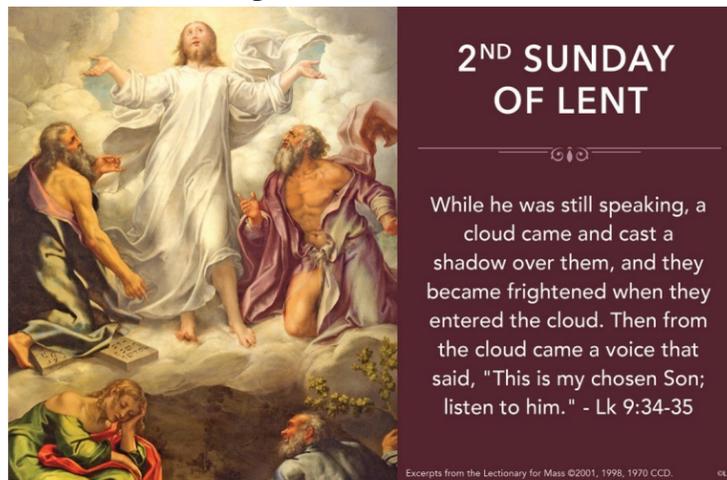




Sunday, March 13th, 2022



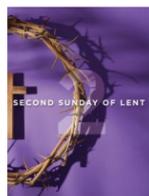
Sat. Mar 12	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	† Deceased Members of the Marfics Family (Bill & Mary Podolyak & Family)
Sun. Mar 13	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	† Frank Grennan (Racz Family) Birthday Blessings for Ronaldo Joel Alave (Racz Family)
Mon. Mar 14	9:30am	Private Intention
Tues. Mar 15	9:30am	† Danuta Turkowiak (Mark & Dayna Young)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Mar 16	9:30am	† Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
Thurs. Mar 17	9:30am	† Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
Fri. Mar 18	9:30am	Intentions of St. Joseph (Teresa & Colin Walters)
		† Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat. Mar 19	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	† Maria Albanese (Vince Addario) Trilo & Shiksha Gujadhur & their Children (Divya G.)
Sun. Mar 20	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	† Armand & Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
		† Deceased Members of the Andrade & Rebeiro Families (Rebeiro Family)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.
During Lent—Rosary at 9am and Mass Monday 9:30am
Offertory February 27th, 2022- \$2,370.00
Offertory March 6, 2022- \$895.00
Collection for Ukraine- \$1,220.00
Maintenance- \$145.00

Second Sunday of Lent

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.



St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St.

Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly.

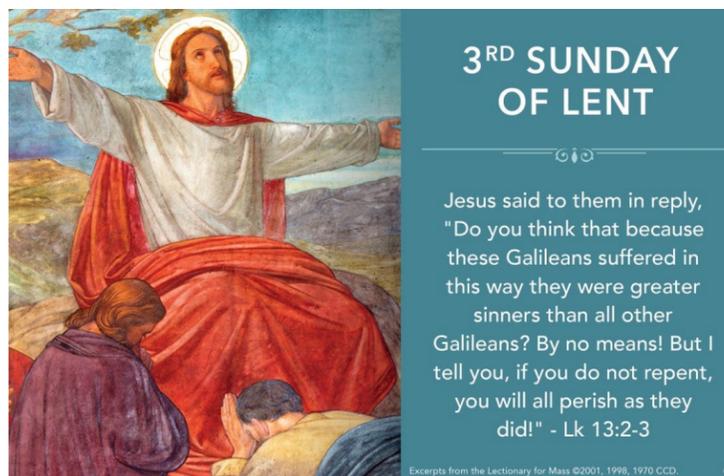
We continue to pray for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the Ukraine. If parishioners wish to make a financial contribution they can do so through the parish. Cheques should be made payable to "St. Ann Parish" clearly marked Ukraine relief and funds collected will then be forwarded to the Chancery office. The Chancery office will send all monetary donations to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). **You may use special collection envelopes which will be available next weekend or you can use a plain envelope clearly marked with your name and contact information. E transfer can also be used for this collection. Please specify that it is for "Ukraine".** We ask that all donations be made by the weekend of March 26/27.

During Lent, Mass will be celebrated on Monday mornings at 9:30am. Also during Lent, we will pray the Rosary before each weekday Mass from Monday to Friday at 9am for world peace. All are welcome to join us.

Easter Flower Memorial: The beautiful Easter lilies and spring flowers that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Easter in our parish. We invite all parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by using the **Easter Flowers Memorial Envelopes are in your offertory boxes dated March 20th or you may use a plain envelope with your contact information.**

A powerful prayer that we offer each year as a diocesan family is the **Respect for Life Mass**, which will be held at our Cathedral on The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, Friday, March 25, 2022 at 7pm. All parishioners are encouraged to attend as we pray for a greater respect for life from conception to natural death.

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Mon. Mar 21	9:30am	Private Intention
Tues. Mar 22	9:30am	Amer, Divya & Praanjal (Divya G.)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Mar 23	9:30am	In Honour of St. Joseph (Teresa & Colin Walters) Reparations for Offences Against the Blessed Virgin Mary (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Thurs. Mar 24	9:30am	In Honour of St. Joseph (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Fri. Mar 25	9:30am	In Honour of St. Joseph (Teresa & Colin Walters)
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat. Mar 26	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	† Ralph Biancianiello & Gerard Gosselin (Vince Addario)
		† Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
Sun. Mar 27	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	† Wally & Sophie Paterak (Chris Meyo & Family)

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Madagascar: an ecological village to cope with climate change

Development and Peace's *People and Planet First* campaign celebrates what solidarity can achieve, even against seemingly impossible odds. In Madagascar, for instance, Development and Peace's partner, the Development Council of Andohatapenaka (CDA), empowers people to manage and transform their neighbourhoods. In the capital region, which is afflicted by flooding and poor waste management, CDA has helped the residents of one vulnerable area to turn their environs into a thriving 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.

Holy Cross Cemetery ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP, beginning on Tuesday April 19, 2022: All wreaths, tin cans, glass jars, flower pots, and similar articles are to be removed before this date, if not; the cemetery will dispose of these articles. To make arrangements for the staff to hold the articles for a short period of time call the cemetery at 905 734-4172.

Third Sunday of Lent

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed. God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.

Sacrament of Penance Saturday April 2, 2022, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

In every parish across the diocese a priest will be available to hear individual Confessions. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate this wonderful sacrament.

Lectors for Palm Sunday and Good Friday: If you have been scheduled to read on **Palm Sunday (April 9/10) or Good Friday (April 15)**, your binders will be available for you **on the weekend of March 27/28** at the back of the church, with your name on it. Two readers are scheduled. Please contact each other and assign yourselves the parts for the long gospel reading (**Luke—for Palm Sunday**) as well as the first & second readings and the petitions (petitions for Palm Sunday only). **A reminder that during Mass you are required to use the Passion Narrative Lectionaries which will be placed on both lecterns for you. The binders are for practice reading only.** On your reading date, please bring the binders with you and leave them at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

Special Synod Listening Session: Separated & Divorced

In a small group setting, participants through the lens of the separated and divorced will journey together to respond to common questions drawing on their experiences.

In-Person Sessions:

Sat. March 26 (9:30 – 11:30 AM) or Wed. March 30 (7:00 – 9:00 PM) At Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls, ON L2G 7B7

(The COVID Protocol in place includes proof of double vaccination post 14 days and mask wearing)

Virtual Sessions on ZOOM:

Tues. April 5 (7:00 – 9:00 PM) or Sat. April 30 (9:30– 11:30 AM)

The ZOOM link will be provided at time of registration.

For info and to register, contact separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

