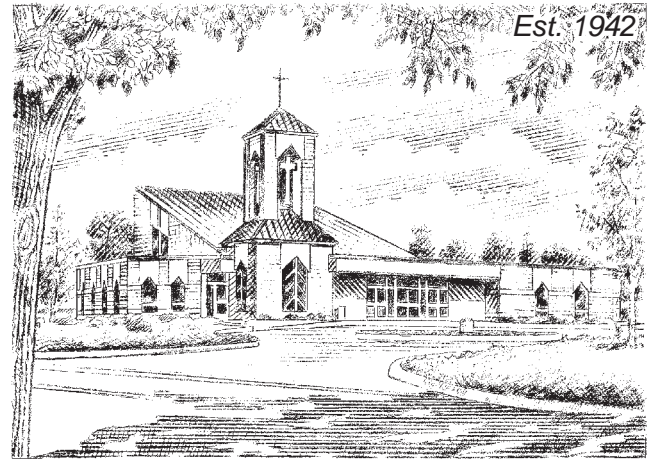


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Rev. Fr. Paul T. Hancko, Pastor

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday:	4:00pm	Keswick
	5:30pm	Sutton
Sunday:	7:30am*	Keswick
(*from May long weekend to October long weekend)		
	8:30am	Sutton
	10:30am	Keswick

Weekday Masses:

Please consult Sunday's bulletin

Confessions (Reconciliation): Before Masses whenever possible - or by appointment.

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Keswick: Mass - 8:30am, Holy Hour until 10:30am

Sutton: Holy Hour - 5:30pm, Mass at 7:00pm

New Parishioners Registration: For registration, please use the pink visitor envelopes. Income Tax Receipts issued for minimum donation of \$25.

Papal Blessings: For special celebrations, please go to www.vatican.ca for directions.

Bequests: In your kindness, please remember Immaculate Conception & Our Lady of the Lake R.C. Church

Parish Organizations

K of C:	Perry Smith	905-476-8279
CWL:	Ann Palmer	905-989-1244
IC Women:	Rose Sheppard	905-722-3623
R.C.I.A.:	Tony Snider	905-476-4765
SVDP:		905-476-0097

Special Groups

Edge, Lifeteen, Heralds of the Gospel, Third Order Secular Franciscans, Legion of Mary

Parish Schools

St. Bernadette (Sutton):	905-722-6226
St. Thomas Aquinas (Keswick):	905-476-7784
Prince of Peace (Keswick):	905-476-1551
Our Lady of the Lake College (Keswick):	905-656-9140

Marriages: Marriages are celebrated in the Church where the bride or groom is registered at. When a man and a woman plan to marry each other, they should contact a priest one year in advance and always before the wedding date is set, and before arranging for the reception hall. The engaged are required to attend a Marriage Preparation Course.

Please note: However, if this man or woman has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted. Questions are often being asked about marriages performed outside the Catholic Church by non-Catholic ministers. These are not valid marriages according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, but many can be rectified by simply consulting with your Parish priest to discuss the available options. Sometimes people make decisions without proper information, so if you wish, please contact your Pastor for details or call the Marriage Tribunal at 416-934-3400 ext 300.

Marriage Preparation Courses

Queen of Apostles Centre 905-278-5229, Catholic Family Services 416-222-0048, The Paulist Centre 416-534-2326, St. Francis Retreat Centre 519-941-1747, Our Lady of Grace Church 705-424-1551

Marriage Counselling

Retrouville 416-281-6007, Marriage Encounter 905-278-5229, Catholic Family Services 416-222-0048

Baptisms

Baptisms celebrated in Sutton and Keswick: The forms are available online or at the parish office. Forms must be complete and include copies of baptismal certificates for parents and godparents. Parents are required to attend 2 Catechism meetings. First with Father and second with the Deacon. Meetings are set only after completed registration forms with certificates are provided to the parish.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SUTTON

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Mon.	Mar 11	8:30am: +Friedrich H. Emil
Tues.	Mar 12	8:30am: +Friedrich H. Ferdinand
Wed.	Mar 13	6:30pm: <u>Devotion of Our Lady</u> 7:00pm: +Julius & Elizabeth Hancko
Fri.	Mar 15	10:30am: <u>Riverglen Haven Nursing Home</u> Special Intention <u>6:30pm – Stations of the Cross</u> 7:00pm: +Friedrich Christian
Sat.	Mar 16	5:30pm: +Kevin Walsh req. Alison Smith
Sun.	Mar 17	8:30am: +Noel Woods req. Woods Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Keep in your prayers: Erica Barry, Tyler Clements, Marika Gilligan, Sebastian Henriques, Grant Madill, Sara Mudge, Rosemary Rupert, Paul Serravalle

Our Condolences to the family of **+LeRoy (Lee) Schwaderer** In your prayers and masses, please remember his soul. RIP

During the Easter Season Fr. Paul would like to visit all those who during the year receive Holy Communion from our Eucharistic Ministers.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT EASTER DUTY MEANS?

"Paschal Tide is the period during which every member of the faithful who has attained the year of discretion is bound by the positive law of the Church to receive Holy Communion and go to Confession (Easter duty). Since the Synod of Agde (508), it was customary to receive Holy Communion at least 3 times a year--Christmas, Easter, Pentecost. A positive precept was issued by the Fourth Lateran Council (1215), confirmed by the Council of Trent (Sess. XIII, can. ix). According to these decrees the faithful, after coming to the age of discretion, must receive at least at Easter the Sacrament of the Eucharist (unless by the advice of the parish priest they abstain for a while). Otherwise during life they are to be prevented from entering the church and when dead are to be denied Christian burial." Catholic Encyclopedia, 1917, Paschal Tide. •"Lest any be kept away from Communion by the fear that the requisite preparation is too hard and laborious, the faithful are frequently to be reminded that they are all bound to receive the Holy Eucharist. Furthermore, the Church has decreed that whoever neglects to approach Holy Communion once a year, at Easter, is liable to sentence of excommunication." Catechism of Council of Trent - The Sacraments – The Eucharist

KESWICK

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Thurs.	Mar 14	8:30am: Blessings upon Sara Mudge req. Melinda Garel
Fri.	Mar 15	8:30am: +Friedrich C. August
Sat.	Mar 16	<u>3:30pm: Stations of the Cross</u> 4:00pm: + Jose Gomes req. Attanasio Family
Sun.	Mar 17	10:30am: Parishioners (Pro Populo)

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

Mar 2/3: \$3,796.00

BUILDING REPAIRS AND RENOVATION COSTS:

To-date: \$420,000.

LENTEN QUOTES FROM ST. PADRE PIO

Lent is the time to renew our awareness of the spiritual battle, so here are some quotes from Padre Pio which remind us what really matters:

Hold on tightly to the Rosary. Be very grateful to the Madonna because it was she who gave us Jesus. Love our Lady and make her loved; always recite the Rosary and recite it as often as possible.

Humility and purity are the wings which carry us to God and make us almost divine.

In the spiritual life, you must take one step forward each day in a vertical line, from the bottom up.

Keep your eyes fixed on Him who is your guide to the heavenly country, where He is leading you. What does it matter to you whether Jesus wishes to guide you to Heaven by way of the desert or by the meadow, so long as He is always with you and you arrive at the possession of a blessed eternity?

Renew your faith by attending Holy Mass. Keep your mind focused on the mystery that is unfolding before your eyes. In your mind's eye transport yourself to Calvary and meditate on the Victim who offers Himself to Divine Justice, paying the price of your redemption...If we only knew how God regards this Sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass.

He who attaches himself to the earth remains attached to it. It is by violence that we must leave it. It is better to detach oneself a little at a time, rather than all at once. Let us always think of Heaven.

Let us humble ourselves and confess that if God were not our armor and shield, we would be pierced by all kinds of sins. That is why we must live in God by persevering in our practices, and learn to serve Him at our own expense.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 16	Heralds of the Gospel Retreat 1pm Keswick
Mar 25	All day of prayer begins 8am in Keswick
May 30	Prince of Peace 25 th Anniversary
June 15	15 th Anniversary Deacon Steve (Dinner/Dance)

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Class #6

Candidacy Ceremony

(Presentation of Candidates) – during the Masses on:

March 16th /17th **OR**

March 23rd/24th **OR**

April 6th at the 4pm Mass only!

CONFIRMATION

Class #6

Topic: Creed, Church; Mass/Priesthood

Tuesday, March 19 at 7pm in Keswick

OR

Sunday, March 24th after the 10:30am Mass in Keswick

Confirmandi – Sponsor sheet and letter to Father is due now.

FR PAUL'S PILGRIMAGE - Nov 6th - 14th 2019

Father is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Email: adriana.lombardini@caamanitoba.com or call

Direct line: 204-228-4764. Deadline for registration

March 25th.

LORETTO MARYHOLME - Lenten Breakfasts

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HERE'S WHY LENT WAS CREATED

It served as a pivotal time of preparation for adults being baptized at the Easter Vigil. Lent wasn't part of the liturgy of the Church in the very earliest years. The season and the practices associated with it have developed over time. However, this development did start very early on. The Church quickly saw a need for a final time of preparation for catechumens desiring to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

In the early Church most converts were adults, and in order to be baptized into the Christian faith, they had to undergo a rigorous period of preparation. It could take several years before an individual was permitted to be baptized, as the Church wanted to ensure that the person was spiritually ready for such a radical life change.

After a long period of instruction in the Catholic faith and a thorough examination, according to the Catholic Encyclopedia, "their names were inscribed among the *competentes*; ie. those seeking to be baptized."

This meant they were on the "home stretch" before baptism, but there was one last period of preparation. Lent "was the time when the three-fold preparation – instructive, ascetical, and liturgical – was carried on. The ascetical preparation was severe. Prayer and fasting naturally formed part of it; but the *competentes* were also exhorted to keep silence as far as possible, (and) Confession was also enjoined.

In imitation of this period, the Church has recently instituted a similar stage in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults called the "period of Purification and Enlightenment." The Association for Catechumenal Ministry explains what is involved in this final stage.

During this period of purification and enlightenment, the focus becomes a stronger emphasis on the spiritual and mystical life in preparation for the sacraments. The guidelines for this period (which normally coincides with Lent) as well as the rites associated with them, enable catechists to shift the focus of teaching from an exposition of the Deposit of Faith to reflection and meditation.

Before they receive the sacraments of initiation, "the elect must have the intention of achieving an intimate knowledge of Christ and His Church, and they are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance."

For these reasons Lent became a time of spiritual preparation and was associated with a number of penitential disciplines, exhorting the catechumens to divorce themselves from a life of sin in order to adopt a new life in Jesus Christ. Eventually it became a season for all the faithful to prepare for Easter.

Lent continues to have this spiritual purification today, and even if a person is not preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, they are encouraged to take this time to look into their hearts and see if they are truly ready to live out their Christianity to the fullest.

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