

Second Sunday of Lent – March 12, 2017

Fri, Mar 17 7:00 pm *Way of the Cross*
Sat, Mar 18 5:00 pm Claude Mantha by Marie Lepage
 Laurent Dumais by Brian & Marguerite Mason
 Intentions of June Ohlman & Family by Len Weisflock

Sun, Mar 19 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
 9:00 am Michelina & Giuseppe Scarfone by Family
 Intentions of Moher Family by Peter & Arlene Maunsell
 Intentions of Andrea Fraser by 2016 Prayer Partner
 11:00 am For the intentions of all parishioners by Father Tony

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on March 16 and 17, 2017.

Father Tony's homily is available online at www.stpetertheapostle.ca →About→Meet Our Pastor→Our Pastor's Homilies

PRAYER LINE: *In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed.* If you or any member of your family, or anyone you know, is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish Office to place that person on our prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:



Sunday, March 5, 2017 \$5 145.80
Thank you for your generous contributions!

Prayer for Families

Oh God, who calls us in the midst of all of life's circumstances, teach us to trust you, no matter what life brings. Help our hearts cry to you when we find ourselves afraid and led out into the wilderness, and help our spirits to share your gifts when we have much. Amen.

CWL NEWS

The Catholic Women's League *Executive Meeting* will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Just a friendly reminder: The Catholic Women's League 2017 Memberships (\$25) are now due. For more information contact Ann at 705-497-3147.

Don't give up *chocolate* for lent

Join Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever

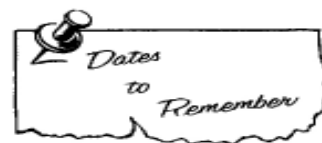
We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. Sign up for our free email program Best Lent Ever and get daily inspirational emails that will help you identify what stands between you and happiness . . . and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever? Sign up at BestLentEver.com

WISDOM QUOTE:

"Never be in a hurry, do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset."
 Saint Francis de Sales

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mar 13-19

Monday	Daniel 9.3-10; Luke 6.36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 1.10,16-20,27-28,31; Mt 23.1-12
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18.18-20; Matthew 20.17-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 17.5-10; Luke 16.19-31
Friday	Gn 37.3-4,12-13,17-28; Mt 21.33-43,45-46
Saturday	Micah 7.14-15,18-20; Luke 15.1-3,11-32
Sunday	Ex 17.3-7; Rm 5.1-2,5-8; Jn 4.5-42



Mon 10:00 am Rising Stars
Wed 9:30 am Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
6:00 pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting (Parish Hall)
Thu **Parish Office Closed**
1:00 pm Parish Hall Occupied
6:30 pm Choir Practice – All Members
New Members Always Welcome!
Fri **Parish Office Closed**



The Promises of Fatima: Come pray the Rosary with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30am at St. Peter's Parish.

Second Sunday of Lent

Reflect: “Tend the flock of God in your midst, overseeing not by constraint but willingly, as God would have it, not for shameful profit but eagerly.”
1 Peter 5:2

Pray: Father, life can be tough. It is difficult for everyone, but sometimes I behave as if I were the only one going through a difficult time. I walk around as if I have blinders on and cannot see the needs of others. Maybe I have let my heart become so hardened and calloused that it stops feeling the pain of others. I don't want to be that way. I want to be compassionate. Open my eyes and my heart that I may see the hurt around me. Amen.

Act: Contribute to, or get involved with, one worthwhile cause.



Women are Building an Inclusive Society in Indonesia

CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE
This week, Development & 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 (AJI), 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. AJI 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 & Peace provided emergency relief, completed the construction of 3 500 permanent homes and related infrastructure, and helped establish 26 community organizations.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2017 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

“Change my heart and help me to follow the way.”

Regional Penitential Service Wednesday, March 29

Holy Name of Jesus Church at 7:00 pm
Followed by Individual Confession.

All Day Individual Confessions Friday, March 31

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption
10:00 am to 4:00 pm



Let's give it up for Lent

If you grew up Catholic, you probably heard the question (perhaps more often than you would have liked!): “What are you giving up for Lent?” Often enough it was about forgoing goodies such as chocolate or your favorite television show. Good enough as far as it goes, if it taught you something about healthy self-denial. But there is another, more interior way to give things up for Lent—things such as judgmental comments that come from a secret sense of superiority or condemning attitudes that are nothing more than self-righteousness dressed up in sharp clothes. The real action in the spiritual life, we learn as we age, is interior. So—what will you give up this Lent?

“The measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

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Confirmation Information Night 2017

Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 pm

in St. Peter's Parish Hall. Candidates and parents are asked to attend this meeting. Sponsors are also welcome. Please include a copy your Baptism Certificate with registration form, available from the Parish Office or on the church website www.stpetertheapostle.ca Candidates requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation are presumed to be in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and to have previously received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. If you are missing one or more of these sacraments, please call the Parish Office at 705-472-1817.



Join the “Call for Conscience” Feb 6 – Mar 31, 2017

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide / euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object feel a direct referral is akin to being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia / assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, join the “Call for Conscience” and write directly to your Member of Provincial Parliament asking them to protect conscience rights.



Our Share Lent Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale

will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2017 after the 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses. The cost for adults is \$6 each, children aged 6-10 cost \$3, and children 5 & under are free. The Catholic Women's League will be in need of baked goods for the Bake Sale table. All baking donations can be brought to the Parish Hall Saturday, March 25th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm or before each Mass on Sunday, March 26th. All proceeds from this event go to Development & Peace/Share Lent. We look forward to your participation in this worthy annual project.



EASTER MEMORIAL DECORATIONS: A special way to remember loved ones during this holy season is to donate memorial decorations in their memory. The decorations will be used to decorate our worship environment for the greatest feast of the year... the Feast of the Resurrection. Envelopes for the decoration donations are available at the entrance to the Church. You may also use a plain envelope marking it:

Memorial Decorations

In Remembrance of _____

Donated by _____

Address _____

Postal Code: _____ Envelope # _____

Include your donation and return it to the office or in the collection by **Sunday, April 2, 2017**. A listing of remembrances will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Income tax receipts will be issued for all donations.

All Masses on Easter Sunday will be celebrated in memory of those for whom the Easter Decorations were donated.

Remember loved ones this Easter and give glory to the Lord by helping to decorate for this beautiful season.



**Holy Land Commissariat - de Terre Sainte -
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land Collection
Collection on "Good Friday"**

Origin of the Commissariat of the Holy Land

In his thirteen Letters, saint Paul frequently mentions the generosity of the different Christians communities that he set up in favor of the Mother Church : « it is a blessing to assist the faithful of Jerusalem » (2 Cor 8,3-4). The Good Friday Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is in the keeping of this spirit. Since the Pastoral of Leo XIII dated December 26, 1887, all the popes have prescribed as mandatory, throughout catholicity, the Collection for the Holy Places of the Holy Land.

The Custody of the Holy Land

The presence of the Franciscans in the Holy Land goes back to the very origins of the Order of Friars Minor which, founded by St. Francis of Assisi in 1209, has been open to missionary evangelisation since its origins. The Custody of the Holy Land naturally included the land of Christ's birth, together with the places where the mystery of our redemption was realised.

The Custody of the Holy land is a presence rooted in the Middle East, that us Christians we call the Holy Land. Since 1342, the Friars Minor are the official guardians of the Holy Places by the desire and at the request of the Universal Church.

Today, the Custody's apostolate is carried out in the following countries: Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, and the islands of Cyprus and Rhodes. Some 300 friars are present in these countries, working in collaboration with about 100 sisters from various congregations. The Franciscans serve the principal shrines of the Redemption, among which the Holy Sepulchre, the Nativity at Bethlehem and the Annunciation at Nazareth hold price of place.



It is a meeting point, a bridge (albeit a shaky one at times) between two cultures, the east and the west. There is no place in the world like Jerusalem, where all the Christian denominations are present. Beyond the obvious difficulties of human relationships, the Holy Land has a unique charm.

Here the Franciscans represent a rich historical presence that, throughout the centuries has learned a great deal through dialogue among Christians. On the inter-religious level, it is a small entity in relationship to the two major presences: Judaism and Islam. The Franciscans take on certain aspects of oriental tradition while managing to communicate something of their own culture.

In the Holy Land, the friars are at the heart of the life of the Church and the world. In spite of limitations due to paucity of personnel and the difficulty of the spoken languages, they still succeed in meeting and accompany pilgrims and the faithful from all parts of the world, and in fruitful discussion with those who do not think as they do.

Holy Land is a fascinating place, a continual challenge. But the greater challenge that the Franciscans are still facing is not to limit themselves to their present material situation, but to hold themselves in an active, critical attitude, always full of evangelical hope.



**Good Friday 2017 Pontifical
Collection in Support of the Holy Land**

The bishops hand over the proceeds of the Good Friday Collection to their respective Holy Land Commissariats operating in many different countries. The Commissariats in turn forward the sums received to the Bursar's office of the Custody of the Holy Land in Jerusalem. Ultimately, it is the Congregation of the Eastern Catholic Churches that oversees the sharing out of this financial assistance. The intermediaries are

not authorized to make liberal gifts of their choosing. Currently the offering collected is shared out as follows: a portion is given to the Eastern Catholic Churches of the territory of the Holy Land; the rest is given over for the upkeep and repair of the Holy Places, i.e. some 50 shrines that are dear to the piety of Christians and pilgrims the world over; and for the pastoral, educational, social and cultural mission of the Custody of the Holy Land.

Participation of Canadian Benefactors

Thanks to the Good Friday Collection and the offering of the Canadian Catholics for the benefit of the Holy Land, the Holy Land Commissariat in Ottawa forwards each year all the donations made to the Custody of the Holy Land for the fulfilment of its mission and undertakings. The requirements of the Canadian authorities regarding the exit of funds from the country stipulate that the annual projects be submitted by the Custody of the Holy Land to the Commissariat and that a report be filed at the closing of each year by the Custody on the use of such funds and the monitoring of the authorized projects.

Reinforcing the Christian Presence in the Holy Land

The Collection brings an indispensable support to the Christian minority of the Holy Land. The State of Israel and Palestine have a population of some 10 million people. So the 180,000 Christian inhabitants represent less than 2% of this population.

To check the exodus from the Holy Land of Christians whose lives are rendered particularly difficult, the Franciscan Custody implements numerous initiatives. In addition to ensuring the guard of the shrines, the Good Friday Annual Collection allows the living stones to inhabit the Holy Places and in so doing bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ.

THE TRUE BEAUTY OF COMPLEMENTARITY: PUTTING WOMEN AT THE HEART OF THE ACTION

A faith-based reflection on *Women at the Heart of Change*.

“Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.” (Ruth 2:5-16)

Around the globe, every day, there are women and men who work together to transform their lives and the lives of their communities. They steward the natural world around them and advocate for a fairer, more just world. Many women, like Risya Syair, use their talents to change the perception of women in society. Others, like Hanan Halima, are entrepreneurial and create activities that support low-income families. Recognizing these efforts, and allowing these women to “glean” is part of our call as Christians to journey toward justice.

This call, as we see in the book of Ruth, is the promise of God. God, the provider to the orphan, the widow, the stranger and all the poor (Deut. 10:18, Psalm 146:9), turns His gaze to women who are oppressed and shines His light upon them.

If we also turn our gaze in this way, we can see the challenges that women face around the world. In Afghanistan, only 18% of adult women are able to read and write, compared to 45% of adult males. Eighty-seven percent of women confess to experiencing domestic violence. The United Nations and the World Health Organization report that women aged 15-44 around the world are more at risk from violence than from cancer, and up to 70% of women experience violence in their lifetime. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a country where women are the target of systematic sexual assaults, we are witnessing a normalization of

sexual violence. Thus, an estimated 48 women are raped per hour. Such horrifying statistics call us to pause.

If we take even the briefest of moments to imagine the human faces behind these numbers, we cannot help but be moved. A simple tear from us may betray what we feel inside, for their pain is surely held in our own hearts. Indeed, compassion should be at the root of every loving and Christian response to not only suffering, but to what we may properly call horror.

Resisting against such sexual and gender-based violence is often hampered by impunity, when the rule of law is either unknown or ignored. Judicial and social constructs often further demonize the victims of such systemic violence and promote the practice of “victim blaming.” In contrast, we have the example of our Lord who defends the adulteress against the violence of the law itself (John 8:1-11). We must, like Jesus, courageously put love and mercy first and stand with victims. We must give them a voice and a place at the table instead of shaming them into silence and invisibility.

Additionally, there are many parts of the world in which women are denied economic opportunities, and barred from participating as equal partners in the building and transformation of their communities. Women have less access to banking services, a gap that is largest in countries in the Global South.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is working with partners around the world to transform these situations and address the root causes of such injustice. Inspired by Gospel values and strong in the knowledge that all persons have God-given dignity, we support women and men, but especially women in their search for social and economic justice.

We do this because we are moved, and challenged to do so by our faith. In Octogesima Adveniens, Pope Paul VI writes that efforts should be “directed to protecting her [the woman’s] proper vocation, and at the same time recognizing her independence as a person, and her equal rights to participate in cultural, economic, social and political life.”

This recognition of equal participation is a standard of Catholic faith, and is uniquely tied to our teaching on complementarity, which refers to the unique and fruitful





relationship between women and men. Both are created in the image of God and both have great dignity and worth. They are not the same, but bring their unique and complementary gifts to their communities. As such, there are no ascribed and rigid gender roles, but rather an understanding that the recognition and equal participation of both women and men in cultural, social, economic and political life helps us journey towards a fairer world. As Pope Emeritus Benedict noted on January 19, 2013 during his address to the Pontifical Council, the “reciprocity between male and female is an expression of the beauty of nature as willed by the Creator.” From this teaching, we can and must move beyond the simple framework of individual marriages, and see within it the context of our global communities so that we move towards the moral conversion so strongly called for in *Laudato Si’*.

We must understand this in a radical way. The true beauty of the teaching on complementarity is not the justification of unequal power relationships between men and women, but realizing their equal partnership. As Pope Francis noted to the bishops of Puerto Rico, “such differences are not for opposition or subordination, but for communion and generation, always in the image and likeness of God.” Such a teaching, which celebrates and uplifts both man and woman, defies those who try to subjugate women or who find ways to physically, psychologically and economically harm them. Such offenses are inconsistent with the notion of having “equal personal dignity.”

In this way, we are not only thinking of women, but also of men. When we call men to integrity, and when women and men work together to establish strong economic and social communities, we also work towards resisting the social structures that oppress us all.

Christ, in “making all things new,” proclaimed a new humanity. Christ is proclaimed as a new Adam, but also cannot forget that Mary is proclaimed as the new Eve. Her ‘yes’ makes her a participant in the great divine plan

of salvation, uttering a yes in the name of all human nature. Is it not remarkable that God put the destiny of all humankind in a young woman’s hands?

This new humanity is found in the complementarity of women and men working together, and by doing so, resisting the logic of domination and profit that pits men against women, parents against their children, class against class, and race against race. We do not walk towards a kind of glib universalism where our differences and unique talents disappear into sameness. We walk together in solidarity and in a crowd of voices that insist on reform and dialogue, and that speak prophetically against social injustice.

The equal recognition of both women and men becomes a tool for liberation. This is because the task requires the leadership of women, their unique talents and their ability to empower other women. Part of these unique talents is the understanding of injustice that women bring with them from their very own lived experiences.

What does it really mean to put the lives of women at the heart of the action? It means recognizing them in their God-given dignity as equal and unique partners alongside men. Putting women at the heart of the action engenders the real fruit of liberation, and underscores the Good News of salvation. Just like Mary, may we treasure that Good News and ponder it in our hearts.

March 12, 2017 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

The first reading tells of God's promise to Abraham to make of his descendants a great nation. In the second reading, Paul reminds Timothy that he must be willing to bear hardship for the sake of the Gospel. Today's Gospel recalls Peter, James and John witnessing the transfiguration of Jesus. Today's Gospel tells of Jesus taking Peter, James and John up a mountain where he was transfigured before them. Similarly, Jesus invites each of us into a deep relationship of love with him so that he may change and transfigure our lives and hearts. Let's accept this invitation each day so we may lead more Christ-like lives of love and service.

2nd Annual Feast of St. Francesco da Paola Pasta & Meatball Dinner Saturday, April 1 at 5:15 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Coffee, Tea, Salad, Buns & Dessert too! For tickets call 497-1367. \$12/Adults, \$6/Children 11 and under, Free/Children under 5 years of age. Take out is available.

Book Study on Pope Francis' The Joy of Love will be held on Saturdays April 1, 8, 22 & 29 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Facilitated by Sr. Mae Kierans, this book is appreciated as an aid to reflection, dialogue and pastoral practice and as help and encouragement to families in their daily commitment and challenges. Registration limited – register soon by calling the parish office at 472-3970.

North Bay will be hosting this year's 97th Annual Catholic Women's League Diocesan Convention from April 28 to 30 at the Best Western. For more information please contact Maudena Farnsworth at jfarnsworth64@gmail.com

Prayers for the New Evangelization in our Region: Every Tuesday at Holy Name Church from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM. In front of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to be Evangelizers. For more information call Fran at 476-4146 or Holy Name Parish Office at 495-1501

The Promises of Fatima: Come pray the Rosary with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30am at St. Peter's Parish.

Open Adoration: St. Alphonsus in Callander every Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs). **St. Joseph's Motherhouse** first Sunday of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM in Holy Family Chapel and Pro-Cathedral First Friday 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday at 11:55 AM at Pro-Cathedral prior to the 12:05 PM mass.

The New Evangelization Summit 2017 is scheduled for May 12-13, mark it on your calendar. Eight great speakers – including Bishop Robert Baron. Cost is \$25.00/person. For more info contact Len Lanthier Islanthier@gmail.com 705-724-1368

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held weekly at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Please come and visit Jesus even for a few minutes. He waits for us. Hours of Adoration: Monday and Thursday 12 noon to 5 pm; Tuesdays 12 noon to 9 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Lena Butler 497-3434.

CLAY- (Catholic Love Attitude Yes!) A Youth Program for JK to Grade 5, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00pm at St. Gregory's School Gym, Powassan, back entrance. Come out and join us for games, crafts and faith teachings in a fun filled and positive environment. For more information please contact Laurie Dobbs at 724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at 724-1835 or jessicasheppard@gmail.com.

March Gladness – Music and Words to Welcome Spring Sunday March 26 at 2:30 PM at Trinity United Church. \$15 at the door with The Joy Band, Near North Voices and four local published authors Marca Attema, Steve Pitt, Donna Sinclair and Heather Stemp. Funds support Grandmothers for Africa - everyone Welcome!

THE EDGE Catholic Youth Group: Calling Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8's!! Join us Mondays at 6:45 PM in the hall of St. Joseph's Church, Clark St., Powassan. THE EDGE uses live music, drama, small group discussions, guest speakers, games, Scripture, crafts and other cool stuff to explore issues about our Faith, solid values, youth concerns and happy living!! No need to pre-register. Call Pauline 724-5964 for information or transportation.

Knights of Columbus Meetings

Fr. Michael Cundari Council, 12030 at Holy Name Church:
General Meeting fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM
Contact: Joe Sinicrope at 497-0604

Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus Council 12106 now meet second Tuesday of each month with regular and executive meetings held the same day at the Canadian Forces Base Church (Queen of Peace). Contact: Art Tiernay at 358-1368
We also collect pop cans for charity work. Please drop off you cans at Holy Name Church beside the Garage.

Knights of Columbus Council #1007 Executive Meeting at 6:30 PM and General Meeting at 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month September to June at St. Peter's Church in the Parish Hall. Refreshments served. New or transferring members can contact Mike Joly at 495-1792.

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WEEKDAY LENTEN MASSES & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

<u>Church</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	
Holy Name	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Mass
	Friday	9:00 AM	Followed by Stations of the Cross
St. Alphonsus	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Followed by Stations of the Cross
Pro-Cathedral	Each Weekday	12:05 PM	Mass
	Friday	5:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
	Good Friday	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
St. Peter's	Monday	8:00 AM	(No Mass March 13)
	Wednesday	12:00 PM	(No Mass March 8 & 15)
	Wednesday April 5	9:30 AM	Mass
	Wednesday April 12	9:30 AM	Mass
	Thursday	12:00 PM	(No Mass March 9 & 16, April 6)
	Friday	9:30 AM	(No Mass March 10 & 17)
	Friday	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross