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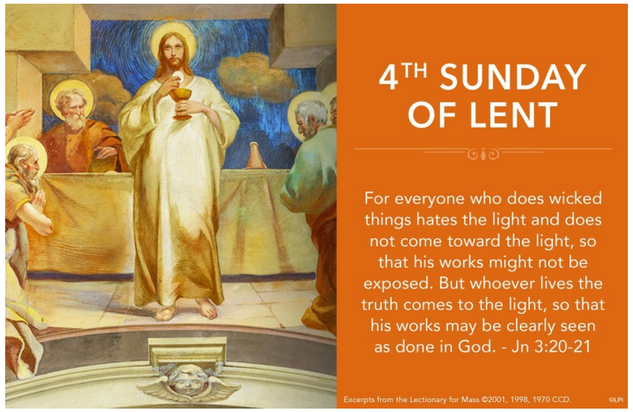
Sunday, March 14th, 2021



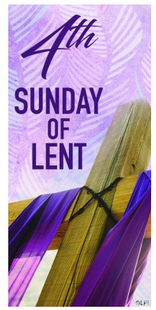
MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Mar 13	4-4:45pm		**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions**
			Fourth Sunday of Lent
	5:00pm	✞	Anthony Fernandes (Marguerite Fonseca)
Sun. Mar 14			**Fourth Sunday of Lent**
	9:30am		Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am		Special Birthday Intention for Ronaldo Alave (Racz Family)
Mon. Mar 15	9:30am		Reparation for offences against The Immaculate Heart of Mary (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Tues. Mar 16	9:30am		Intentions of Joseph Mullin (Teresa & Colin Walters)
	7-8pm		**Holy Hour & Confessions**
Wed. Mar 17	9:30am	✞	Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
Thurs. Mar 18	9:30am	✞	Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
Fri. Mar 19	9:30am		In Honour of St. Joseph (Teresa & Colin Walters)
		✞	Maria Albanese (Vince Addario)
Sat. Mar 20	4-4:45pm		**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions**
			Fifth Sunday of Lent
	5:00pm	✞	Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Mar 21			**Fifth Sunday of Lent**
	9:30am		Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✞	Elizabeth Laruso (Jake & Sherry Voogt)

Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Interac E-transfer is also available to make donations. Please use the following email: stannfendonations@cogeco.net (No password required)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.



St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

Niagara Region has now moved into the Red Zone- 30% attendance capacity is in place.

The Government of Ontario announced on Friday, February 28th that the Niagara Region will move into the red zone as of Monday, March 1, at 12:01 am. All parishes have resumed 30% capacity indoors. All Diocesan Pandemic Protocols remain in place including physical distancing and Contact Tracing protocols.

Face coverings are mandatory.

Once the 30% capacity has been filled, the doors will be locked. We will take attendance for each Mass and/or Liturgical service for contact tracing purposes.

Offertory March 6 & 7, 2021
Envelopes: $1, 435.00

Ontario Conscience Rights Campaign

Today's bulletin insert is a letter regarding the Ontario Conscience Rights Campaign. The purpose of this campaign is to encourage MPP's at Queen's Park to support legislation to protect healthcare professionals who do not wish to be involved with Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD). Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the campaign will primarily be electronic. Your parishioners are being asked to send an email to their MPP. A link is provided in the letter. Those who are organizing this campaign have been told that a good number of politicians are in favour of this legislation; however, they need to be assured that their constituency is in agreement. This is why the emails are important.

Respect for Life Mass: 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, **Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 7:00 pm.** Due to the pandemic and reduced capacity at the Cathedral, people are encouraged to participate via livestream this year. It is important that we continue to pray for a greater respect for life from conception to natural death.

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 14th. 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. 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.

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7-9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls, Ontario. For information, call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com Because of the current province-wide lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings will be held virtually via the Zoom platform **and** pre-registration is required for Zoom meetings by phoning 905-356-4113 or emailing separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

March 22, 2021: Have Faith, Dcn. Gunther Eyer, presenter

Holy Week Liturgical Celebrations 2021

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. PLEASE PHONE OR EMAIL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND any of these Masses or services.

Palm Sunday:	March 27th, 5pm March 28th, 9:30 & 11am
Holy Thursday:	April 1st, 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm
Good Friday:	April 2nd Confessions 9-11am Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3pm (**30% Capacity Filled)**
Holy Saturday:	April 3rd Confessions 9-11am Noon -Blessing of Easter Baskets Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil **8:30pm**
Easter Sunday:	April 4th, Masses 9:30 &11am

Solidarity Sunday is next weekend, March 21st, 2021

The past year has been marked by the COVID-19 pandemic. It has shaken social, economic and political structures globally. In his catechesis on the pandemic, Pope Francis implores us to work together as one human family to overcome the global challenges we are facing. Already, we have witnessed many beautiful acts of kindness and love. The *Share Lent* cam-paign invites you to take part in this beauty by following our merciful and just Lord Jesus.

Share Lent has been a tradition in Canadian parishes since 1968. It was established to embody the two pillars of social action—charity and justice—that Pope Benedict XVI described as "not only social, but also spiritual actions, accomplished in the light of the Holy Spirit"1.

Each year, the campaign reaches schools, parishes, and the members of our communities across Canada. It tells the stories of our sisters and brothers in the Global South. Not sto-ries of poverty and misery, but of incredible strength, resourcefulness and courage. Stories of people working together to change the unjust social, economic and political situations that hinder their integral human development. Development and Peace and its partners can accompany and support them in their quest for justice because thousands of Canadians like you volunteer for and donate to *Share Lent* every year.

This year, our campaign theme is ***Share Love, Share Lent.*** It is inspired by the message of social fraternity conveyed by our Pope in his latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*. Today's collection is an opportunity to honour the Holy Father's message as a global community and to find inspiration from the parable of the Good Samaritan which is at the centre of his encyclical. It is a way of doing our part so that, as the Pope hopes, "every person lives with dignity and has sufficient opportunities for his or her integral development"2.

At the parish, we will be accepting donations through the Sunday collection, e transfer or you may drop off donations at the church during office hours.

Show your support by donating generously this coming Solidarity Sunday. You can also become a monthly donor and have your year-long contribution matched, thanks to the support of religious communities across Canada. Not only will you double your impact, but you will also automatically become a member of Development and Peace!

Learn more at **devp.org/lent**.