

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 4     **MEMORIAL TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
9:00am for Special Intentions of Gerald LaRiviere  
5:00pm for + John Baird by Bill & Betty Klunder  
Sunday, March 5  
8:30am for + Bernard Columbus by Monica Montague  
10:30am for + Lawson Webb by Marie Peart  
Monday, March 6  
9:00am for Intentions of the Parishioners  
7:00pm  
Tuesday, March 7  
9:00am for + Agatha Dykstra by Ed McCarthy  
Wednesday, March 8  
9:00am for + Dec’d members & friends of the Gagnon Family  
Thursday, March 9  
9:00am + Joe Montague by Nick & Lynn Montague  
Friday, March 10  
9:00am for  
6:00pm    Mass & stations of the cross at St. Ann’s  
            For + Joyce Feeney by Laureen Montague

Saturday, March 11       **MEMORIAL TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
9:00am Special Intentions of Gerald LaRiviere  
5:00pm for + Charlie Maggio by Paul & Anne Cavanagh

Sunday, March 12  
8:30am for + Joyce Feeney by Marie Graham  
10:30am for + Jackie Hendricks by Jaye Dagenais

	LECTOR	MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Sat, March 4 5:00pm	Rosemarie Spatard	Carolyn Jopko
Sun, March 5 8:30am	Sue Feeney	Linda Feeney
10:30am	Maryanne Moretti	Rose Booth
Sat, March 11 5:00pm	Yolande Laidlaw	Pam McQuade
Sun, March 12 8:30am	Greg Lougheed	Terry Montague
10:30am	Maddy Webb	Loretta Kyle

PARISH COMMITTEES

<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b>	<b>Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Repair &amp; Maintence</b>
Janice Poirier		Tom Montague, Paul O’Dwyer
<b>Finance Council</b>	<b>Co-ordinator</b>	<b>St. Ann’s Cemetery</b>
Paul P’Dwyer		Ed Feeney
<b>Adult Choir Organists</b>		<b>Eucharistic Minister Co-ordinators</b>
Jayne Dennis, Monica Ling Lin		Linda Feeney, Yvette Fluett-Gagnon
<b>Youth Choir</b>		<b>Lectors Co-ordinator</b>
Loretta Kyle		Greg Lougheed , Mary Lane
<b>Parish Social Co-ordinator</b>		<b>Altar Server Co-ordinators</b>
Ann Aitchison		Maureen O’Dwyer, Sue Feeney
<b>Prayer Line 768-1235 or 289-282-2059</b>		<b>Anawim prayer group</b>
Marie Peart, Catherine Montague		Fr Victor
<b>Knights of Columbus—</b>		<b>Catholic Women’s League-</b>
Grand Knight - Greg Lougheed		President: Ellen Craddock
<b>School Board Trustee</b>		<b>Strong Catholic Family Co-ordinator</b>
Bonnie McKinnon		Loretta Kyle

Becoming Catholic (RCIA); Baptism; Marriage; Funeral; Anointing & Visiting the Sick—please contact the office 905-768-5726.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon, March 6       7:00pm       CWL  
Tues, March 7       10am to 3pm   Priests Day of Recollection  
                          NO MORNING MASS; Mass will be 7:00pm  
Wed, March 8       12:10pm       Noon Lenten Lunch  
Thurs, March 9       10:30am       Pastoral visit to Anson Place  
Fri, March 10       6:00pm       Mass & Stations at St. Ann’s  
Sat, March 18       9:30am       Lenten retreat with Fr Jay  
Mon, March 20       noon           Seniors Card Party  
Sun, March 26       10:30am       Youth Mass & Luncheon  
Sat, April 1        10am to 2pm   Sacrament of Penance  
Mon, April 3        7:00pm       CWL mass & meeting  
Wed, April 5        7:30pm       K of C meeting  
Thurs, April 6       10:30am       Pastoral Visit Parkview Meadow  
Fri, April 7         9:30—10:30am 1st Friday Adoration  
Wed, April 19       6:00pm       1st Reconciliation for Grade 2’s

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYING FOR THE SICK:** We would like to pray for our parishioners who are ill and have their names mentioned in the bulletin. Please notify the office by Wednesday before noon to have it published in the bulletin.

**RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS:** This will take place at the Cathedral in St. Catharines on Sunday, March 5th for Kim Mendes Catechumen. Please keep her in your prayers as she takes the next step to being Baptised, Confirmed and Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.

**RETREAT WITH FR JAY:** March 18th Fr Jay will be coming to our parish to do a retreat on Holy Eucharist & Life. We will begin with mass, then retreat which includes talk and discussion, lunch, parish reconciliation at 3pm. There will be sign up sheets at the back of the churches.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** On Saturday, April 1, in every parish across the diocese a priest will be available form 10am—2pm to hear individual confessions. Let us turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

**YOUTH PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Thank you to all of our youth and Maureen and all the adult helpers who made the annual pancake breakfast a success. A profit of \$512.00 was realized.

**NOON LENTENT LUNCHESES:** Services at the All Saints Anglican Church will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1st at 12:10pm. Twenty minute service followed by soup and sandwich and wonderful fellowship. Fr Victor will do the service on March 8th. The whole community is invited to attend these services. Free will offering for lunch.

**CWL:** Next meeting is Monday, March 6 at 7pm. Mass & stations of the cross. A reminder to bring items for the women’s shelter.

**BOTTLE COLLECTION:** We are still collecting wine and liquor bottles as well as beer cans and bottles. If you prefer please return the bottles yourself and give the proceeds to the bottle drive. Thank you. So far have collected: \$311.90. Proceeds will go towards the annual subscription for Formed 2018. Thank you for supporting this.

**ACTS RETREATS:** Please consider going to an ACTS retreat. For Women is it on May 4—7th and for Men June 8 –11th, both at the Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. Registration forms available in the parish office.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

On this First Sunday of Lent, it seems appropriate that all the readings reflect in some way on the issue of temptation. We are familiar with perhaps the most common prayer, the *Our Father*, in which we ask God to “lead us not into temptation.”

In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, it is interesting to note that #2846 tells us “It is difficult to translate the Greek verb used for ‘lead us’ into a single English word. The original Greek word means both ‘do not allow us to enter into temptation’ and ‘do not let us yield to temptation.’ Sins come from consenting to temptation.”

For our Lenten missions, the issue of “temptation” would seem to have numerous facets which should influence us. Clearly we need to pray, and often, for God’s help as we try to avoid sin, and attempt to change our lives during this time. Also, we must consider the importance of recognizing and confessing our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These should be part of our Lenten plans; living lives of stewardship might help us continue these efforts beyond Lent and throughout our lives.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen, the late and great Catholic Evangelist and television personality, devoted entire programs to temptation. On one, as he considered Lent a time to seek truth as an endeavor to resist temptation, he said, “It is easy to find truth; it is hard to face it; and harder still to follow it.”

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LENTEN PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL



God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works.

May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will. Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever Amen.

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**MASS TIMES & DEVOTIONS**

**Weekend masses:** Saturday 5:00pm; Sunday: 8:30am St. Ann's; 10:30am St. Mary's  
**Weekday masses:** Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 9:00am at St. Mary's; Thursday 9:00am at St. Ann's  
**Confessions:** Sat at 4:00pm or upon request **Daily Adoration:** Upon request 10—noon at St. Mary's  
**Monthly Adoration:** 1st Friday of the Month 9:30am—noon

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While driving on the expressway, a driver cut me off. Impulsively, I voiced my opinion of his character. Suddenly from the back seat, my two-year-old daughter repeated the nasty word I'd just spoken. I was shocked to realize just how closely my daughter was watching me.

Before I despaired over all the iffy behaviors I'd exhibited in front of her, I decided to focus on the good behaviors I had modeled: praying before meals, speaking respectfully to her mother, singing enthusiastically at Mass, helping our elderly neighbor with yard work, readily forgiving others in the family, and speaking respectfully of people of other races and faiths. Every parent makes an occasional blunder in front of his or her child. But what positive values are you displaying day in and day out? —Tom McGrath

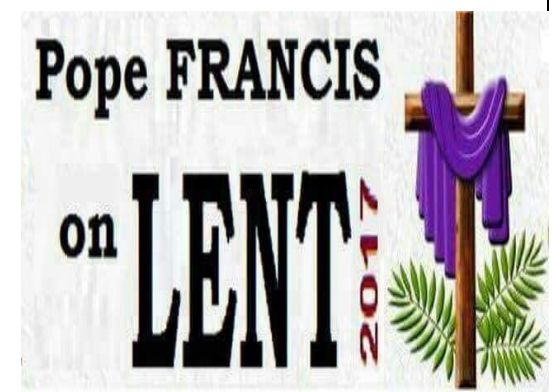
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**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

*That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church*



- ✓ Fast from HURTING WORDS and say KIND WORDS.
- ✓ Fast from SADNESS and be filled with GRATITUDE.
- ✓ Fast from ANGER and be filled with PATIENCE.
- ✓ Fast from PESSIMISM and be filled with HOPE.
- ✓ Fast from WORRIES and TRUST IN GOD.
- ✓ Fast from COMPLAINTS and contemplate SIMPLICITY.
- ✓ Fast from PRESSURES and be PRAYERFUL.
- ✓ Fast from BITTERNESS and fill your heart with JOY.
- ✓ Fast from SELFISHNESS and be COMPASSIONATE to others.
- ✓ Fast from GRUDGES and be RECONCILED.
- ✓ Fast from WORDS and be SILENT so you can listen.