

# First Sunday of Lent – March 5, 2017

- Mon, Mar 6 8:00 am** Joe D'Agostino by Settimio & Nella Verardi  
Eric Westerlund by Louise & Dollard
- Fri, Mar 10 7:00 pm** *Way of the Cross*
- Sat, Mar 11 5:00 pm** Gerald Thompson by Lise  
Hilton Fowler by Angela, Pat, Jamie & Family  
Archie O'Connor by Janet O'Connor
- Sun, Mar 12 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
- 9:00 am** Claude Mantha by Marie Lepage  
Laurent Dumais by Laura Deschamps & Claudette & Michel Martel  
Intentions of Lyle & Marg Davis by Len Weisflock
- 11:00 am** For the intentions of all parishioners

Father Tony's homily is available online at [www.stpetertheapostle.ca](http://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:**



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## SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mar 6-12

Monday	Leviticus 19.1-2,11-18; Matthew 25.31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55.10-11; Matthew 6.7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3.1-10; Luke 11.29-32
Thursday	Esther 14.1,3-5,12-14; Matthew 7.7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18.21-28; Matthew 5.20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26.16-19; Matthew 5.43-48
Sunday	Genesis 12.1-4; 2 Timothy 1.8-10; Matthew 17.1-9

## Prayer for Families

God of healing and wholeness, teach us to stop hiding our failures from you. Turn our hearts and our lives toward you, to speak your name in our temptations. May our lives be a path for others to find life rather than death. Amen.



## CWL NEWS

The Catholic Women's League **General Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Prior to this meeting, a video on euthanasia entitled, "*The Euthanasia Deception*" will be presented at 6:00 pm to all members who wish to view it. All members welcome.

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

## WISDOM QUOTE:

"Never do anything against your conscience, even if the state demands it." Albert Einstein

Please save your used stamps (with ½ inch paper around the stamp) for **Development & Peace**. Used stamps may be deposited in the box in the Church entrance. Thank you!



- Mon 10:00 am** Rising Stars
- Wed 9:30 am** Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
- 7:00 pm** Catholic Women's League General Meeting (Parish Hall)
- Thu 1:00 pm** Parish Hall Occupied
- 6:30 pm** Choir Practice – All Members
- New Members Always Welcome!*



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**Reflect:** "Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me." Matthew 25:45

**Pray:** Father, thank you for revealing your heart to me. Thank you for letting me know what you expect the followers of your Son to do. There is no mystery; there is no guesswork. I just have to commit to putting them in action. I can love you by loving those who are the least in the world. If I do that, you will consider it done for you. It sure sounds easy. Help me to follow through on your wishes. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

**Act:** Read Matthew 25 and choose one work of mercy that you will do this Lent.



**Women Keep the Land in Their Hearts in Paraguay**

Supporting women is a priority for Development & Peace – Caritas Canada. For this year's Share Lent campaign, we invite you to listen to the voices of women who are working to build the world of tomorrow – *Women at the heart of change*. You will find testimonials from the four corners of the globe inside our Mini-magazine found in today's bulletin.

Our first testimonial is from Marta and Silvia, two women from Paraguay who are members of an Indigenous women's farming association supported by Development & Peace – Caritas Canada. "I wish that there was land for everyone, that women were free [and] that they had the freedom to organize and defend their rights," Silvia tells us.

Women have always been at the heart of our organization! Did you know that in 1979, Development & Peace led a campaign to support the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo, in Argentina, whose children and grandchildren disappeared under the military dictatorship?



We welcome to our parish family *Raeleyne Cloutier-Piche* who was recently baptized. We give thanks and praise to God for the new life in Christ bestowed upon this child.



**Talking to the devil**

Temptation is part of the human story, as unavoidable as original sin. Each of us regularly spends a few moments chatting with the devil about the weaknesses that haunt us the most. Should we have another piece of cake or another drink? Why not leave work early (no one's watching) or say that unkind remark (it will never get back to her) or tell that lie (it will make you look better)? To fortify yourself against those little chats so potentially destructive to integrity, why not spend a few minutes each day in conversation with the Lord? Prayer is the best-known antidote to temptation.

*"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert."*

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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

**Is God Calling You to Be A Priest? "Come & See!"**

Have you ever felt that God was calling you to something more? Have you ever considered the possibility of the priesthood? Spend a weekend in prayer, discussion and reflection with priests, faculty and seminarians at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario, on March 24-26, 2017. This weekend is open to all single men 17 years of age and older. For more information or to register, please contact Father Tony or Fr. Pat Woods, Vocations Director at 1-705-949-1072 or email: [pwoods@diocesecentre.com](mailto:pwoods@diocesecentre.com)

**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](http://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.



# Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience

[www.canadiansforconscience.ca](http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca)



Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) is a controversial procedure that has been permitted by the Supreme Court of Canada and Parliament. Some caregivers believe that it is morally acceptable to end the life of a patient upon request while others do not. Some go further and believe that all caregivers must help willing patients to end their lives prematurely. For example, the College of Physicians and Surgeons (CPSO) requires that conscientiously objecting physicians refer patients for MAID.

The Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience represents more than 110 healthcare facilities (with almost 18,000 care beds and 60,000 staff) and more than 5,000 physicians across Canada.

Our members come from diverse perspectives, but all agree that taking a patient's life or referring for this procedure violates at least one of the following:

- The Hippocratic Oath;
- Our religious convictions;
- Our mission and values;
- Our professional ethics;
- Our creed; or,
- Our deeply held conviction that healthcare should heal people, not hasten death.

Our position is supported by Evangelical Christian, Roman Catholic and Orthodox Jewish theologians and moral authorities.

Our right to freedom of conscience and religion is enshrined s. 2 of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. Our right to protection against discrimination is enshrined in s.15.

Many other provinces, such as Alberta, have adopted alternatives to effective referral and no other foreign jurisdiction that allows assisted suicide or euthanasia requires effective referral.

CPSO experts insist that conscientiously objecting physicians will have to leave family medicine, palliative care and other specialties and move to a smaller number of specialties like pathology or cosmetic surgery. The CPSO intends to investigate and discipline conscientious objectors.

A prominent Canadian medical ethicist at Queen's University, has advocated for a morals test to be applied to medical school applicants to screen out those with conscientious objections.

The government of Ontario has the opportunity to protect the conscience rights of physicians and other medical professionals by amending Bill 84 to include conscience protection. This would protect health care providers from those who seek to impose an absolute requirement to perform, refer for or assist in MAID. Conscientious objectors need to be able to continue to care for their patients.

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Genesis recalls the first sin committed by humankind: disobedience to God. The second reading from Romans explains how Christ came to counter that sin of disobedience with his perfect obedience. In the Gospel, Jesus remains perfectly faithful to his Father as he resists the temptations put to him by the devil in the desert. It can be difficult to be obedient. Temptations, deceptions and lack of will can contribute to our failures. When we focus on what love asks us to do, however, we can overcome the obstacles to our desired choices and behaviors. Jesus serves as the model of love and obedience, and relying on him in prayer gives us strength to make the right choices.

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**THIS SUNDAY! North Bay & Area Right to Life/Pro Vie 27th Annual Spaghetti Meatballs & Lasagna Fundraising Dinner** will be held **Sunday, March 5** at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Two sittings: 4:15 PM and 5:30 PM. Adults/\$12 Children 3-10/\$5 and Take Out/\$8. Tickets—Call: Harley 752-4105, Nancy 472-6099, or Jeannine 724-3424. Also having a silent auction table

**The Passion & The Cross by Ronald Rolheiser Book Study** will be facilitated by Sr. Mae Kierans at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall from 1:30 to 3:30 PM on 7-14-21-28 March. Cost per book is \$15 Take a journey into the deeper meaning of Lent! Register soon by calling the parish office at 472-3970

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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

**The new North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre** is now open & in full operation. You can receive the following services by dropping in at 323 Algonquin Ave. We are opened week days from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We offer free pregnancy testing, optional counseling, a friendly non-judgmental ear, baby supplies, post abortion grief counseling, and community service referrals. All services take place in a home-like atmosphere. Call us at 475-9270 or you can mail us at Box 733, North Bay ON, P1B 8J8

**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.

**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.

**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 information contact Len Lanthier [lanthier@gmail.com](mailto:lanthier@gmail.com) 705-724-1368

**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](mailto: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 local published authors Marta Attema, Steve Pitt, Donna Sinclair, and Heather Stemp. Everyone Welcome!

**International Women's Day Tea** March 8 at 7:00 PM at Calvary North Bay. Tea, coffee, assorted sweets and fruit. Celebrate women and girls worldwide – gather with us as we hear the powerful story of Dima Abdulaziz, a Syrian Refugee and newcomer to Canada. For more information contact Lisa at 472-0923.

**L'Arche North Bay and Community Living are hosting a Wine and Canvas** event on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Davedi Club, 313 Airport Rd. This is a artist-led event and art materials are provided, and conclude with lunch and wine. Cost: \$40. Deadline: March 5. Contact Karen Sherry 705-474-8673 or [karensberry@sympatico.ca](mailto:karensberry@sympatico.ca)

**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.

**Lenten Retreat at Villa Loyola "Are you Kidding?" – Remembering and reclaiming the gifts of the child.** Friday March 10 (7 pm) to Sunday March 12 (1 pm) with Director: Fr. Philip Chircop, S.J. In this retreat we will explore some habits of the heart intended to educate us into becoming childlike once again. Cost: \$230.00, all inclusive (a non-refundable \$30 deposit is required with registration) For more information and registration 705-522-3502 ext. 0 or [loyola@isys.ca](mailto:loyola@isys.ca)

**Join the "Call for Conscience" – February 6 – March 31, 2017** In the coming weeks, members of Ontario's Provincial Parliament will review Bill 84 which deals with legal issues related to euthanasia/assisted suicide. At present, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing doctors to participate, despite their objections, when a patient decides to end their life. No other country does this. Please visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your elected MPP asking them to amend Bill 84 to add conscience protection.

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