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Sunday, March 19th, 2017
Third Sunday of Lent

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."
 — Jn 4:9a, 10
 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

Sat. March 18	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. March 19	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
	11:00am	✠ Larry Lewchuk (Jan & Lana)
Mon. March 20	9:30am	Intention Available
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. March 21	9:30am	✠ Daniel Leo (John & Diane Szydowski)
Wed. March 22	9:30am	✠ Armand & Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
Thurs. March 23	9:30am	✠ Kelly Morellato (Rachel, Jordan & Davis Racz)
Fri. March 24	9:30am	Intention Available
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat. March 25	9-10am	Reconciliation Cancelled
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. March 26	9:30am	✠ Ugo & Antonietta Scurci (Scurci, Devine & Gregoris Fam.)
	11:00am	✠ John Sporbeck (Mary Ann Biggar)
Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.		
Offertory March 11th & 12th, 2017		
73 Envelopes	\$1,763.60	
Loose Collection	\$ 115.00	
Total Offertory	\$1,878.60	
Maintenance Collection	\$ 220.00	

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK:
 Today Jesus meets the woman at the well. After her time with Jesus she tells others about this man who is able to see into the depths of a person's life. Is Jesus that person for you? Have you allowed him into the depths of your life? Do you go out and tell others about this Jesus, as the Samaritan woman does? Do you share the good news by the way you live your life?

Third SUNDAY OF LENT
 "But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." Are we true worshippers? Do we praise and honor God the Father in the way Jesus described to the Samaritan woman at the well?

It seems that this woman was caught up in logistics about **where** to worship more than **how** to worship. Her people worshipped in one place, the Jews in another. She was puzzled by this and, even though she could see that Jesus was a prophet, she challenged him because she thought perhaps he wasn't a true worshipper of God. The Lord's response to her was to shift the focus away from a particular physical location for honoring God. In essence, he told her that what mattered was that we worship God by being filled with his Spirit, "the Spirit of truth, [who] will guide you to all truth," as Jesus will

say later in John's Gospel (16:13). This woman, whose life was marked by such a sad string of broken relationships, had been missing the point.

Worshipping God means more than merely practicing a community ritual or frequenting a sacred site. If we don't come to truly know God by welcoming his Spirit into our hearts, then our worship will be empty and our lives will always be missing something. The deep fulfillment that is meant to come from following the Lord is a fruit of being filled with his Spirit. Without drinking fully of this "living water" that is available to all of us through the waters of baptism, we will always be seeking something more, like this poor woman. Instead, may we be true worshippers, who drink with satisfaction from the Lord's own "spring of water welling up to eternal life."

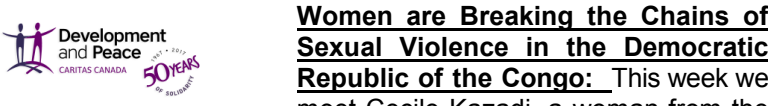
On Saturday April 1, 2017, in every parish across the diocese, a priest will be available from 10am-2pm to hear individual confessions. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration during this time. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

ATTENTION LECTORS: If you have been scheduled to read on **Palm Sunday (April 8/9) or Good Friday (April 14)**, your binders will be available for you **next weekend** 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 (**Matthew—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.**

ANNUAL DIOCESAN RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS Celebrated by Bishop Gerard Paul Bergie, The Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, **Saturday, March 25th, 2017, 10am.** RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE PARISH HALL.

Catholic Women's League: Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to assist with making pierogis on March 20/21. Following the work session on March 21st, there will be a short meeting and a light lunch will be provided. **The pierogis will be sold beginning next weekend following all Masses.**

WOMEN AT THE HEART OF CHANGE
 Share Lent 2017



Women are Breaking the Chains of Sexual Violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: This week we meet Cecile Kazadi, a woman from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who explains why community radio is an essential tool for women denouncing sexual violence. "Thanks to RCK Radio, our lives have changed a lot. We are now aware of our rights." This year, why not share year round by joining Development and Peace—Caritas Canada's monthly donor plan? More information can be found online at devp.org/shareyearround.

Development and Peace has been working with the Congolese Catholic Church to encourage citizen participation and ensure a fair electoral process since the first democratic elections in the DRC in 2006.

Annunciation of the Lord....
March 25th: This day we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of our Lord. We honour Mary who followed the will of God all her life. She said yes to what God asked of her. Mary is a model of faith for all of us. We honour you, Mary, as the Mother of God and our mother too.

The Angel said to Mary: Do not be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. You will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and his kingdom will never end.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED
Question: What can I do to keep up the spirit and practice of Lent in my life?
Answer: Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, and the Sacrament of Penance. Making reparation for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown out of kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving, and charitable works. Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith. When you take your faith seriously, you do what is necessary to follow Jesus more closely, to integrate your life and your faith more carefully.

The St Ann's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be running a **food drive during Lent** all donations going to Pelham Cares. Baskets will be at the entrance to the church. Items most in need include canned fruit/vegetables, tea, juice boxes, cereal (hot or cold), canned chili/stew, canned meat, jam, shampoo, and paper towels. Donations of gift cards would be most welcome—grocery store (Food Basics/Sobeys etc.), Giant Tiger. Special envelopes for gift cards have been placed at the back of the church. They can be placed in the collection basket. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

Parish Calendar

March.....	CWL making pierogis. Please meet at 9am
March 20/21...	Following Tues. session a short meeting.
March 22nd....	Finance Council meeting 6:30pm
March 22nd.....	Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
March 25th.....	Respect for Life Mass, Cathedral 10am
March 25th	Reconciliation cancelled (9-10am)
April.....	Diocesan Day of Reconciliation 10am-2pm
April 1st.....	Solidarity Sunday
April 2nd....	St. Vincent de Paul meeting after 11am Mass
April 2nd.....	Visitation of the sick and homebound
April 7th.....	Palm Sunday
April 9th.....	Bingo cancelled
April 11th.....	Holy Thursday. Mass 7pm
April 13th....	Good Friday. Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm
April 14th.....	Easter Vigil 8:30pm
April 15th.....	Easter Sunday, Masses 9:30 & 11am
April 16th.....	St. Ann School Easter School Mass 9:30am
April 19th.....	Divine Mercy Sunday, Prayers 3pm
April 23rd....	First Communion, 2pm
April 30th.....	

Youth Ministry for grades 5-8, Wed. evenings 6:30-8:30pm.
Registration form is on our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry>.

The Way of the Cross: Please join us for the Way of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7pm.

Join the "Call for Conscience" – February 6 – March 31, 2017
 Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object feel a direct referral is akin to being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and to write directly to your Member of Provincial Parliament asking them to protect conscience rights. **A sample letter is available at the back of the church.**

Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee: The committee is preparing for the arrival of the families and are in need of some household items. You will find a list on the parish website linked to the "Refugee Project" tab. Any assistance would be appreciated.

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 found in your offertory boxes dated March 26th.** **If you do not have envelopes but would like to donate, you may use a plain envelope with your contact information listed.** These donations, made in memory or honour of your family members and friends help cover the cost of Easter flowers. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones, honour friends, and offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received. Please place your envelopes in the collection basket, or bring to the parish office on or before the weekend of April 8/9. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The names of all those for whom our Easter flowers are in memory of will be printed in the parish bulletin on Easter Sunday.