

FASTING & ABSTINENCE:

With Lent approaching it is fitting to recall our Catholic practices of fasting and abstinence, both during Lent and throughout the year.

Fasting: The law of fasting requires Catholics from the beginning of their 18th year through the end of their 59th year to reduce the amount of food eaten on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church defines this as one meatless meal each day. If necessary, two smaller meals are permitted, which if added together would not exceed the main meal.

Abstinence: The law of abstinence requires all Catholics age 14 and older to abstain from meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. All Fridays of the year are days of abstinence; however, Catholics in Canada are permitted to substitute a special act of charity or piety in place of abstaining from meat. (*those who are sick, pregnant or nursing infants, or who are unable for other serious reasons are excused from fasting and abstinence.)

The Eucharistic Fast: In addition to fasting and abstinence, the Church requires all Catholics to fast for one hour from all food and drink (except water and necessary medicine) before receiving Holy Communion. *The sick and their caregivers are not obliged to observe the full one-hour Eucharistic Fast.

While the above laws are the bare minimum, we are encouraged to freely take on additional penitential practices, especially during Lent.

May God bless us all as we begin preparing for the holy season of Lent and Easter.

SANCTUARY LAMP- For the week of February 12th – 18th the Tabernacle Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the repose of the souls of Mary & Raymond Walsh. The Sanctuary Lamp in the St. Thomas of Villanova shrine will burn for special intention A.S. 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.

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.**

PASSION PLAY: The choir is looking for parishioners to join them in presenting the Passion on **April 2 at 7:30pm** in the church. The presentation combines narrations, readings, music and images in a reflective manner. If you are interested in participating in this performance as a reader and/or singer, you are invited to come along to practice on Monday, Feb. 13 at 7pm in the church. Everyone is welcome.

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 14 - 19	INTENTION
Tues. - Feb. 14	(Saints Cyril & Methodius)	- 10 am	Mary & Raymond Walsh – Spec. Int. Agnes Hayes
Wed. – Feb. 15		- 10 am	Agnes Ebbs – Genevieve Wheeler
Thurs. – Feb. 16		- 10 am-	John & Bridget Kenny – Joseph Skiffington
Fri. - Feb. 17		- 10 am	Ronald Peddle – Bernard Peddle (The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)
Sat. - Feb. 18		- 4 pm	Cyril & Rita Duke – Thomas Hawco
Sun. - Feb. 19		- 9:30 am 11:00 am	All Parishioners John Moore – Mary Shea

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 2 Masses on Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) 10 am & 7pm.

PARISH COLLECTIONS -

		February 4 & 5	
Sunday offering env.	-	\$2,746.00	Sunday offering loose - \$276.95
Initial offering env.	-	\$ 65.00	Maintenance off. env. - \$500.00
New Year’s off. env.	-	\$ 50.00	Christmas off. env. - \$ 40.00
Papal Charities env.	-	\$ 10.00	Ash Wed. env. - \$ 50.00
On line etransfers	-	\$ 150.00	On line etransfers Jan. \$\$680.00
Total	-	\$3,887.95	+ \$680.00 (etranfers Jan.) = \$4,567.95

Received with deep appreciation and gratitude.

REMINDER - to those who are required to sign their screening forms to drop by the parish office.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 12, 2023

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 VOCM 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.

MINISTRIES:

Saturday, February 18 - 4:00 PM

1st R - Cheryl Donovan-White
2nd R & IP - Tessa Crosbie
Usher - Daisy Carroll – Jennifer Hutchings
EM - Mary Ryan
Sacristan - Rita Locke

Sunday, February 19 - 9:30 AM

Lector - Marilyn Rumsey
Usher - Ray Johnson
EM - Dave Kenney
Sacristan - Carol Gollop

Sunday, February 19 - 11:00 AM

Lector - Richard Fahey
Usher - Sheila Trenholm
EM - Pat Burton
Sacristan - Myrna Power



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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