**Parish of the Holy Trinity** *Roman Catholic Church*

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***Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Saturday 3/1 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

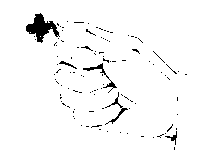
4:00 pm Manuel Mendonca *(by Family)*

**Sunday 3/2 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am Scott Vieira14th Anniversary *(by Wife & Children)*

10:30 am Maria Albernaz, Husband & Son

*(by Family)*

**Monday 3/3 Weekday**

8:30 am Richard Ferland *(by Sister)*

**Tuesday** **3/4 Weekday**

8:30 am Maria deJesus Gervasio *(by Family)*

**Wednesday 3/5 Ash Wednesday**

8:30 am Raymond Mello & Oliveira Family

10:00 am School Mass

6:00 pm Clementino & Maria Oliveira *(by Daughters)*

**Thursday 3/6 Weekday**

8:30 am For the People *of our parish*

**Saturday 3/8 1st Sunday of Lent**

4:00 pmLudgero Tavares Birthday Remembrance

*(by Wife & Daughters)*

**Sunday 3/9 1st Sunday of Lent**

8:30 amAdeline PereiraBirthday Remembrance

*(by Granddaughters)*

10:30 am Bill & Louise Slean 2nd Anniversary

*(by Family)*

ISCBC005 **Blessed Sacrament Sanctuary Lamp:**

*Given this week in memory of*

Maria deJesus &

Antonio Gervasio & Family

By Family

**CSOFT003 Week of 2/23/25**

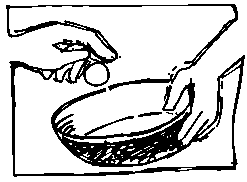
**Budget $5,347.00**

**Assessment $2,213.94**

**Catholic University $677.00**

**300**

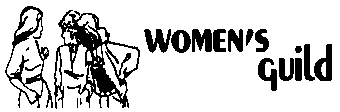
**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH** and our families especially for those in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing facilities and the homebound. Pray for all those who are undergoing medical treatments at this time.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION**

this weekend is the monthly collection for maintenance and expense reduction for our parish. Thank you for all your generosity.

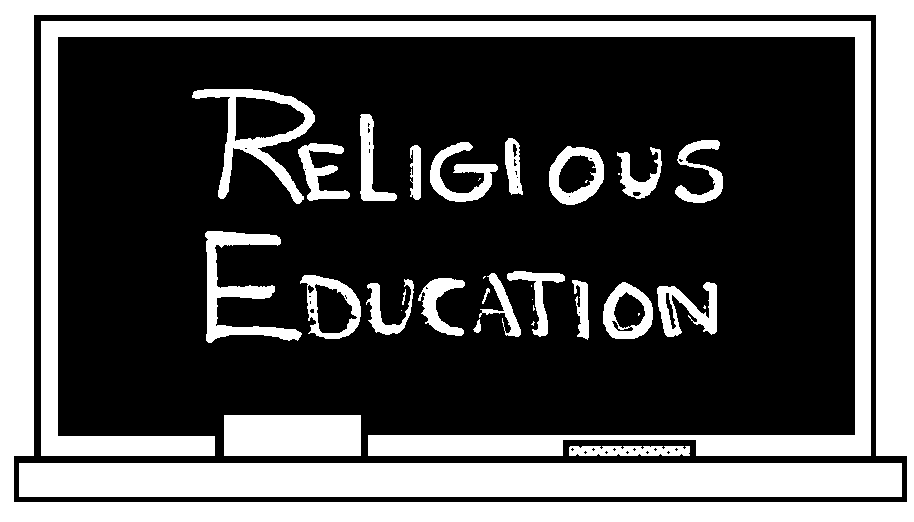
**ASH WEDNESDAY** will be celebrated thisWednesday**, March 5th** with **Masses** celebrated **at 8:30am, 10:00am and 6:00pm**. Please note that blessed **ashes will be distributed only DURING the celebration of the Mass** on Ash Wednesday**. The collection taken up on Ash Wednesday is for Evangelization, the spreading God’s word.**

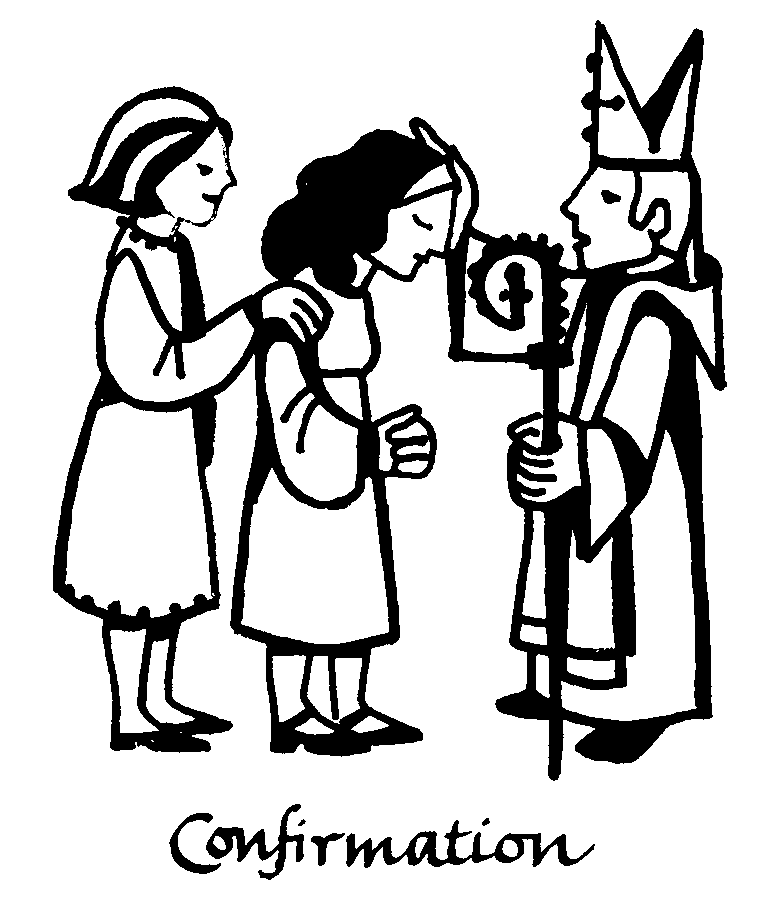
**THANK YOU** to all who chose a Confirmation Candidate to pray for. Please do not forget to prepare a card for the student you are offering prayers for. Write their name on the outside of the envelope and place your card in one of the baskets at the front of the church. Students will receive the messages on their Confirmation Day.

**MARCH MEETING:** A meeting of Holy Trinity Women’s Guild will be held Monday, March 10th at 6:00 pmin the Church Hall. **All are welcome.**

**NEXT SUNDAY**, March 9th is when Daylight Saving Time begins *(i.e. spring ahead)*.

Taking place earlier now, it is very easy to forget. So please remember next Saturday evening to set your clocks 1 hour ahead. Thank You!

**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:** Classes will be held Sunday in Church for the sacramental years and on-line for grades 3 thru 7.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 18th at 7pm here at Holy Trinity by Bishop Edgar da Cunha**. There will be a rehearsal for Confirmation Students and their sponsors on Sunday March 16th at 9:20am. Classes are scheduled for March 2nd, 9th and 16th. **Please keep in your prayers all those who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.**

****THE SACRAMENT OF THE FIRST EUCHARIST** will be celebrated here in our parish on Sunday, May 4th. Please keep in your prayers the children who will be making their First Communion.

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH SOUP KITCHEN** will be held this Thursday, March 6th in our Church Hall. We welcome everyone to come and share a meal with us. Doors open at 5:00pm and close at 6:00pm. **Please share the word that all are most welcome to come**

**THIS WEEK’S REFLECTION:** We may feel like we never have enough; enough money, time, love, status or anything else that seems be the focus of our lives. We live lives that are packed with activities, meetings and obligations - keeping our hearts distracted away from our relationship with God, from our families and from others in our lives who need our love.

In these few days before Lent begins, we can begin to prepare our hearts by asking ourselves how we want Lent to be different this year. What do we want to ask the Lord to give us - and more importantly, we can ask *what the Lord wants for us* this Lent. What gift of generosity, love or attention can we share with others in the weeks ahead? How can we focus on the Lenten season and ask that our hearts be opened to what is real - not to the externals which distract us so much? How will I *be* with my family and friends this Lent? What will I do that sets this season apart from my normal routines? How can I name, anticipate and feel the gifts the Lord showers on me with such love in the weeks ahead? And every morning, we can begin by sitting at the side of our beds with our hands open on our laps, asking God to help us receive these gifts with open hearts. We can carry that focus with us throughout the day, remembering in the quiet moments what we are asking for. Always, we end our day simply thanking God for the love and gifts of the day.

**For these first four days of Lent**, it will be a great help to set aside some time, even if it means getting up earlier each morning, to read about what Lent can mean and to let that soak into our hearts. The key is not to be somber or severe in any way, but to know that this is a time of great grace so that we can be attentive to it. The first thing to remember is that these 40 days are a **gift** to us. We are not trying to save ourselves by our Lenten practices. God has already saved us. We are only trying to let God get our attention and to give grace a chance to work in us. These days are critically important for choosing to establish some Lenten patterns. Depending upon our age or health, we will want to do some fasting and abstinence, in regard to food. But, each of us can choose what else we can fast and abstain from during Lent. What practices of mine get in the way of my being open to hearing God's Word and responding freely? That's what needs transforming. Giving up needing to be right, fasting from my impatience, totally abstaining from escapist fantasies will open our hearts to God's grace. None of that takes extra time. It just takes desire. Adding new acts of kindness, gratitude and love each day for family and friends will open our hearts to the greater acts of charity and generosity for the poor.

Finally, Lent is the perfect time to choose to grow in gratitude. Every night, before going to bed, let us be faithful to giving thanks to the Lord who has given us so many blessings and offers us new graces each and every day.

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