

**LITURGIES**

**Saturday, February 13**

*"The crowd ate and were filled."*

♦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.**  
(in the Msgr. Maloney Room by appointment only)

**Mass 5:00 p.m.** – Special Int. for Lidia Makarski  
Vocation Prayer – Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, M.C.C.J.

**Sunday, February 14, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"Jesus touched the man with leprosy, and he was cured."*

**Mass 7:30 a.m.** – No Intention  
**Mass 9:00 a.m.** – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)  
**Mass 11:00 a.m.** – † Madeline Epps, † Norma Zamora, Int. of Brett Burtnick & Family, Int. for Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Vocation Prayer – Rev. Thomas Vermiglio, M.C.C.J.

**Tuesday, February 16**

*"Beware the yeast of the Pharisees and Herod."*

♦ **Confessions 6:00 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.**  
(in the Msgr. Maloney Room by appointment only)  
♦ **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions 6:45 p.m.**  
**Mass 7:00 p.m.** – † Maria Petrucci & DiMarzo Family,  
Vocation Prayer - Rev. Stephen Murrin

**Wednesday, February 17 ASH WEDNESDAY**

*"Your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you."*

**Mass at 9:00 am** – † Maria & Joseph Tran  
**Mass at 7:00 pm** – † Claude Denis  
Vocation Prayer

**Thursday, February 18**

*"Those who lose their lives for my sake will save it."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m.** – † Maria Moniz  
Vocation Prayer – Rev. toby Collins, C.R.

**Friday, February 19**

*"When the bridegroom is taken away from them, then my disciples will fast."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m.** – † Souls in Purgatory  
- Holy Hour with Benediction and Stations of the Cross  
(begins after Mass, confessions not available)  
Vocation Prayer – Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.

**Sunday Collection counted on February 11, 2021**

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**LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

Ash Wednesday is one of two yearly days of obligatory fasting and abstinence for Roman Catholics, along with Good Friday. The norms of fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.

Fasting means a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but they are not to equal that of a full meal.

The rule of abstinence from meat is binding upon Catholics aged 14 and onwards.

For those outside the age limits, Canon Law notes that "Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance."

**"THOSE THAT ARE EXCUSED FROM FAST AND ABSTINENCE OUTSIDE THE AGE LIMITS INCLUDE THE PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY ILL INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC ILLNESSES SUCH AS DIABETES. ALSO EXCLUDED ARE PREGNANT OR NURSING WOMEN. IN ALL CASES, COMMON SENSE SHOULD PREVAIL, AND ILL PERSONS SHOULD NOT FURTHER JEOPARDIZE THEIR HEALTH BY FASTING."**

The other obligatory day of fasting and abstinence is Good Friday, the day on which Catholics remember the death of Jesus on the cross.

While those are the only two days of full fasting and abstinence required, all of Lent should be a time of spiritual formation and preparation for Easter.

In accordance with the prescriptions of Canon Law 1253, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops decrees that the days of fast and abstinence in Canada are:

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Fridays are days of abstinence, but Catholics can substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day"

It is customary in Canada that abstinence from meat is observed on Fridays during Lent. (cited from [www.thecatholictelegraph.com](http://www.thecatholictelegraph.com))

## FOR THE COMMON GOOD

### On the Pandemic Sacrifices

The decision to close our churches and suspend public celebrations of the Mass has been a painful one for our clergy, religious, and all the lay faithful in the Diocese. While the sadness of our inability to gather to celebrate the Eucharist is profound, some of the responses to this closure - in addition to falling short of the demands of charity - betray a fundamental lack of understanding not only of why this great sacrifice is being made, but also whose example we follow in so doing.

We know that Holy Communion is the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ, the source and summit of the Christian life. His death is the ultimate sacrifice of love for us – to which we are joined when we participate in the Mass and receive Communion. When we eat His Body and drink His Blood, we say that “we become what we eat”, the Body of Christ. ....

*Excerpts from the Pastoral Letter by Bishop Crosby. Please visit the diocesan or our parish website for the full text.*

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Looking for a wonderful opportunity to spend time together as a couple, in the safety of your own home? Join the Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience from March 5-7. During these stressful times, give your marriage a booster shot! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at [gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com) or (905) 792-1925 or visit the website at: [www.me.org](http://www.me.org)

## MARRIAGE SUPPORT

Is your marriage experiencing more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected? The solution is Retrouvaille, a program for married couples facing challenges in their relationship. Its purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. It is a practical program where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next weekend begins March 12, 2021. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email [teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com)

## DO YOU READ THE BIBLE?

If you have never done so or find it difficult to open your bible and read it, then the new series that is available on many media platform by Fr. Mike Schmitz from Ascension Press is for you. Perhaps you can make it your Lenten resolution?

Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure Bible Timeline® learning system, a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins. If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you.

Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes starting January 1st, 2021.

Each 20–25-minute episode includes:

- two to three scripture readings
  - a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz
  - and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.
- Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word!

## LITURGIES

### Saturday, February 20

*"I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance."*

♦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

**Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Anton Mai Xuan Yen**

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak

### Sunday, February 21, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*"Jesus was tempted by Satan; and the Angels waited on him."*

**Mass 7:30 a.m. – no intentions**

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)**

**Mass 11:00 a.m. – † Alfonso DeSantis, † Joanna DeSantis, † Teresa & Bonaventure Ferraccioli, † Luisa & Nicola DiDomizio, † Deceased members of the Giannini Family**

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.

### Tuesday, February 23

*"Pray in this way."*

♦ **Confessions 6:00 p.m. – 6:40p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

♦ **Stations of the Cross - 6:45 p.m.**

**Mass 7:00 p.m. – † Rosemary Hall**

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Brendan McGrath

### Wednesday, February 24

*"This is an evil generation; no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah."*

**Mass at SJLC – Int. of the 2020 Jubilarians of the Hamilton Sisters of St. Joseph (Not public)**

Vocation Prayer – Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (S.J.C.)

### Thursday, February 25

*"Everyone who asks receives."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – Int. of Barb Gray**

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Jason Kuntz

### Friday, February 26

*"First be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – Special Intentions of Joanne Piatek**

- Holy Hour with Benediction and Stations of the Cross  
(begins after Mass, confessions not available)

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Romelito Guillen

### Saturday, February 27

*"Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."*

♦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

**Mass 5:00 p.m. – Int. of Edmund Kathum**

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Grayson Hope

### Sunday, February 28, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him."*

**Mass 7:30 a.m. – no intentions**

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Joseph Pham Chau Giang, † John Baptist Ngo Minh**

**Hoang, † Mafalda Tuori, † Giuseppe Macoretta, † Benedetto DiRamio**

**Mass 11:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)**

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Duy Van Nguyen

## PARISH LETTER & ASHES

You have probably received or soon will receive a letter from the Pastor. It was mailed before a decision of the church reopening for Ash Wednesday and Lent is made. These are some words of encouragement and appeal to pray for each other.

The letter includes traces of Ashes blessed traditionally for Lent. We are not sure yet what kind of Lent we are going to have but most probably it will be a more individual journey.

Lent is always a time for changes particularly in one's own life, changes that can move us closer to God. And even with Lent in lockdown again we can still come close to our God.

You can keep watching Holy Mass online from a source of your choice, as there are many. There are also other Lenten practices that will be available virtually, including Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Holy Rosary. As soon as the church will reopen, we will offer access to in person Sacraments, including Confessions. But Lent begins in your heart. / Fr. Luke