

Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Friday at 11:30am

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday-Friday at 10:30am

Saturday at 4pm

or call the office

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Meetings: 1st Thurs., 7:00pm

Finance Committee

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Christian Meditation

Dorothy Wood

Mondays, 3pm

Evening Prayer

Pierre LaViolette

Thursdays, 6:30pm

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2nd Sunday of Lent

March 12/13, 2022



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Leo Nantais, Sue Garry, Isabella Boles, Ben Westerman, Amy Gertz, Debbie Dufresne, Frances Ann Smeaton, Denis Laforest, Barbara White, Michael McManus, Ramon de Rosayro, John Dorner, Peter McAllister, Devin Bursey, Sandy Cano, Sheila & Edward Gasnick, Raul Esteban, Ping Cai, Chris Smith & family and Judette Budden.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may look beyond our daily routines and, like Abraham, see God's blessings that are as numerous as the stars of the sky and find gratitude, we pray to the Lord.

That the people of Ukraine may be spared further loss, that world leaders continue working towards a resolution and that Canadians continue to be generous by providing aid and a warm welcome to refugees, we pray to the Lord.

That those without land, work or housing may be empowered to change the systems that deprive them of their basic needs, we pray to the Lord.

That the transition to reduced COVID protocols proceeds safely, as we remember the victims of the pandemic and their families, we pray to the Lord.

That as we continue with our Lenten and Synodal journeys, we find guidance and grace to hold fast to our faith, we pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Mar. 12 Ron Kasiban by Janet Kasiban

Tues., Mar. 15 Amelia Mendonca by Ilario Pellizzari,
Sarina Cotroneo by Lidia Cotroneo

Sat., Mar. 19 Pat Denny by Margaret Denny, Mariella Penna by Marie Peart

FEBRUARY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 6,101.50
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 6,810.00
Canada Helps:	\$ 2,092.86
Total:	\$ 15,004.36

Average monthly expenses: \$ 11,394.00

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

March 13-31	Synod Sharing Circles
Tues., Mar. 22	Water Zoom Conversation, 7:30pm
Wed., Mar. 23	Lenten Reconciliation Service, 7pm

WEEKLY ZOOM GATHERINGS

3pm Monday	Christian Meditation
8pm Tuesday	Lectio Divina and Meditation
6:30pm Thursday	Evening Prayer
11:15am Sunday	Liturgy of the Word

Please email the office for Zoom links.

SYNOD SHARING CIRCLES

Please register to attend [only one](#) of the small sharing circles that are being offered in March. The parish will submit a report from all the sharing circles to the Archdiocese and to the Vatican.

If you would like to register for an in-person session, [click here](#). If you would like to register for a Zoom virtual session, [click here](#). Participants can prepare by using the guide found on the [parish website](#).

WEEKDAY MASS

Weekday Mass (Tuesday – Friday at 11:30am) will resume on Tuesday, **March 15th**.

LENTEN RECONCIATION SERVICE

Our Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on Wednesday, **March 23rd** at 7pm.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Development and Peace's People and Planet First campaign celebrates what solidarity can achieve, even against seemingly impossible odds. In Madagascar, D&P's partner, the Development Council of Andohatapenaka (CDA), is helping residents transform one of the most vulnerable neighbourhoods into an ecological village. Today, each of the 50 households involved in the project has a vegetable garden, a stove and solar panels. This transformation reflects a true ecological conversion.

Watch the video at devp.org/lent/act.

LENTEN RESOURCES

The pastoral team for the Archdiocese has created a weekly one page bulletin for families to help with their Lenten journey. You can download the bulletins below. [February 28](#) (Ash Wednesday), [March 6](#) (Week 1) [March 13](#) (Week 2)

Remember to **Spring Forward!** Move your clocks ahead an hour on Saturday night and you will arrive on time for Mass on Sunday!

WATER CARE!

The *Laudato Si'* Water Action Group invites you to an evening conversation about better water stewardship in Eastern Ontario and beyond, via Zoom on World Water Day, **March 22nd from 7:30pm-9pm**. Listen to speakers for [Water First](#) (partnering with Indigenous communities to improve water management on reserves) and [Action Champlain](#) (industrial development impacts on water near Hawkesbury), then join in open discussion. Zoom registration: creationcare@archottawa.ca

DONATE TO HELP THOSE IN UKRAINE

Perhaps this Lent, with our prayers and fasting, we can consider supporting these organizations as part of our traditional practice of almsgiving or charity. [Catholic Near East Welfare Association](#) (CNEWA): Help the people of Ukraine survive the war. [Development and Peace](#): Solidarity, prayers and support for Ukraine: Development and Peace joins relief efforts. [Red Cross](#): Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal [Missionary Oblates](#): Help the Oblates help the people of Ukraine. Donate on their [website](#) or call 1-866-432-6264. [Read the article in the Vatican News](#) about an Oblate priest who describes his community's efforts to carry on offering spiritual and material assistance to parishioners in Kyiv, Ukraine.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Zoom Trivia Night in support of Campus Ministry at Algonquin College: Friday, **March 18** at 7:00. [Click here for Zoom link](#). Cost: [Freewill donation](#). Buy some Purdy's chocolate (order by **March 18**) and support St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa Foundation. [Click here to get started!](#) Enjoy a free outdoor sound-and-light event in Centretown. The [Fire & Ice Winter Exhibit](#) (**March 11 to 13**) is a new event coming to the stretch of Bank Street between Slater Street and Cooper Street.

2nd Sunday of Lent

“This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him.”

Read: Philippians 3.17-4.1

Reflect: Think about someone you might know whose life imitates the example of Christianity, or think about how your life could do so.



Act: How can I find the willingness of heart to be more understanding of those around me?

Prayer: Jesus, Light of the World, give me the faith and courage to reach out to someone living in darkness and despair, and help me to make a difference for their eternal life. Amen.

Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Drawn to the Cross*

Song: In these days of Lenten journey, we have seen and we have heard the call to sow justice in the lives of those we serve.

We open our eyes to the hungry and see the faces of Christ. As we nourish all people who hunger for food, may their faith in our God be renewed.

(Breaking Bread 128)

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

The first reading takes us back to the Book of Genesis after Adam and Eve had sinned. God promised that he would send us a saviour. Today, in our first reading we find our father in faith, Abraham, making his act of faith in God. In return, God promises that he and his descendants will live in a land that God promises them. In our Gospel reading, we find Jesus about to enter Jerusalem where, in fulfillment of God's will, he will suffer and die. Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him up to the top of the Mount of Transfiguration. God, the Father, gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai, Jesus gave us his Beatitudes on the Mount of Beatitudes, and here on another mountain, God declares to Peter, James, and John that the Jesus they knew is indeed the one in whom he is well pleased, the promised Messiah.

Jesus, in his passion, death, and resurrection, is about to usher in God's kingdom here on earth. Peter, James, and John will be with Jesus on the Mount of Olives in the Garden of Gethsemani as Jesus enters into his suffering, passion, and death. We are called to be Peter, James, and John to those around us. In our baptism and confirmation, we are called by God to walk in the shoes of Peter, James, and John, not just for our own salvation, but for the salvation of those who will know us, observe us, and learn from our example of God's kingdom. It is through our faith and our love and the way we treat others that we carry God's graces to them. In the preface in the Mass for Christ the King, we pray: "Father, you anointed Jesus Christ, your only Son, with the oil of gladness, as the eternal priest and universal king. As priest, he offered his life on the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this one perfect sacrifice of peace. As king, he claims dominion over all creation, that he may present to you, his almighty Father, an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." Truth and life, justice, love, and peace are not just noble concepts; they are ways in which we live and act in relationship with those around us. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we ask that God's kingdom may come here on earth as it is in heaven, not in some remote and distant future, but here and now, in the way that we live and act with other people.

Here we are today in Lent, a time when the Church proposes prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to us. These traditional practices allow us to examine our spiritual

lives, especially in times of meditation and prayer, and discern the movements of the Holy Spirit within us. Lent isn't simply all about ourselves; it's also about others and how we are treating them. Good works flow from faith; faith does not flow from good works. Faith comes first, our relationship with God comes first. Good works then follow. People should be able to see our faith in our good works. People who have no faith can do good things, of course, but we do good things that are infused with our faith in order that others may be touched by the goodness of God. The Church is concerned with truth and life, holiness and God's grace, with justice, love and peace. Because Christ is our King, these things constitute God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. One day, you and I will encounter our Father in heaven, the God who created us in love so that we might give him our love and share our love with those around us. Hopefully, on that day, we will hear the same words we heard in today's Gospel account: "You are my beloved in whom I am well pleased."

VOCATION REFLECTION

"Listen to Him": Listening to and for God's voice"

By Vijay Deivanayagam, OMI

To follow Jesus means we need to listen to him. Listening to God is becoming more and more difficult as we are in a society full of noise, overstimulation, and bombarded by information. The outer noises in our society prevent us from being open to God's voice. Do we know how to silence our hearts and listen to the voice of God? It is imperative that we learn how to listen carefully to his voice and his word, in order to learn how to view things in our life with the eyes of faith, and be open to God's call and mission. We shall seek to listen to him in our Lenten journey.

Read [the reflection here](#).

Join the next Vocations Café on Tuesday, **March 15** at 11am. Fr. Irvin Morastil, OMI, the newly appointed vocation director for England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and Denmark will be talking about Oblate vocations and

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- Anne Frank

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PARISH REGISTRATION: The registration form is available at the back of the church or can be filled out online at <http://canadianmartyrs.org/register/>.

DONATIONS: PAD forms are available on the Welcome table if you wish to make donations to the church through direct deposit. If you wish to donate via credit card, you can through Canada Helps on the secure link at <https://canadianmartyrs.org/donate/>. Please call the office if you would like a box of offering envelopes. Thank you!

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please call or email the office to inform us of shut-ins or people in hospital so that we can arrange a visit, bring Holy Communion and administer the Sacrament of the Sick if desired.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Contact the office a minimum of 3 months before the baptism. Baptismal instructions are required.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Contact the office to set up the initial interview. It is recommended that the first contact be a minimum of 6 months before the wedding.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES: The minutes of Pastoral Council meetings are available at <http://canadianmartyrs.org/pastoral-council-minutes/>

FOOD CUPBOARD: Non-perishable food items for the Centretown Emergency Food Centre are collected on an on-going basis. Please place food items in the crates in the breezeway.

MILK BAGS: Milk bags are collected for making into sleeping mats. Please bring in your milk bags and put them in the baskets under the table in the hall near the breezeway.