates are preparing to receive these sacraments for the first time, and they need our support and prayers.

This year, our parish has the privilege of accompanying 8 candidates on their journey to becoming fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. We invite all parishioners to pray for these individuals in a special way, that they may be filled with the joy and peace of Christ as they prepare to receive the sacraments.

Let us pray that our RCIA candidates may be strengthened in their faith, and that they may become active and vibrant members of our parish community. May we, as a parish family, support them on their journey and welcome them with open arms as they become new members of our Church.

MASS INTENTIONS – MARCH 15 - 23, 2025

Saturday, 4:00pm – March 15, 2025: 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Leonard & Terry Winslade

Aniello D’Addio

Desolina Fiori

Fausto & Sandro Fazi

Bob & Do Parsons

Franca & Children

Ida Onesi & Family

Family

Sunday, 9:00am – March 16, 2025: 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Maria Teresa Palucci

Ignazio Mattei

Maria Carmela Colatruglio

Maria Pisaturo

Domenica Mattei & Family

Ricciardi Family

Sunday, 11:00am – March 16, 2025: 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

For All Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday, 8:30am – March 18, 2025: Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

André Bricault

Claire Rolland Wilkinson

Gina & Family

John & Family

Wednesday, 8:30am – March 19, 2025 - SOLEMNITY-Saint Joseph, Principal Patron of Canada

Isa, Ivio & Mark Mazzella

Family

Thursday – 8:30am – March 20, 2025: Lenten Weekday

Nicola Santache

Angie & Family

Thursday – 7:00pm

Rosalia Trani

Olga & Mike

Friday, 8:30am – March 21, 2025: Lenten Weekday

Michelina Vincelli

Isabelle Vincelli

Saturday, 4:00pm – March 22, 2025: 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Ernesta Ciampini

Anne Garland

All Souls in Purgatory

her Children

Bob & Do Parsons

Leteamlak Temnewo

Sunday, 9:00am – March 23, 2025: 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Michael Giangaspero

Deceased Members of Paoli & Turini Family

Sr. Stella Fenile

Wife

Alessandro Paoli & Pietrina Turini

Brigitte de Josez

Sunday, 11:00am – March 23, 2025: 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Adelaide Fazi Francescangeli

Soul of Robert Liautaud

The Cullen Family

Gino & Family

Elizabeth & Family

Jane Cullen