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## Sunday, February 22nd, 2026

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."  
- Mt 4:8-9

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Sat. Feb 21	4-4:45pm	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b> All Parishioners
Sun. Feb 22	5:00pm	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Healing for Gomez Family (Stevenson Family)
Mon Feb 23		<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. Feb 24	9:30am	For all parishioners living and Deceased and all who give to Our parish (Carolle Gilbert)
Wed. Feb 25	7-8pm 9:30am	† <b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b> Louis Marshall (Anne & Mike Young)
Thurs. Feb 26	<b>8:30am</b>	† Matt Plocek (Adelaine Nohara) Jasmine & Wade McColl-Spiritual Blessings (Mastracci Family)
Fri. Feb 27	9:30am <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat. Feb 28	4-4:45pm	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b> All Parishioners
Sun. Mar 1	5:00pm 10:00am	† <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Ignacio & Caroline Naig (Mark & Dayna Young & Family)

**Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.**  
**Offertory February 7th & 8th, 2026- \$1,499.10**  
**Offertory February 14th & 15th—\$1,703.55**  
**Maintenance February - \$390.00**

**JOIN US FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

In the earliest years of Christianity, the locations central to the story of Holy Week — the Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary, the Holy Sepulcher, and more — were destinations for pilgrims who wanted to experience Christ's sacrificial love for us in a physical way.

In the years after the Crusades, pilgrimage to the Holy Land became impossible for most Christians, and the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to pray through the passion and death of Christ. **Join us each Friday during Lent at 7pm beginning Feb. 20th.**

## First Sunday of Lent Matthew 4:1-11

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

**Lenten Challenge:** This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

**This Lent, let's move forward On Track for Justice**

"The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking."  
— Pope Leo XIV (*Dilexi te*, §75)

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign, **On Track for Justice**, has been launched! Together, let's walk hand in hand with communities in the Global South who are working for justice, peace and dignity. How? **By donating** during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 22, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 59 projects in 34 countries around the world!

**The Solidarity Calendar and Mini magazine are in this weekend's bulletin.** Discover all the resources at [devp.org/lent/resources](http://devp.org/lent/resources).

**World Day of Prayer 2026:** World Day of Prayer, celebrated on **March 06, 2026** is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

Through the **World Day of Prayer**, women are encouraged to become aware of the other countries and cultures and no longer live in isolation. They are also encouraged take up the burdens of other people, to sympathize with the problems of other countries and cultures and pray with and for them. They are further encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society. The World Day of Prayer aims to demonstrate that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. The text "**World Day of Prayer**" has been taken from [www.cute-calendar.com](http://www.cute-calendar.com)

**The theme for 2026 will centre on Nigeria, offering insights into finding rest in God during challenging times. "I will give you Rest: Come" Matthew 11:28-30**

**Time and Place:** Kirk on the Hill Presbyterian Church, 1344 Haist St., Fonthill., 2pm. All are welcome!

## Sunday, March 1st, 2026

**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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Mon. Mar 2	9:30am	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. Mar 3	9:30am	† Slawomir Bledowski (Friends) Paul Mullin (DiMartile Family) Intentions of Fr. Jacek
Wed. Mar 4	9:30am	† Leo Bonomi (Nohara Family)
Thurs. Mar 5	9:30am	† Maria Hajsova (L. Haynes & E. Ferrara) † Andy Miedema (Nancy Horton) † Ben Obdeyn (Nohara Family) Special Intention Adelaine Nohara (Dave & Keri Harrison) Neumann Family (Nohara Family)
Fri. Mar 6	9:30am <b>6:00pm</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>Holy Hour and Confessions</b> <b>Mass</b>
Sat. Mar 7		<b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>FIRST SATURDAY MASS AND ADORATION CANCELLED</b> <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
Sun. Mar 8	4-4:45pm 5:00pm 10:00am	† Mary Ferrara (Ferrara Family) <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> † John Blaszyński (Mary Ann Biggar)

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

**Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's work in a nutshell**

Dignity, participation, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor and integrity. These are the values at the heart of the work of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Since 1967, we've been walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South to promote **justice, peace and dignity**.

Guided by **Catholic Social Teaching**, we support **partner-led projects** that reach over **7 million people in more than 30 countries** around the world. **Solidarity Sunday is March 22nd.**

## Second Sunday of Lent Matthew 17:1-9

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this hum-drum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labour. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, "his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light" (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering. We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labour that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labour, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

**Lenten Challenge:** Identify the "artifact" you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

**The Saint Ann Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society** is grateful to share that we recently donated \$1,000 to Pelham Cares in support of those in need within our community. This gift was made possible entirely because of your generous contributions to the donation box at the entrance of our church. Your quiet and consistent generosity is truly inspiring. Your offerings become real help for struggling families — groceries on the table, dignity preserved, hope restored. Thank you for being a parish that responds so faithfully to the needs of the poor.

As we begin our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we invite you to consider donating to our Lenten Food Drive, (baskets are located at the top of the stairs) or placing a monetary or gift card donation in the donation box (also at the top of the stairs) as an expression of your care for our neighbours in need. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference.

Together, through your compassion and generosity, we are able to be Christ's hands and heart in our community. Thank you for all that you have already done — and for all that you continue to do.

**HELP SAVE LIVES IN NIAGARA!**

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers! With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 26,000 saved babies
- More than 180 closed facilities
- More than 275 converted workers

**SIGN UP FOR VIGIL HOURS**

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community: Vigil location: The public sidewalk outside the Niagara Falls Hospital, 5546 Portage Rd, Niagara Falls. Vigil hours: 8 am - 8 pm daily Local contact: Angela 905-931-0363 Annette 905-325-1251 Email inquiries: [actionforlife@outlook.com](mailto:actionforlife@outlook.com) Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at this web address. [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)



