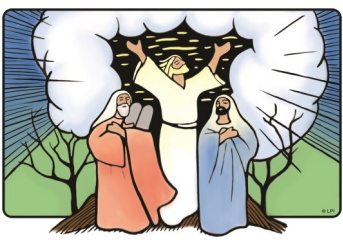


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**Sunday, March 8th, 2020**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

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Sat. March 7	9-10am 4-4:45pm 5:00pm	<b>Confessions</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confessions</b> Intentions of Stephen & Kimberly Walters (Teresa Walters)
Sun. March 8	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo Noah Tancock (Ava & Austin Wilson)
Mon. March 9	9:30am 7-8pm	Special Intention (Larocque Family) <b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b>
Tues. March 10	9:30am	✠ Repose of the Souls of the Poovattohil Family (Zita Alamparambil)
Wed. March 11	9:30am	Holy Mass for the Intentions of The Immaculate Heart of Mary (Teresa Walters)
Thurs. March 12	9:30am	✠ Jim Lukacs (Maria & Eddie Cozzi) ✠ Dianne Sauder (Mary & Bill Podolyak)
Fri. March 13	9:30am	✠ Daniel Leo (John & Diane Szydowski)
Sat. March 14	7:00pm 4-4:45pm 5:00pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confessions</b> ✠ Deceased Members of the Marfics Family (Bill & Mary Podolyak)
Sun. March 15	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo Special Intention (Patti & Cyril Simek)

**Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.**  
**Offertory February 29th & March 1st, 2020**

71 Envelopes	\$1,630.00
Loose Collection	\$ 59.10
Total Offertory	\$1,689.10
Maintenance	\$ 343.00

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him. We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you *really* are? That question has more merit than may at first appear. We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?



**On Saturday March 28th, 2020**, 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 simply come to pray before the Lord.



14<sup>th</sup>. We ask each church to adopt **ONE DAY (For our Parish – Saturday, March 14th) from 8 am – 8 pm, to give public witness** for one or two hours standing on Portage Street at the **Niagara Falls General Hospital**. This is a prayerful, silent **VIGIL**. You may go at anytime during the day.



**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 15th or you may use a plain envelope with your contact information listed**. Thank you.

**Annual Diocesan RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS:**  
 Presider **Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.,**  
 Bishop of St. Catharines  
**Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria Wednesday**  
**March 25 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**  
 Reception to follow in the parish hall  
 Hosted by the Diocesan CWL

**The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Prayerful**

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favourite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favourite was when we essentially were doing nothing. Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment. This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch.



**Our Cathedral has a very rich past.** Did you know that the Cathedral houses the chair of the Bishop, and that the Cathedral is the official church of the bishop of the diocese? As found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Greek word *cathedra* means chair or throne; the bishop's "chair" symbolizes his teaching and governing authority, and is located in the principal church or "cathedral" of the local diocese of which he is the chief pastor. Our Bishop, the Most Reverend Gerard Bergie's chair can be found in the re-envisioned sanctuary of our Cathedral currently undergoing a most extensive 1.2 million renovation. We need the help all to meet our goal. Be sure to visit us on the web at [www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal) or pick up a brochure and pledge form in your church today to play your part in this most remarkable restoration project. May God bless you!

**Fenwick's St. Ann Catholic Elementary School Parent Council Presents: Trivia Night and Silent Auction Fundraiser, Friday APR 24th RECEPTION 6:30PM**  
 Trivia begins **7:00PM** Fire Station #2, 766 Welland Rd. **\$20/ ticket** (which includes pizza AND munchies) create your winning **TEAM 8 players/table**. Individual tickets may be purchased, although we are encouraging tables of 8 and booking tickets in advance. Payments may be made day of, at the door. **To reserve tickets use School Cash on Line or email [stantrivia@gmail.com](mailto:stantrivia@gmail.com)**

**Parish Calendar**

<b>March 2020.....</b>	
<b>March 9th.....</b>	CWL meeting following morning Mass
<b>March 14th.....</b>	40 Days for Life—St Ann day 8am-8pm
<b>March 16-20...</b>	March Break
<b>March 18th....</b>	Youth Ministry will take place during March Break.
<b>March 28th....</b>	Diocesan wide day of reconciliation. 10am-2pm.
<b>March 29th.....</b>	Solidarity Sunday
<b>March 29th.....</b>	Youth Ministry will host breakfast/brunch following all morning Masses.
<b>March 29th.....</b>	Solidarity Sunday
<b>The Way of the Cross:</b>	For Roman Catholics throughout the world, the <b>Stations of the Cross</b> are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and, especially, Good Friday. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross", the "Via Crucis", and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates 14 key events on day of Christ's crucifixion. <b>A Plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who make a good confession before the pious devotion of the Stations of the Cross.</b> Please join with us each Friday evening as we gather to walk with Jesus this holy season of Lent.

**Bingo every Thursday evening 7-9pm in the parish hall.**  
**Youth Ministry every Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm.**  
<http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry> or email the parish.



**Share Lent 2020**  
**Yesica: a voice that reverberates from the Amazon to the Synod**

Yesica Patiachi Tayori of the Peru's Harakbut Indigenous community was invited to the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region in October 2019. She said, "We, the Indigenous peoples, have been, are and will always be the guardians of the forest. But caring for our common home is everyone's responsibility, not just that of Indigenous peoples." Development and Peace's partner, the Amazonian Centre for Anthropology and Practical Application (CAAAP), helps the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon ensure that their rights and territories are respected. On this **International Women's Day**, let us salute the courage of women like Yesica, who bravely lead the defence of the land, water and people. Watch Yesica's testimony at [devp.org/campaign/yesica](http://devp.org/campaign/yesica).

**Migrant Ministry:** Once again, our parish will be welcoming the seasonal agriculture workers as they return to our community during the month of March. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting warm clothing for the men, as they will arrive during the cooler weather and may be unprepared for the colder climate. Items most in need are socks, warm gloves, and toques. We are also accepting donations of gently used men's sweaters and coats, as well as new toiletries. Donated items may be left in the church basement, with a note indicating that they are for the seasonal agriculture workers. Thank you for your continued support. **Volunteer needed to co-ordinate this ministry. If you want more information or the opportunity to discuss the duties of the position, please phone the office soon.**

**The Divine Mercy Devotees of Niagara is hosting: 2000 Hail Mary's, Saturday, March 21st, 2020, Starting at 8 a.m.** SACRED HEART CHURCH, 3882 Main Street, Chippawa. Enter on Welland Street Parking Lot. You may come and leave anytime you please. For further information contact: Jessie Santos cell 416-528-8741 or Wilma cell 647-978-4485



