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### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers  
Call the office

Eucharistic Ministers  
Catrina Bova

Lectors:  
Genia Vanderkruk  
10:00AM Choir  
Susan McElcheran  
Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM  
12:00 Noon Choir  
Michael Thibodeau

Greeters/Ushers: Call the office

### CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday  
5:30 PM

Sunday  
10:00 AM  
12:00 PM

### CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
or by appointment.

### BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made through the Religious Education office. Couples expecting a child are encouraged to contact the office before the child is born. Please contact Ext 1003, for more information.

### MARRIAGE

Please call Fr. Bob at least one year prior to the planned wedding date.

### Pastoral Visitation of the Sick:

To arrange for a visit  
Call the office Ext 1007

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Closed Wednesday mornings

Wednesday afternoons  
1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Friday Closed

### ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League  
See CWL Bulletin Board for Details

Children's Liturgy  
10:00 AM Mass

Creation Care Ministry  
2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.

Development and Peace  
[www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)  
3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM

Merrymakers  
3rd Thursday of the month 12:00 PM

Knights of Columbus  
1st Thursday of the Month

Parish Council  
Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society  
2nd Saturday of the Month 4:00 PM



## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Sunday, February 18**

*Gen 9 8-15 Ps 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9*

*1Peter 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15*

10:00 am Carmela & Frank  
Camilleri †

12:00 pm Yolanta-Maria  
Sakowski †

### **Monday, February 19**

*Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18*

*Ps 19:7,8,9,14 Mt 25:31-46*

5:30 pm Int. of Sophie  
Candasamy

### **Tuesday, February 20**

*Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:3-4, 5-6, 15-16,  
17-18 Mt 6:7-15*

5:30 pm Int. of all the Religious  
Education Teachers

### **Wednesday, February 21**

*Jonah 3:1-10 Ps 51: 1-2, 10-11, 16-  
17 Lk 11:29-32*

5:30 pm Int of Mary Donnelly

### **Thursday, February 22**

*1 Peter 5: 1-4, Ps 23:1-3, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Mt 16:13-19*

5:30 pm Int. of parish staff

### **Friday, February 23**

*Ezekiel 18:21-28 Ps 130: 1-6 Mt  
5:30-26*

5:30pm Int. of Shenna Ramos

### **Saturday, February 24**

*Deut 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-8 Mt 5:43-48*

5:30 pm Parish Community

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**The Sick:** Aniela Kuncaitis, Antonia Bova, Celeste Cignarella, Guillermo Medina, Rose Menecola, Rosanne K.

**The Deceased:** Albina Padilla †,  
Neza Kastelic †



## ***The Friar's Nook***

### THE FIVE ELEMENTS ABOUT LENT

**PATH:** It is a classic metaphor for life; since ancient times: Abraham, Ulysses... Like the path, life has a beginning and an end and a direction. The season of Lent is the road to Easter. It implies that you must move; not as wanderers or nomads, but as pilgrims who know the goal and the map. Lent reminds us that following Jesus involves a journey. He calls us to walk after him, to overcome his temptations, to reproduce his feelings and to update his attitudes: freedom, love, trust, prayer. It is not enough to follow religious practices repeated over and over again as a ritual. The Christian faith involves walking a path; It is going towards those in need like the Good Samaritan; towards those who suffer; towards the surprises and novelty of Easter.

**CHRISM:** In baptism we receive the anointing with chrism; we were anointed; we were incorporated into the life and mystery of Jesus, prophet, priest, and king. It was just a beginning, like a seed; Therefore, it must develop and grow to the fullness of life. The time of Lent is remembrance and recovery of our baptismal journey. We revive and ratify the promises of baptism, renouncing fatalism, violence, and lack of solidarity.

**CONSECRATION:** Each person's life has been conformed to that of Jesus. Everything starts from him; The Father sanctifies us in the holiness of the Son, consecrates us in the sacred humanity of the Son, makes us children and anoints us in the love of the Spirit. The evangelical counsels do not distance us from the promises of baptism; They go deeper into them. This time of Lent provides the opportunity to remember baptism, to renew the fundamental and permanent option to follow Christ.

**CATECHESIS:** The Lenten season is memory of the catechumenal process. Redoing the catechumenal path means intensifying contact with the living Word of God contained in Scripture, with the community celebrations of the sacraments in which the risen Jesus continues acting and being himself present. It is an opportunity to answer the question: What reasons do I have to ratify and renew my own baptism today?

**BODY:** Lent is a time of conversion to God's dream for our lives. And we also know that conversion aims at the best in ourselves. It is about converting ourselves to our deepest aspiration and our deepest dream of happiness, that is, of relationship and communication. And that means valuing and taking better care of our own body, without mistreating it with excess or lack of activity. By learning to become aware of our bodies, we will be able to thank the wonder of our body and bless the body of our brothers. And consequently, we shall better integrate our body and our mind, concentrating them on the great love that is Jesus Christ; we shall heal those wounds that make us look back like Lot's wife; We shall free our slavery, which makes us walk stooped. And we shall walk upright towards the Passover of the Lord.

Fr. Alex

### Lenten Intentions

Parishioners are invited to share their Lenten intentions, thoughts and prayers anonymously, by writing them down on the 'intention slips' provided at the back at the church. Everyone is welcome to place their filled in, tightly folded intentions in the baptismal font on the altar throughout Lent. Enter them as often as you'd like. On Holy Saturday, these intentions will form the kindling for the blessing of the fire outside the church, the rising smoke symbolically carrying our intentions to heaven.

### D&P LENT '24 THEME: REAPING OUR RIGHTS

Next weekend, there will be a D&P brochure in the bulletin. It is introducing the D&P Lent '24 theme: Reaping Our Rights. We will meet farmers who feed and protect the planet - and we are called on to defend their rights so that we may sow love, dignity, peace and justice together to create hope for reaping a better world. We invite you to read this brochure and learn about some of our partners around the world (Nigeria, Indonesia, Bolivia) so that we may stand and act with them.

### Creation Care Ministry: What's one way you can serve God's earth during Lent?

As the Lenten season begins, the members of Creation Care Ministry are happy to share with you some reflections and actions from the Lenten Reflection Guide Caring for Creation by the US-based Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns (MOGC) representing Maryknoll missionaries, who are Catholic men and women serving in impoverished communities around the world.

**Reflection excerpt:** "If one thinks of tilling the ground as a form of service, one is led to envision a relationship to the Earth involving service or caring for, as opposed to ruling over it. Then Lent becomes a time to evaluate our service of God's Earth in the individual practices of our life and in our collective efforts in the realm of public policy...Conscious of our serious failure to serve the Earth— God's Earth—we hold hope in the covenant of today's readings, "I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

**Suggested action:** Consider ways to phase out fossil fuels from your life. Natural gas, oil, and coal are fossil fuels used daily to provide energy. They are non-renewable energy sources and produce greenhouse gas emissions. Consider cleaner forms of transportation: Walk, ride your bike, use public transportation. For more suggestions visit <https://maryknollogc.org/files/attachments/lent-2024.pdf>

### Support our vulnerable youth through ShareLife.

In this time of Lent, we ask you to think of our brothers and sisters in need – especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their home. "Your gift ensures youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness have access to individualized support and variety of programs and services to meet their complex and diverse needs," says Mark Aston of Covenant House Toronto. "With your caring support, youth have a safe space to turn to and a supportive team to help them plan their own path." Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

### Monthly Offertory

Offertory	Jan 2023	Jan 2024
Envelopes	\$ 5,798	\$ 6,455
Loose	\$ 1,049	\$ 2,481
PAG*	\$ 5,717	\$ 6,314
Total	\$ 12,564	\$ 15,250

*\*Pre-Authorized Giving*

Contributions to the **Building Maintenance Fund** for the month of January were \$2,528.

**THANK YOU!** We raised \$727.58 from the Trivia Night and \$1,191.78 from the Pancake Dinner.

### Monday Feb 19

Parish Office closed.

### Tues Feb 20 & Sun Feb 25

No First Communion & Confirmation Classes

**Feb 24** Youth Gathering 3pm

### Stations of The Cross

Join us every Friday after the 5:30 pm Mass during Lent for Stations of the Cross, led by different groups every week. This Friday will be led by the Catholic Women's League.

**FAIR TRADE WEEKEND** Next weekend (Feb. 24/25) is Fair Trade Weekend after the Saturday 5:30 Mass and the Sunday 10:00 Mass. With Fair Trade, the future is fair. Your support makes a difference.

### Free Catholic Estate Planning

**Webinar** Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. To register, go to <https://QRCO.de/WebFeb24> or send an email to:

**Development@ArchToronto.org** and write "webinar February 24" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

### Baby Strollers Parking Lot

We kindly encourage all parents to park their baby strollers in the parish hall during Mass as to leave the aisles clear as much as possible. We have had a few incidents of parishioners tripping. Thank you!





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