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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

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday, February 25**

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Ps 116:  
10-19 Rm 8: 31b-35, 37 Mk 9:2-10  
10:00 am Shona Oneill  
12:00 pm Eleanor Natasha  
Valera †

**Monday, February 26**

Daniel 9:3, 4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11-13  
Luke 6:36-38  
5:30 pm Int. of Mary Collins

**Tuesday, February 27**

Is 1:10, 16-20, 27-28, 31 Ps 50:8-9,  
16bc-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-12  
5:30 pm Parish Community

**Wednesday, February 28**

Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:4-5, 13, 14-15  
Mt 20:17-28  
5:30 pm Int. of Friars

**Thursday, February 29**

Jer 17: 5-10 Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4, 6  
Luke 16:19-31  
5:30 pm Leonara Prusaczyk

**Friday, March 1**

Gen 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28 Ps  
105: 16-17, 18-19, 20, 21  
Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46  
5:30 pm Mary Bonneau †

**Saturday, March 2**

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103: 1-  
12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
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***

As hopefully you would notice the church has begun its Lenten decor. It starts at an empty font where you can leave intentions during the season of Lent and will continue to grow toward the altar as we proceed through the season. You'll notice this year that each Sunday there is a picture placed on the sand. We begin Mass with a brief prayer regarding that picture. The theme is to remember all the forgotten people in the world, in Toronto, and in our lives and each week we will bring, at least in prayer, members of those groups. This week we are remembering those who are unhoused, otherwise known as homeless. We know how difficult the housing situation is in this area and how expensive it is. Hopefully we also know how wonderful it is to have a home and all the memories associated with it.

Our sign outside says, "All are welcome" and by remembering these people, whom we see sometimes but are invisible to us at other times, we make them part of the "All."

Pope Francis has said that "Even the most tragic and painful experiences risk not having a quiet place where they can be kept. Everything has to be exposed, shown off, fed to the gossip mill of the moment." He challenges us to not simply be concerned about the outward show but to take time this Lent to reflect on who we really are and what we are called to. "It means looking within ourselves and acknowledging our real identity, removing the masks we so often wear, slowing the frantic pace of our lives and embracing the truth of who we are."

If we are to be a reconciling community that welcomes all, as God does, then we can't be caught up in how things look to impress others. The Pope reminds us that we are to "love the brothers and sisters all around us, to be considerate to others, to feel compassion, to show mercy, to share all that we are and all that we have with those in need."

He urged all Christians to "return to the center of yourself," where "so many fears, feelings of guilt and sin are lurking. Precisely there the Lord has descended in order to heal and cleanse you," he said. "Let us enter into our inner chamber: There the Lord dwells, there our frailty is accepted, and we are loved unconditionally."

*Let us strive to love all, as we are loved,  
and to look for the unseen all around us this Lent,*  
Fr. Bob

**2023 Tax Receipts** – This year, the parish worked with the Archdiocese of Toronto to finalize the 2023 tax receipts and they will be **mailing** them out shortly. You should receive your receipt in the mail in the next couple of days. If you haven't received it by the end of February, please reach out to the parish office for assistance. Thank you.

**Creation Care: What is one way you can teach children the importance of care for creation?**

**Reflection excerpt:** 'On the care of creation, Catholic Young People in Kenya are not just talking the talk; they are walking the walk. They are planting trees by the thousands.... Consider the proverb popular in Kenya: "You must treat the earth well. It was not given to you by your parents. It is loaned to you by your children." Then teach a child the importance of the care of creation.'

**Suggested action:** Fast from overconsumption. Refrain from shopping one day a week. Use the money and time saved to pray, read, pursue a hobby, build relationships, or support your community. Source: Lenten Reflection Guide Caring for Creation by the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns <https://maryknollogc.org/files/attachments/lent-2024.pdf>

**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.

**FAIR TRADE WEEKEND** This 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.

**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 parishioners of the weekday Mass.

**Journey Through Lent**

Please watch the Lenten video series titles "Journey Through Lent", available on the CCCB website:

in English: <https://www.cccb.ca/lent/>

In French: <https://www.cecc.ca/careme/>

**Holy Week Schedule:**

**Palm Sunday** Sat. Mar 23 – 5:30pm / Sun Mar 24 - 10am & 12pm

**Holy Thursday** Mar 28 - 7pm

**Good Friday** March 29 – 3:00pm

**Easter Vigil** Sat. March 30 – 8:30pm

**Easter Sunday** March 31 – 10am & 12pm

**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.

**Future Dates to remember:**

**Feb 26** – CWL General Meeting

**March 9** – World Day of Prayer  
10:00am Runnymede Presbyterian Church. Details to follow.

**March 16** – Irish Social Night

**March 20 – 7:00 pm**  
Lenten Penitential Service



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