

Rev. Jacek Kryn, S.A.C
Pastor

Liliana Haynes
Office Administrator



Sunday, February 11th, 2024



**6TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Sat. Feb 10	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Irena Baran (Jan & Lana Aleksejick)
Sun. Feb 11	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Stefan Hozjan (Maria Hozjan & Family)
Mon. Feb 12		No Mass
Tues. Feb 13	9:30am	Intentions of Adelaine Nohara (Mete Family)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Feb 14		Ash Wednesday
	9:30am	Intentions of Fr. Chad Grennan Birthday Blessings & Health for Randy Carnegie (Jane Carnegie)
	7:00pm	Vince Addario (Lena Addario)
Thurs. Feb 15	9:30am	Nicole & Mike DiCienzo & Fam. (Annette Mastracci & Fam.)
Fri. Feb 16	9:30am	Special Intention for Sisters of The Sacred Heart (DiMartile Family)
		✠ Alphonso DeMichele (Ferrara Family)
Sat. Feb 17	4-4:45pm	First Sunday of Lent Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
Sun. Feb 18		First Sunday of Lent
	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	Intentions of the Nohara Family (Mete Family)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory January 28th, 2024- \$2,465.00
Offertory February 4th, 2024- \$1,196.65

Let us Pray on this World Day of the Sick....
"For those who are sick or suffering and for doctors, nurses, health care workers, and pastoral caregivers who work to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease, we pray to the Lord."

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, "If you will it, you can make me clean." At this, just before the healing, Jesus was "moved with compassion." The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us.

The 32nd World Day of the Sick will be celebrated on February 11, 2024. The World Day of the Sick focuses on three themes. It reminds the faithful to pray for the sick; it invites us to reflect upon the meaning of human suffering; finally, it recognizes and honours all persons who work in the health care field. Please visit the Vatican website to read the Holy Father's message, "It is not good that man should be alone". Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships." **An invitation is extended to all parishioners who are elderly and/or suffering from a serious illness or disease to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on the weekend of Feb 10/11 following Masses.**



Countdown to Lent....Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Prayer, penance, fasting and almsgiving are the main Lenten works. "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Joel 2:12. **Masses will be celebrated at 9:30am and 7pm.**

The following is provided from the Code of Canon Law for your information:
Can.1251 Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Can.1252 The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority (age 18 – C.97), until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance.

The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, the products of milk or condiments made of animal fat.

Sunday, February 18th, 2024



**1ST SUNDAY
OF LENT**

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Mon. Feb 19		No Mass
		Mass cancelled Tues. Feb.20. Fr Jacek will celebrate this Mass privately.
Tues. Feb 20	9:30am	Teresa Walters
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Feb 21	9:30am	Father Jacek (Annette Mastracci & Family) Reparations for offences Against the Sacred Hearts of Jesus, Joseph & Mary Intentions of Fr. Jacek
Thurs. Feb 22	9:30am	✠ Deceased Members of the Horton Family (Nancy Horton)
Fri. Feb 23	9:30am	Second Sunday of Lent Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
Sat. Feb 24	4-4:45pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
	5:00pm	Second Sunday of Lent
Sun. Feb 25	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Louis Marshall (Mike & Anne Young)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses

Invest ONE HOUR to save a Lifetime! Pray to end Abortion. **During the 40 Days for Life VIGIL WE FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE -WE FAST AND PRAY AND OFFER SACRIFICE during Lent from Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th - Palm Sunday, March 24.** We give prayerful, peaceful witness at Niagara Falls General Hospital holding a sign, stating: **PRAY TO END ABORTION from 8 am – 8 pm.** Sign up with friends and family for **ONE HOUR.** The day our parish has chosen to witness is: **Thursday, March 7th, 2024.** Please feel free to sign up for other days as well. **The hours for each of the 40 days: begins at 8 am – ends at 8 pm.**

Free parking is available at the St. Ann Education Centre, 5895 North St. Niagara Falls. Please be aware that classes run from Monday to Friday at St Ann and parking is available in that first row by the fence in the second parking lot closest to Portage Rd , there is parking on the other side of the school if needed (first entrance)

*****40 DAYS FOR LIFE SIGNS ARE STORED AT 6111 NORTH ST. OUTSIDE THE HOME OF A PRO-LIFE SUPPORTER. A LABELLED BIN WILL BE ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE GARAGE.*****

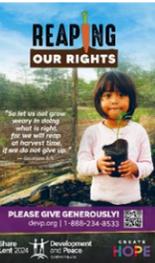


First Sunday of Lent

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous "Double Rainbow" video on YouTube to feel better. It's hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. "Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!" he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, "What does it *mean*?" Beneath the humour of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colourful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What does it mean?



Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante's medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God's promise of peace. For Dante, it's even more: nature's encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body. **Lenten challenge:** This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, "Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory." This Lent let's embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.



This Lent, let's work toward Reaping our Rights
This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Create Hope: Reaping our Rights** campaign calls you to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the Earth. Do this by: **Donating** online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 17, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world!

Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine and other resources available at devp.org/lent/resources. Meeting our solidarity visitors and **participating in the campaign launch webinar** on **February 17 at 1:30 p.m. ET.**



Stations of the Cross

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.
Join us each Friday evening at 7pm during Lent to pray The Way of the Cross.

