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Sunday, February 26th, 2023



Sat. Feb 25	4-4:45pm	First Sunday of Lent Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Ralph Biancanello & Gerard Gosselin (Vince Addario)
Sun. Feb 26	9:30am	First Sunday of Lent Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Louis Marshall (Mike & Anne Young)
Mon. Feb 27	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Feb 28	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Mar 1	9:30am	Intentions of Sandra Mochito (Shannon & Brock Parkin)
Thurs. Mar 2	9:30am	✠ Zvoni Nenadovich (Gloria Egert)
Fri. Mar 3	9:30am	✠ Ray & Mary Whalen (Colin & Teresa Walters)
		✠ Anthony & Muriel Guest & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
	6:00pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
	7:00pm	Mass
		Stations of the Cross After Mass
Sat. Mar 4		Second Sunday of Lent
	8:00am	Holy Hour & Confessions
	9:00am	Mass
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	Intentions of the Sacred Hearts Of Mary & Joseph (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Sun. Mar 5		Second Sunday of Lent
	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Antonio Addario (Vince Addario)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.
YOUTH MINISTRY—MONDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30-8:30PM IN THE PARISH HALL. Registration forms are at the back of the church. All youth in Grades 5-8 are welcome! **CANCELLATIONS: Monday, March 13th (March Break), Monday, April 10th (Easter Monday)**

First Sunday of Lent

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: **“He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.”** Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word “fast” means to “hold firmly.” We still use it that way when we say, “I held *fast* to my original decision.” We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. **“Man does not live by bread alone,”** he says, **“But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”** Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

Pope's Prayer Intention Month of March: For victims of abuse – We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself concrete response to their pain and suffering.



Share Lent 2023— please consult today's bulletin insert, a faith based reflection: Stand for the Land. Solidarity Sunday is on March 26th, the Fifth Sunday of Lent.



Stations of the Cross— Every Friday during Lent at 7pm.
Question: Who invented the Stations of the Cross?
Answer: The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

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This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

Sunday, March 5th, 2023



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

Mon. Mar 6	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Mar 7	9:30am	Therese Brown (Mom & Peter)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Mar 8		ASH WEDNESDAY
	9:30am	✠ Souls in Purgatory, especially Priests (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Thurs. Mar 9	9:30am	✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)
Fri. Mar 10	9:30am	✠ Cecil Shannon (Racz Family)
		✠ Anthony, Sybil & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat. Mar 11	4-4:45pm	Third Sunday of Lent Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	Vince Addario (Lena Addario)
Sun. Mar 12		Third Sunday of Lent
	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Slavka Huc (Frank & Ivanka Plesko)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses
Retrouvaille: Tens of thousands of struggling couples headed for cold, unloving relationships have successfully overcome their marriage problems through Retrouvaille. The next Retrouvaille weekend is October 21 – 23, 2022. For more information call Angelo and Chiara at 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.retrouvaille.org.

Catholic Women's League
We are collecting used eyeglasses to hand in at the CWL convention to donate to third world and war torn countries. Where to look: Drawers, dressers, cupboards, purses, jackets and the car. Ask your friends, family and social groups.

Please join us for the **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE**, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures, and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. This year's service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Taiwan. The service will be held at Fonthill United Church, 42 Church Hill, Fonthill on Friday March 3 at 2:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

Offertory February 12th, 2023— \$1,810.00
Offertory February 19th, 2023- \$2, 022.00

Second Sunday of Lent

As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, “No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my *sister!*” I couldn't see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was.

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it's a miracle, it is so related to the apostles' perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him.”** The Son is *always* bathed in the Father's love. It's only just now that they finally perceive it.



Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can't. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see.

Forty Days For Life Vigil: Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days before He began His Ministry. During the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL we follow Christ's example: we fast and pray and offer sacrifice – from **February 22 – April 2, 2023**. We give prayerful, peaceful witness at Niagara Falls General Hospital, holding a sign: **PRAY TO END ABORTION**, from 8 am – 8 pm daily – sign up with friends & family for **ONE HOUR**. For further information, please contact Josie Rocca_josie@hotmail.com or Angela: angelabraun@live.com

Annulment Facts and Fiction: Margaret Jong, Fr. Ben Weber, and Fr. Hernando Olaya Simbaqueba, canon lawyers from the St. Catharines Marriage Tribunal, will discuss marriage annulments in presentations offered in each deanery of the diocese: **Wednesday, March 22** at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines
Monday, March 27 at St. Alfred Parish, St. Catharines (in Spanish)
Tuesday, March 28 at St. Thomas More Parish, Niagara Falls
The presentations are open to anyone interested in applying for an annulment or learning about annulments and the ministry of the Marriage Tribunal. For more information, call 905-687-8817 or email tribunal@saintcd.com. All meetings are 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.



Turkey / Syria Earthquake Emergency Aid Campaign in response to the destructive earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria. Funds received will be used now and in the coming months for food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essentials to meet basic human needs. These funds will also serve to meet long term needs to help families go back to a more stable

life. To donate now or for any inquiries, you can contact the organizations as follows:
ACN: web: <https://bit.ly/acn-donate-syria> Toll free #: 1-800-585-6333 Ext 228
CJI: web <https://canadianjesuitsinternational.ca> Toll free #: 1-800-448-2148
CNEWA Canada: web: www.cnewa.ca Toll free #: 1-866-322-4441
DPCC: web www.devp.org Toll free #: 1-800-494-1401

