

BEGINNING OF LENT

Dear Parishioners, Lent begins this year on Wednesday, February 22nd. This is a special time of preparation for those entering the Church and for all the baptized to renew our profession of faith at Easter. Some things you will note during the Mass in Lent is that the altar is typically not adorned with flowers, except for Laetare Sunday, Solemnities, and special Feasts; the Alleluia is not sung; and the Gloria is omitted except for certain days.

BLESSED PALM AND ASH WEDNESDAY

The ashes for Ash Wednesday are usually prepared by burning blessed palm from Palm Sunday of previous years. If you have any blessed palm from previous years, you are welcome to bring it to the church to be burned. We will place a basket at the entrance of the church from Saturday, February 11th until Sunday, February 19th in which you can leave your blessed palm.

SANCTUARY LAMP- For the week of February 5th - 11th the Tabernacle Sanctuary Lamp will burn for special intention Bertha Noseworthy. The Sanctuary Lamp in the St. Thomas of Villanova shrine will burn for special intention Andrew Dawe. If you would like to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for a deceased relative or friend or for a special intention, contacts the parish office. The cost is \$5.00 per week.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK - Lord hear our prayer for those who are sick, recovering from surgery, aging and in need of our prayers, and for those who care for them, may they find strength and courage through their faith. **We Pray for** – Ed Broderick, Bertha Noseworthy, Glen Bursey, Sophia Ribble, Gerry Perry, Elizabeth Hayden, David Roche, Colby Chipman, Emily Kenny, Clement Walsh, Wayne Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Mugford Marie Lundrigan, Jeffrey Hollings, Donna Power, Marjorie Melnik, Doreen Wiseman & Gary Quinlan.

THE XXXI WORLD DAY OF THE SICK will be celebrated on February 11, 2023. A message from Pope Francis highlighting this day can be found on the Archdiocesan webpage (www.rcsj.org).

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO BECOME A PRIEST? A vocation discernment group, led by Fr. James Fleming, meets regularly on the last Sunday of every month. Single Catholic men, 18 years and older, who are open to considering a call to the priesthood are invited to attend. To register or find out more, please contact Fr. James Fleming at 834-9481 or vocations@rcsj.org

OCEAN RANGER MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE - Gonzaga High School will be holding its annual Ocean Ranger Memorial Prayer Service to remember those who lost their lives in this tragedy 41 years ago. The service will be held on **Wednesday, February 15, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Basilica of St. John the Baptist.**

LECTOR MEETING - The Lector Meeting which was cancelled last Wednesday evening will now be held on **Wednesday, February 8th– 7:30 pm** in the Church. Please make every effort to attend.

CALL TO MINISTRY/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - It is a great joy to welcome you all into the congregation of St. Edward's Parish. We invite those who are interested in becoming more involved in Ministry, to complete a Check Form, which can be found at the entrance to the church. The form can be deposited in the collection box, given to an usher or Fr. Fleming, or dropped off at the office. As we are restarting the Presentation of Gifts at Offertory, we would particularly ask those interested in carrying the Offerings to the Altar to contact the office.

Some other Ministries in need of volunteers are Reading the Word, Ushering, becoming a Eucharistic Minister, Mass Co-ordination, Singing in the Choir, bringing the Word to Seniors' facilities. Feel free to contact the parish office, or to talk to any of our Ministers for more information.

CARD GAME - St. Thomas of Villanova CWL will be having a Card Game in the Parish Hall on **Monday, February 13th @ 7:30 pm.** Admission is \$5.00. Bring your own cards & baskets. Tea and Coffee will be served. Mark this date in your calendars.

MASS SCHEDULE -

	February 7 - 12	INTENTION
Tues. - Feb. 7	- 10 am	- Annie Walter Gregory – Carmel Kielej
Wed. - Feb. 8	- 10 am	- People of Ukriane – Ida Hickey
Thurs. - Feb. 9 (St. Josephine Bakhita)	- 10 am-	- Mary & William Stoyles & Family – Karen Sheppard
Fri. - Feb. 10 (St. Scholastica)	- 10 am	- Special Int. – Shirley McGrath & Theresa Collins
Sat. - Feb. 11	- 4 pm	- Anne Marie Penney – John Moore
Sun. - Feb. 12	- 9:30 am 11:00 am	- All Parishioners Harold & Catherine Brennan – Severin Bourgeois

CONFESSIONS -

Saturdays - **3:00 pm – 3:45 pm**
Sundays – **8:45 am – 9:15 am**
Wednesdays - **10:30 – 11:00 am**
or by appointment

PLEASE NOTE: There will be 3 baptisms during the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, February 12th.

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

		January 28 & 29
Sunday offering env.	- \$2,777.00	Sunday offering loose - \$535.85
Initial offering env.	- \$ 15.00	Maintenance off. env. - \$ 55.00
Archdiocesan assessment	\$ 20.00	Ash Wed. env. - \$ 30.00
Total	- \$3,432.85	

Received with deep appreciation and gratitude.

2023 COLLECTION ENVELOPES - for those looking for parish envelopes, another order has been placed, they should arrive by next week.

PLEASE NOTE: During the winter months when the schools are closed due to extreme weather conditions there will be **NO** Weekday Mass (the parish office will be closed as well). If weekend Masses have to be cancelled due to weather conditions an announcement will be made through VOXM radio & VOWR, it will also be posted to the Parish website. Thank you.

COME SPEND AN EVENING WITH MOTHER TERESA - Knights of Columbus council 7405 Presents **Mother Teresa – No Greater Love** – February 23rd – 7:00 pm – Conference Room, the Basilica. Please RSVP to info.kofc7405@gmail.com by Feb. 16th if you wish to attend to ensure there is enough seating. Admission – a food item or cash donation for the local food bank.

STUDENT FOR A DAY AT ST. BON'S - St. Bonaventure's College is a Roman Catholic Independent School for grades K-12 in the Jesuit Tradition. Are you considering St. Bonaventure's College - (St. Bon's) for your child? Prospective students are invited to join us on **Wednesday, February 15th** for Student For A Day. Prospective students will be partnered with a student ambassador who will guide them through their day at St. Bon's. The deadline to register is **February 13th**. See more information on the school's website: <https://www.stbons.ca/> To register please contact Carol Hedderson at admissions@stbons.ca or call 726-0024 ext. 229.

CENTRE FOR LIFE - CELEBRATE FAMILIES BOWLING has been rescheduled for **Sunday, February 12th** at Holiday Lanes - 27 Elizabeth Avenue from 2:30 - 3:30 for bowling with pizza to follow. Registration is still ongoing to **Friday, February 10th** by calling 579-1500. All families are welcome to attend but registration is required.

MINISTRIES:

Saturday, February 11 - 4:00 PM

1st R - Lorna Clark
2nd R & IP - Gerald Morrissey
Usher - Barbara Wakeham-Murphy & Trudy Strowbridge
EM - Gerry Phelan
Sacristan - Rita Bruce

Sunday, February 12 - 9:30 AM

Lector - Carol Barron
Usher - Paul Kelly
EM - Dave Kenny
Sacristan - Steve Dray

Sunday, February 12 - 11:00 AM

Lector - Pat Burton
Usher - Joe Santos
EM - Paul Cahill
Sacristan - Myrna Power

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 5, 2023**



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesday – 8:30 am – 12:00 noon
Closed daily 12 -1 pm