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Sunday, March 12th, 2017
Second Sunday of Lent

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." — Mt 17:4-5

Sat. March 11	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Sun. March 12	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
	9:30am	✠ Ivan & Tereza Kuhar (Mike Blazic & Family)
	11:00am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)
Mon. March 13	9:30am	Intention Available
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. March 14	9:30am	✠ Jean Frasier (Helena Sarvis & Family)
Wed. March 15	9:30am	✠ Diane Schertzing (Horton Family)
Thurs. March 16	9:30am	✠ Josephine Murphy (George & Phyllis Repar)
Fri. March 17	9:30am	✠ Edward Hogan (Magazzeni Family)
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
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)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory March 4th & 5th, 2017

88 Envelopes	\$1,804.35
Loose Collection	\$ 105.50
Total Offertory	\$1,909.85
Maintenance Collection	\$ 755.00
Syrian Refugee Family	\$ 360.00
Month of January:	
Income:	\$11,454
Expenses:	\$11,645
Month of February:	
Income:	\$ 9,539
Expenses:	\$23,889 (Includes new furnace)

Second SUNDAY OF LENT
 "When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid." Peter, James, and John already knew Jesus. They had been following him, learning from him, watching him for quite some time. But what took place before their eyes at the Transfiguration was unlike anything they had yet witnessed. This was not just a miracle or a message: this was a supernatural vision. When Jesus' face suddenly "shone like the sun" and two ancient prophets appeared and spoke, and a heavenly voice announced the true identity of their friend and teacher, these three disciples nearly fainted in fear. It must have been too glorious, too strange, too astonishing to handle.

But Jesus "came and touched them" to rouse them from their prostration. He told them, "Rise, and do not be afraid." What a beautiful moment. The Lord realized that his friends were overwhelmed. He had compassion on their meager ability to comprehend what was really going on. He allowed them to participate in this moment of revelation to help them understand who he was, but he still understood who **they** were—imperfect human beings who could not be expected to completely understand the ways of God.



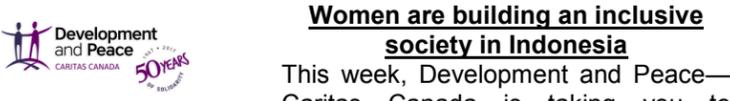
Sometimes we might long to witness a kind of Transfiguration moment. It can be tempting to think that if we had access to such a supernatural revelation, our faith would be strengthened and our lives would change. But Jesus knows us best. He knows what we can handle and he knows the perfect way to reveal himself. For most of us, most of the time, this means coming to know Jesus in the more ordinary ways of prayer, Scripture study, and the sacraments. Let's be sure we are ready to find Jesus there.

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.

We welcome in Baptism, **Simon David Chechalk**, son of Joshua Chechalk and Jessie Horton. May the gifts which Baptism bestows grow unhindered in us all.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: What are some good books for Lenten spiritual reading? **Answer:** The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the Church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels, and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially your patron saint and that of your parish. Finally, you can use the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to learn more about the Church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are especially powerful and interesting. Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ.



Women are building an inclusive society in Indonesia
 This week, Development and Peace—Caritas Canada is taking you to Indonesia to meet Risyia, a 22 year old Indonesian woman who has been blind since adolescence. Thanks to a workshop in journalism offered by our partner the Association of Independent Journalists, this courageous young woman started to use her blog to write about the discrimination faced by women with disabilities and to encourage these women to believe in their potential. The Association has offered media workshops to 170 women and now they can make their voices heard!
Remember! In 2004, a tsunami hit the coastlines around the Indian Ocean, resulting in 300,000 victims. In collaboration with its partners, Development and Peace provided emergency relief, completed the construction of 3500 permanent homes and related infrastructure, and helped establish 26 community organizations.

Catholic Women's League: Thank to everyone who has volunteered to assist with making pierogies on March 20/21. Following the work session on March 21st, there will be a short meeting and a light lunch will be provided. Also..... there is a white bookcase/shelving unit in the hall which is no longer needed. If anyone is interested in taking it (no cost), please phone the office. You will find it on its side against the west wall of the church hall.

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.

40 Days for Life – Be part of this peaceful campaign by prayer and fasting during Lent, March 1-April 9. St. Ann will participate **on March 18th from 8 am – 8 pm.** Two or more people are needed to give public witness for one or two hours standing on Portage Street at the Niagara Falls General Hospital, holding a sign "Pray to end Abortion – 40 Days for Life". To sign up: www.wpcprolife.com, or [40daysforlife.com/Niagara Falls](http://40daysforlife.com/NiagaraFalls). For info or help, call Annette, 905-325-1251. Sign up sheet is at the back of the church.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY: YM for grades 5-8, Wed. evenings 6:30-8:30pm. Registration form is on our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry>. If you would like to volunteer, check out our website email gbroadley@branchesoftheword.org

Parish Calendar

March.....	
March 12th	St. Vincent de Paul meeting after 11am Mass
March 18th.....	40 Days for Life, NF General Hospital
March 20/21...	Assistance needed for making pierogies—sign up sheet is at the back of the church.
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)

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

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY. This month's topics are 'The Journey of Healing', presented by Fr. Hugh Gibson (March 13); and 'The Importance of Forgiveness', presented by Mr. Dino Sicoli (March 27). Meetings are 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. Pre-registration not required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com



Dear St. Patrick, in your humility you called yourself a sinner, but you became a most successful missionary and prompted countless pagans to follow the Saviour. Many of their descendants in turn spread the Good News in numerous foreign lands. Through your powerful intercession with God, obtain the missionaries we need to continue the work you began. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
 The transfiguration of Jesus in today's Gospel serves as a foretaste of the Resurrection. Each Lent we are given this vision on the second Sunday to encourage us in our penitential practices so that we may come to celebrate Easter joy.

Everyday Stewardship: Catherine Doherty said, "Yes, stewardship pertains to everything and I am responsible for my part of that everything." I am reminded of that quote when I read the words from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, "Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Both point to our own responsibility as a disciple, as well as the reality that we are not alone. We live with God in community. We each have our part to play in the kingdom of God. Lent is an important time to focus on how our stewardship way of life causes us to sacrifice and, at times, experience hardship. If we find that we never seem to feel our sacrifice, then it is a good time to ask ourselves if we really are fully living as good stewards, cultivating what we have been given, and then offering it all back to God. If we only give from our excess, then we will never understand the meaning behind the words of St. Paul and Catherine Doherty. This is why we must challenge ourselves. We must push ourselves to go that extra mile. It really is a way of exercising our stewardship muscles. So as this Lenten season is still in its first weeks, what can you attempt to do that really pushes you out of your comfort zone? Can you double or triple your prayer time during the season? Can you search your household and give to charity more than just things you don't need anymore, but also things you still want? Is there someone to visit a few times before Easter than can no longer get out? Whatever it is, the strength will come from God to take greater care of your part of his *everything*.

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