

# *Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday*

## *Bulletin for 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024*



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• [2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23](#) • [Psalm 137](#) • [Ephesians 2:4-10](#) • [John 3:14-21](#) •

Today's Gospel reading is full of promises to "everyone who believes" in Jesus. They will have eternal life (John 3:15). They will not perish (3:16). They will not be condemned (3:18). But what does it mean to believe in him?

We might think that believing in Jesus means being convinced that he is who he says he is. And it does. We agree with the truth that he is the Messiah, the Son of God. We acknowledge his miracles and the wisdom of his teachings. But intellectual assent will get us only so far. As James says, "Even the demons believe that and tremble" (2:19).

The belief that Jesus is talking about here is an act of the will; it's a decision to place our trust in Someone whom we know and love. That kind of personal connection with the Lord can spark a deep faith that changes the way we think and behave.

But even deeper, and at the heart of everything else, faith is a gift of grace from God. Our belief is more than intellectual assent or an act of the will. It's a response to God's initiative. His grace opens our minds to the truth and moves us to place our lives in Jesus' hands. Belief isn't possible without God's initial intervention. Today is a day overflowing with grace. So, turn to the Lord and affirm your faith. Tell Jesus that you believe he is who he says he is. Entrust your life to him.

*the Word among us, March 2024*

### *Healing Service Our Lady of the Mountains Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March*

Healing Service at Our Lady of the Mountains at 6:00 pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, after Mass.



Traditionally, this Fourth Sunday of Lent marks a joyful relief amidst the seriousness and somberness of the many weeks of preparation for Easter. Hence, today is called Laetare Sunday, a name that comes from the Entrance Antiphon for this Mass. Rose-coloured vestments may be worn and the altar may be decorated with flowers. However, the Gloria is still omitted today. The Collect points us toward Easter.

### *The Shared Lent Collection, 17<sup>th</sup> March*

The Bishops of Canada endorse the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Each Lent, they continue to bring the needs of the Third World before the people of our country and encourage all to respond to God's generosity by supporting the works of CCOOP. On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, a collection is taken up for developing countries. The offering should reflect the money saved through penitential fasting and set aside for God's people. Last year our parishes collected:

**Our Lady of the Mountains - \$1,165.02; St. Francis of Assisi - \$80; St. Christopher's - \$20**

*"Dear brothers and sisters, how greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference!"* **Pope Francis**

# Mass Times

## Sunday Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Saturday	5:00 pm	Rosary at 4:30 pm
Our Lady of the Mountains	Sunday	9:00 am	Rosary at 8:30 am
St. Christopher's Mt. Currie	Sunday	11:30 am	
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	Sunday	1:00 pm	

## Daily Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Tuesday to Friday 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	Wednesday and Friday at 11:00 am

## Our Lady of the Mountains

**Rosary before Mass** on Saturdays and Sundays: for those who have left the Church

**Bible Study** Tuesdays 5:00-6:00 pm – all welcome

**Adult Faith Formation** Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 pm – all welcome

**Way of the Cross, Holy Hour & Confessions** Fridays 6:30- 8:00 pm – all welcome

## MASS LECTORS



### Our Lady of the Mountains

**Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> March** Sam

**Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> March** Roberta

### St. Christopher's

**Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> March** Volunteer

### St. Francis of Assisi

**Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> March** Michael

Marcus

**Sacrament of Reconciliation – Contact Fr. Andrew L'Heureux**  
Cell: 778-257-4203

## Lenten Sisterhood and Brotherhood Groups

Contact Fr. Andrew or sign up on the parish noticeboard

### Sisterhood:

**OLOM** Monday 6:30 pm.

Wednesday 6:30 pm

**St. Francis of Assisi** Wednesday 7:00 pm

### Brotherhood:

**OLOM**

Saturday

**St. Francis of Assisi**

Thursday 6:30 pm  
8:00 am  
Thursday 7:00 pm



## Celebration of Baptism

We welcome into God's family:

**Aiden Alister George Rusu**

Child of

Vlad Rusu & Joana Manarang

Baptised on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at

Our Lady of the Mountains



## Online Lent Resource Programs

Easter is a time for us to engage ourselves not only with the power of the Risen Lord, but with our own baptismal call to carry his message to a world in need. Like the earlier followers, we can find new ways to say, "Yes, I believe".

- <https://wau.org/resources/article/humble-children-before-a-humble-god/>
- <https://hallow.com> ▪ <https://praymoreretreat.org> ▪ <https://cco.ca/prayer/>
- <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>

## Development and Peace — Caritas Canada

**Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia** – In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty. Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women. Learn more at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).



**Second collection next week for Share Lent 2024**

## Clocks Spring Forward

At 2:00am

on

Sunday

10th March



## Youth for Christ Retreat

16<sup>th</sup> March, Our Lady of the Mountains

The Youth for Christ group will be holding a retreat for youth ages 11-18 on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** from 9am finishing after 5pm Mass. Talks, Prayers, Songs and Games, led by Agnus-Mariae Lucas  
Contact Fr. Andrew for information. Sign up sheet on noticeboard.

## Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9:30am-3:00pm

In important or urgent matters, call:

Fr. Andrew, cell: 1-778-257-4203



## Donations / New Church Pledge Form

Pledge Forms in support of building the new church are available via this QR code and on our website at

<https://whistlercatholicchurch.ca/>