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March 6, 2022

First Sunday of Lent

A Message From Fr. Rob...

Two years ago our Lenten journey was interrupted by the onset of the pandemic. At that time the whole world was facing an unknown reality. We hunkered down and have tried to do our best to live our discipleship faithfully and differently. It seems fitting then that the restrictions have been lifted in time for us to enter this season of conversion and grace with a new spirit within us.

These 40 days are an opportunity for all Christians to pray, fast and engage in works of mercy with the prime goal being that each one of us grows in holiness. By taking time each day to still our hearts and listen to God's voice, we are able to withstand the temptations of the many distractions that confront us each day.

These distractions can seem overwhelming at times or even insurmountable. The temptation is to think we aren't able to overcome them. By going into the desert with the Lord this Lent, we are able to train ourselves to trust in God's grace and to call upon the Holy Spirit to be our helper and guide. We are not called to be perfect in our Lenten journey, just faithful and persevering. Let us pray for one another as we make this journey, keeping our eyes firmly on the Cross of Christ which is before us always.

Now that we are able to be at full capacity it will be wonderful to welcome back many who have not been able to be with us because of the virus. We have tried our best to keep things going and to stay engaged with our parish families but it wasn't always easy or possible to maintain 100% contact especially as we had to keep adjusting to so many different restrictions and changes. We ask for your forgiveness and understanding.

PRAY FOR PEACE: let us pray for an end to the hostilities between Ukraine and Russia. May the Lord be with all who are suffering. Please Lord bring them peace.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

"You do not need to wallow in guilt. Wallow in the mercy of God." **St. John Marie Vianney**

Pastoral Team

Pastor:

Fr. Rob Rocheleau

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Jim Higgins

Pastoral Minister:

Rachelle Leslie

Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry:

Maria Mollica

Priest Chaplains to St. Anthony:

Fr. Barnabas Kiss OFM & Fr. Angelus Ligeti OFM

New Mass Schedule (Temporary times due to COVID-19):

Saturday

5 pm Our Lady of the Atonement

5 pm St. John Vianney

Sunday

8:30 am Our Lady of the Atonement for
St. Vincent de Paul Parish

9:00 am St. John Vianney

10:30 am Our Lady of the Atonement

The mass for Hungarian Community is on hold
for time being

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available by appointment only at this time.

Call the office to arrange a time.

Baptism

Contact the Pastoral Minister to discuss baptism.

Marriage

Contact the office at least eight months in advance.

Marriage preparation is required.

Sacrament of the Sick


Communal Celebrations Seasonally.

Individually anytime - Speak to one of the priests.

Office Hours

Monday: 9 am-3 pm

Tuesday-Friday: 9 am-4pm

Vocations Calendar Please pray for...	 Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
Tuesday, March 8 9 am @ SJV Fr. F. Howard-Smith	Ints. of Eric & Annette Leene- Wendy Newton- K of C #8905 Katharen Hynes-husband Gerry
Wednesday, March 9 9 am @ OLA Deacon Andre Dedecker	Deceased Members of the Yap Family- Susan, Lina & Jun Frederick Bueno- Nina & Eric Exaltacion Jeanette Pioche-Suzanne, Bob & Louise Leonel Madruga-wife & Family Frank Muscat-Tony & Emma Ellul Mike Semus-Nate & Lina Delarmente
Thursday, March 10 9 am @ SJV Mrs. Betty Hompoth Pastoral Minister	Wayne Major-Gary & Sylvia Major John Reynolds Jr- Joe & Elsie Mc Taggart Katharen Hynes-Craig & Claire Hryniw Oscar Talon 1st Anniversary- His Family
Friday, March 11 9 am @ OLA 6 pm Adoration @ OLA 7 pm Stations of the Cross @ OLA Deacon Victor Salazar	Ints. Noela & Jim Gauthier 60th Wedding Anniversary-Mark & Gloria Gauthier Art Murphy-Marleen Crawford Rosario & Rosaria Cacciatore- Angela Scalia Corinne Jensen-Bill & Sue Beck Pauline Filiault- Henry & Mary Bellemore & Family Silvano Virgili-Anna Brieda & Family Adoration, Stations of the Cross & Benediction Day of fast and abstinence
Saturday, March 12 Mass 5 pm @ OLA Mass 5 pm @ SJV Fr. Gerard Bedard	Intentions of the Parishioners
Sunday, March 13 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> 8:30 am & 10:30 @ OLA 9:00 am @ SJV Fr. Joseph Kannath	Intentions of the Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available on Saturday, March 19th 11 am to noon at Our Lady of the Atonement church.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Saturday March 19th is the celebration of St. Joseph. He is the principal patron of the universal church as well as of the church in Canada. Come and join us for mass at 10 am at Our Lady of the Atonement church.

Holy St. Joseph, pray for us.



Our Family of Parishes Lenten Journey 2022

**Fridays: Adoration of the Eucharist 6 pm &
Stations of the Cross @ 7pm (alternating locations)**
March 4, 18 & April 1 @ St. John Vianney Church
March 11, 25 & April 8 @ Our Lady of the Atonement Church

Works of Mercy & Love
Suggested Lenten donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Cupboards
Our societies are able to share with each other as required.

1st Sunday of Lent – March 5/6:
Bring in hot cereal mix (oatmeal), pasta, cereal, jam, peanut butter, pasta sauce, pancake mix, syrup, tea & coffee

2nd Sunday of Lent – March 12/13:
Bring in toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouth wash, bars of soap, deodorant, shampoo, disposable razors, shaving cream, kleenex, toilet paper

3rd Sunday of Lent – March 19/20:
Bring in canned meat, tuna, soup, pork & beans, canned vegetables, Mr. Noodles, canned tomatoes

4th Sunday of Lent – March 26/27:
Bring in pudding snacks, canned fruit, cookies, granola bars, crackers, dish soap, laundry detergent pods (society will make family size packs for distribution)

5th Sunday of Lent –Solidarity Sunday- April 2/3:
Annual Share Lent Collection for Development & Peace or bring to mass on Holy Thursday (cheques made payable to your regular parish)

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS
Special Solemnities:
St. Joseph, Saturday, March 19 @ Our Lady of the Atonement
Mass 10 am followed by Confessions until noon

Annunciation of the Lord, Friday, March 25 @ Our Lady of the Atonement Mass @ 9 am

Confessions:
Saturday, April 2 @ St. John Vianney: 10 am – noon
Saturday, April 9 @ Our Lady of the Atonement: 10 am – noon



BUILDING UPDATE: We are finally able to replace the HVAC system in the Atonement Family Centre. It has been a long wait with Covid delays and parts shortages from the manufacturer. It looks like we are on schedule for the task this Monday through Wednesday. When good weather is upon us we will begin phase 2 of the roofing repairs at St. John Vianney.

There is a Time for Everything under Heaven...

Let us all pray for all those who are in need of healing, at home, nursing homes or in hospital, and all those who care for them. Let us pray also for our deceased parishioners and family members who have died:

Fr. Gregory Blonde, Giovanni Gangi, Anne Robert & Fr. Vincent Van Zutphen

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

May the Risen Lord bring peace and comfort to those who mourn.



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To learn more about and to join our movement, visit devp.org.



We warmly welcome into our family through the waters of baptism:

Kyle Emery Bourdeau

Please contact Rachelle in the parish office for any baptism inquiries (519)735-6023 x 32.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Thanks to our volunteers for helping with the distribution of the envelopes. Please be sure to recycle all 2021 envelopes. Please do not use them as numbers have changed.

As a help to our accounting system, please put your name and address on your envelope each week. We know this takes a little extra time but it helps ensure the accuracy of our tabulation. We know in the past some envelopes came pre-addressed but this was an extremely costly option which we had to discontinue in order to lessen expenses.

We are grateful for the on-going support that everyone shows to our parish family. It has been a very challenging two years because of the pandemic and we are grateful for your stewardship.

Holy Family Retreat House is open and ready to assist with planning and organizing your individual, small group or larger lead retreats. They offer reasonable rates and custom packages to meet your requirements. Upcoming retreat:

- Lenten Retreat - Having Patience With Yourself, March 20-22, 2022
- Self-Directed Retreats

For more info on these retreats or other inquiries:

email hfrh@dol.ca call 519-738-6136, website: www.hfrh.ca or

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**SACRAMENT OF THE
ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

We are able to celebrate this sacrament at any time with those preparing for surgery or undergoing treatment, or in need of healing in mind, body and spirit. It is best to do so before going to hospital rather than waiting. While our hospitals have a priest chaplain available and we all take turns with on-call duties, it is best to arrange to receive this sacrament if possible before being admitted. Simply speak to Fr. Rob or Fr. Jim at mass on the weekend or on a weekday and we would be happy to celebrate this special moment of healing with you. Or phone ahead to the office and give us a heads up and we can make arrangements.



We are happy to be able to be at full capacity in our churches after two

long years. Thanks to everyone for their patience and understanding. It was exciting to take down the yarn and tape off the pews and to give everything a good wipe down.

The pastoral team is still reading over the guidelines from the Diocese regarding the resumption of various liturgical practices.

We have adopted a slow and steady approach and will begin resuming things in an orderly fashion. We are still trying to figure out the mechanics of some things.

We are also working with our various parish group leaders to resume in person meetings beginning in April. All of our halls and meeting rooms were used for extra storage etc. and so we need a little time to get things in place.

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