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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT


SUTTON - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

KESWICK - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	Mar 12	8:30am: +Dorothy Currie req. Holmes Family
Wed.	Mar 13	8:30am:
Sat.	Mar 16	5:30pm: Parishioners (Pro Populo)
Sun.	Mar 17	8:30am: Healing for Allan Glanfield req. Donna Perri

Thurs.	Mar 14	8:30am: Remaining focused on Our Lord Jesus Christ req. Joe and Kitty Vaessen
Fri.	Mar 15	8:30am:
Sat.	Mar 16	4:00pm: +Maria Ciccotella req. Kathy Perruzza
Sun.	Mar 17	10:30am +John DeSousa req. Ewa DeSousa & Family

 The sanctuary light in **Sutton** burns this week in loving memory for **Jaquelin Laverderre**.

 The sanctuary light in **Keswick** burns this week For the Special Intention of **Philip Gribbons**.

The Sanctuary Light, by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. If you would like to have the candle lit in memory of a loved one, or to honor a special occasion, or to pray for someone sick, please let the office know. (both our churches are available for that request: cost \$15)


Cedarvale Mass
Father will celebrate Mass on **March 15th at 10:00am** at the Cedarvale Lodge in Keswick.

Parish Dept. **\$62,999.95**
Weekly Collection Mar 2/3 **\$2841.55**
Thank you very much for your continuous and generous support to our parish.

Please note that the following content regarding First Communion and Confirmation is for registered Candidates only!

Next Children's Liturgy February April 7th
8:30am (Sutton) & 10:30am (Keswick)

First Confessions and Rehearsal – March 23, 2024

 Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed **Adrienne Lily Apreda, Oliver Peter Garrad and Penelope Loren Perdue** into our Holy Catholic Church. May God bless and guide these children through the loving examples of their families.

The Students are expected to attend in their respective churches where they receive the First Holy Communion:

Sutton: 8:30am-10:30am
Keswick: 11:00am -1:00pm

Consecration to Mary

Saint Louis de Montfort states that Consecration to Blessed Mary is the "quickest, easiest, and most efficacious path to Jesus;" The 33 day preparation to the consecration begins on **March 6th** with the consecration on April 8th the Feast of the Annunciation. Please join in as a parish community together, to pray the consecration prayers. See the link provided.



Confirmation Retreat, Rehearsal and Confessions

Confirmandees are mandated to attend the retreat, rehearsal and confessions on **May 4, 2024 from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm**
The parents are required to pay attention without fail.



The weekend of March 16/17 is ShareLife Sunday. We will be having a second collection.
Inspired by God's love: Support ShareLife's mission Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/how-to-make-your-st-louis-de-montforts-total-consecration-to-jesus-through-mary/>

Knight of Columbus



Next **Executive meeting** will be on Wednesday March 13th at 7:30pm in Sutton.

There will be **no General meeting** on March 27th due to Holy week, instead everybody is invited to help get the Keswick Church ready for Easter at 6:00pm.

What are you doing for Lent?

10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON

1. Give up sin

Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.

2. Fast

An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.



3. Pray

Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

4. Do good works

Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.



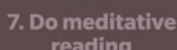
5. Give alms

Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.



6. Abstain

Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.



7. Do meditative reading

Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.

8. Control desire for possessions

Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself – your time and your talents – with others.

9. Control desire for entertainment

Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.

10. Carry out duties in life

Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ!

Text from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' "Living Lent"



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Lent and Holy Week:

Stations of the Cross:

Friday March 15 th	7:00pm	Sutton
Friday March 22 nd	7:00pm	Sutton
Friday March 29 th	10:00am	Keswick

Please join us for LENTEN SOUP one hour before the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:00pm.

Lenten Confession:

Parish confession day Thursday March 21

Sutton:	6-8pm
Keswick:	6-8pm

Holy Week Triduum:

	Holy Thursday	8:00pm	Keswick
	Good Friday	3:00pm	Keswick
	Easter Vigil	8:00pm	Keswick

<u>Easter Sunday:</u>	8:30am	Sutton
	10:30am	Keswick
Easter Monday:	8:30am	Sutton

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Gospel: John 3:14-21- "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." God sent the Son into the world to save it through him - those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called "Laetare" Sunday. "Laetare" means "Rejoice". It is the same as the Third Sunday of Advent before Christmas which is called "Gaudete" Sunday which signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming. The Church invites us two times during the liturgical year to rejoice and be joyful - the first time, in Advent with the reminder of Jesus' first coming and with the hope of his second coming (Parousia) - the second time, in Lent, with the hope of the resurrection and eternal life. It is a break or a bit of a breather in the middle of the seasons from the penitential characters of prayer, fasting and almsgiving (charity) to rejoice. This idea was taken from Isaiah chapter 66:10-11, inviting everyone to be joyful with expectation to the solemnities of Christmas and Easter. Each Liturgical season has its own colour. During Advent and Lent, the liturgical colour is purple or violet. However, these two joyful Sundays, the colour is pink or rose, which signifies the reason to rejoice amidst the penitential moment with the hope of obtaining the rewards. We can see also that the priest wears pink/rose vestments (chasuble), flowers particularly 'rose' may be used to decorate the altar, and even in the ancient days, there was a papal tradition of the blessing of golden roses to be sent to Catholic heads of state in Europe to encourage the evangelization. As we have forty days of waiting with prayer, sacrifices, and sharing of love towards Easter (Paschal Mysteries of our Lord Jesus), the Church wants us to rejoice, without losing our hope in the middle of our penitential acts. With this boost, by changing the colour and by placing some flowers at the altar, it signifies we have made it half way through and just another half way to go to meet Jesus, "Do not lose your heart and move forward full of hope". Dear friends in Christ, let us rejoice and be glad and be ready to face the Holy Week that is coming soon, surrendering ourselves completely to die for our sins and to rise for new life that Jesus gave through his suffering, death, and resurrection.

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