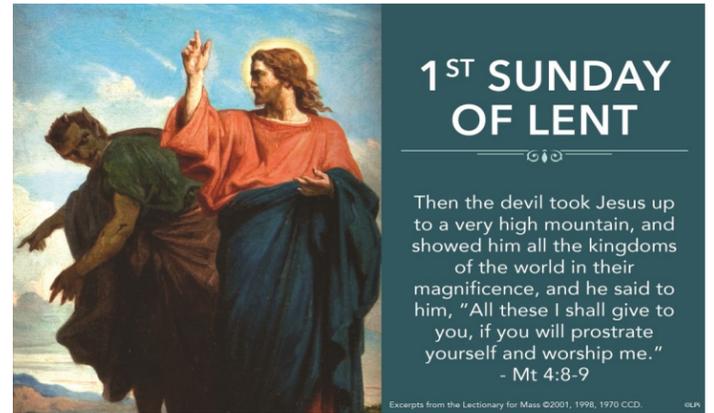


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**Sunday, March 1st, 2020**



Sat. Feb 29	9-10am 4-4:45pm	<b>Confessions</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	✠ Dave Battersby (Janet Battersby)
Sun. March 1	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo Intentions of Adelaine Nohara (Teresa Walters) Joseph Baumgartner (Meier Family)
Mon. March 2	9:30am	Michael Wilson (Karen Kennedy)
	7-8pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b>
Tues. March 3	<b>8:30am</b>	Intentions of Jack & Dorothy Walters (Teresa Walters)
Wed. March 4	9:30am	✠ William Ivanko (Maria & Eddie Cozzi) ✠ David MacDougall (Gwen MacDougall)
Thurs. March 5	9:30am	Intentions of Stephen & Kimberly Walters (Teresa Walters) ✠ Dianne Schertzing (Horton Family)
Fri. March 6	9:30am	Ava Wilson (Family)
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat. March 7	4-4:45pm 5:00pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confessions</b> Intentions of Stephen & Kimberley Walters (Teresa Walters)
Sun. March 8	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo Noah Tancock (Ava & Austin Wilson)

**Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.**  
**Offertory February 22nd & 23rd 2020**

68 Envelopes	\$2,004.70
Loose Collection	\$ 63.00
Total Offertory	\$2,067.70

**First Sunday of Lent**  
 Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of



God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbour. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust? For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go?

**Pope's Prayer Intention Month of March:**  
**Evangelization:** Catholics in China— We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS :**  
 The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Mindful

What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life. One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead. Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself.

**World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.**

**Prayer and Action Are Inseparable**  
 On World Day of Prayer, people all around the world will unite to:

- affirm their belief and faith in Christ;
- be enriched by the experiences of other Christians, their countries & cultures;
- pray for and/or with others for the burdens of others;
- become more aware of their own talents, and to be encouraged to use them in Christian service;
- develop awareness of the world as a whole, and to understand and appreciate that God loves all people everywhere.

World Day of Prayer takes place internationally on the first Friday of March every year. **On March 6th, our host church will be Fenwick United Church. The service will begin at 2pm. Everyone is invited to attend!**



**Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk Program written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe for WDP 2020— John 5:2-9a**

The WDP 2020 program is based on Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given (John 5:2-9a). Jesus asked – "Do you want to be made well?" You are faced with this life-changing question. What are you going to do? Use this opportunity to reflect with your WDP group, community and ecumenical partners. Prayer and action are what links us together around the globe. The country of Zimbabwe continues its search for peace during its political transition. The change in government, that occurred when the WDP materials were written, continues to bring Zimbabwe to the frontlines of the media. The economy crashed the dreams of many, Mugabe died at 95 years old, protests are met with violence, and a massive cyclone has flooded some communities. However in all moments, WDP women, churches and ecumenical organizations have not lost hope. **Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk,** said Jesus. Our sisters from Zimbabwe are taking Jesus' encounter to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. "The action verbs suggest that we should not be afraid to act on the word of God. God is offering us the steps for personal and social transformation." This is the time for change! May we hear the words of this compassionate God and the Prince of Peace to act upon the healing of ourselves and our communities to bring peace and reconciliation into the world.



**Our Cathedral has a very rich past.** The parish church of St. Catharine of Alexandria became the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria when the Most Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy was seated at the throne during his installation as Bishop of the new diocese of St. Catharines. He received the crozier from His Eminence James C Cardinal McGuigan on November 25, 1958. We as a diocese will gather on November 25, 2020 to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this parish church – now our Cathedral – a beautifully restored Cathedral. Play your part now in this restoration project. 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 historic restoration project. May God bless you!

**Parish Calendar**

<b>March 2020.....</b>	
<b>March 1st....</b>	First Sunday of Lent
<b>March 3rd.....</b>	<b>Morning Mass will be at 8:30am</b>
<b>March 6th....</b>	First Friday Holy Communion to the sick and Homebound. Phone the office to arrange a visit.
<b>March 6th.....</b>	World Day of Prayer—Fenwick United Church
<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

**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



**Share Lent 2020**  
**The tree of solidarity that is Development and Peace — Caritas Canada**

In 1967, the Bishops of Canada sowed a seed of solidarity, seeking to nurture a movement for social justice. This seed took root and blossomed into a strong tree. Its roots are the thousands of Canadians who support the organization by donating time and money. Its branches are partners who flourish and help build a world of justice. Their work bears fruit for millions of people in the Global South who are taking charge of their own destiny. **Consult the Mini-magazine, in today's bulletin** to learn more about Development and Peace's work: [devp.org/lent/resources](http://devp.org/lent/resources).

**Thank you to everyone who assisted** with last weekend's Youth Ministry Brunch and to everyone who supported it! The proceeds (\$330) will assist with our Youth Ministry costs. Please mark your calendars for the next brunch which will be held on Sunday, March 29th.

**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.

**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.**



