



March 1, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 3rd

6:30pm + Dorothy Coran – Anna McNay

Wednesday 4th

6:30pm + Deceased Family of Frank & Anna Ball
– Frank & Becky

Thursday 5th 10am mass at Rainycrest

(If closed mass will be at the church at 6:30pm)

10am + Annie Pruyts – Laura Dillon & Family

6:30pm + Ron Baker – Pat Hudson

Friday 6th

6:30pm For new ways to resolve conflicts that will bring peace to war torn countries and freedom to practice their faith in a safe environment.

Saturday 7th

5pm + Esperidion & + Filomena Cardona
– Nissa & Family

Sunday 8th (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9am + Eugene McPherson – Diane Revus

11am + Kim Clendenning – Jim & Linda Gill and
+ Ed McLeod – George & Bev Mylenchuk

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1st reading: (Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 3.1-7)

2nd reading: (Romans 5.12-19)

Gospel: (Matthew 4.1-11)

Jesus fasted forty days, and was put to the test.



In your prayers, please remember those who

are sick: Shirley Fraser, Ernie McColeman, Queenie Leschinski, Maurice DeGagné, Nicole LePine, Larry Mattson, Noella & Rick Hamilton, David Whalen, Isabella Keuler, Laura Dillon, Art Cross, Nicholas Delvecchio, Catherine MacDonald, Father Thomas, David Cross, Keagan Evans, Julie Halvorsen, Patrick McColeman, Bridger Hands, Mary Kolynchuk, Laura Ahrens & Family, Lori Woodgate, Ewan MacKintosh, Jerry Everhart, Betty Plumridge, Gertie Bujold, Judy Deschamps, Jon Fryer, Joan McTavish, Ray Cousineau

*Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of
February 23 – \$5566.40*

*Counting Teams
March 2 - Evelyn*



**Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs.
Andrew & Jessica McComb, who had
their marriage blessed on Feb. 22nd.
May you enjoy a lifetime of blessings
and happiness!**

**2019 Donation Tax receipts are in the mail.
Thank you for your generosity!**



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH NEWS

**In your prayers, please
remember those who are sick:**

Linda Anderson, Doug Cross, George Supinski, Curtis Jourdain, Florence Lampi, Brian McPherson, Mary Lou Parks, Leslie Bauer, Rudy Morrisseau, Shirley A. Bruyere, Sue Foran-Ross, Dale Krueger, Angela Bruyere, Steven "Beaver" Morrisseau

**Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes
Weekend of
February 23 - \$691.59**

URGENT

**This matter requires
IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION**

OLOL CWL memberships of \$25.00 are now due! Contact Marie or deposit in collection plate in an envelope marked CWL dues. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us!

What's going on?!

Mar. 3 – K.C. Meeting – 7:00pm

Mar. 4 – CWL Annual Meeting – 7:00pm

Mar. 5 – EDGE Night – **7:00-8:30pm**

Mar. 6 – World Day of Prayer – 2:00pm (at Zion Lutheran)
– Stations of the Cross – 6:00pm (mass after)



March 6 – CWL

March 13 – Bereavement Group

March 20 – Assoc. of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville

March 27 – Knights of Columbus

April 3 - Youth Groups

All are welcome!

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross, Tuesdays to Fridays at 6:00pm, with mass following, starting February 27th until April 8th. We will not have morning masses during Lent. Mass will continue to be celebrated at Rainycrest at 10am on Thursdays unless it is closed.

DAY OF REFLECTION

**Saturday, March 14th in the meeting room at St.
Mary's Parish from 9:00am – 3:00pm**

"Exploring the Nine Fruits of the Spirit"

Let us explore together what this could mean for us. To register, please call the Parish Office @ 274-5233 or Margrit Schaum @ 274-6149.



ALL ARE WELCOME!!



The EDGE youth spent the first Thursday of Lent discussing this season. We reminded them that this is a time for Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. They performed skits on the subject of Lent and watched some quick videos on the subject. Many Thanks to all our wonderful parents who provide snacks for us all!! Next EDGE is March 5th.

Our next Life Teen night is March 7th, 2020.



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ



DISCOVERY 2020
Camper applications and staff registration packages are available at



The Annual Soup & Bun fundraiser will be taking place March 28th & 29th. Details to follow!

Save The Date!
Saturday April 18th St. Mary's will once again be hosting a fundraising dinner with an Italian flare. Watch the bulletin for further details!



All the women of the parish are invited to attend the CWL General Meeting on Wednesday, March 4th at 7pm. Put on some green in honour of St. Patrick and bring items for the white elephant sale. *"As you ramble through life, whatever be your goal; keep your eye upon the doughnut, and not upon the hole."* (Irish Saying)



Looking forward to seeing you gather in prayer and fellowship. *Le do thoil and go raibh maith agat.*

Food for Your Journey – Lent 2020

"Be reconciled with God"

As we begin this holy season in our Church's liturgical year, we are reminded that prayer, fasting and remembering the poor, are the hallmarks of this season for us as Catholics. We are asked to increase our prayer in order that we strengthen our relationship with the Lord. We are asked to experience some fasting or suffering, to acknowledge our sinfulness and our weakness, and we are to reach out in generosity and concern to those who are suffering, especially our sisters and brothers at home and abroad. We seek some reconciliation with God and with one another.

Pope Francis in his Lenten message to the Church this year, has used this theme as the basis for his message: he said "We implore you, on behalf of Christ to be reconciled to God." This comes from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, chapter 5. What does it mean to be reconciled? We talk a lot about reconciliation today. We had the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to help us understand our relationship with our Indigenous peoples. We speak of reconciliation in the sacrament of Penance, seeking forgiveness for our sins, and opening our hearts to the grace of

God's mercy. We also speak of reconciliation with one another, seeking to forgive past hurts and to rebuild or restore relationships, especially in families. Reconciliation is an important part of our faith life as Catholics.

Pope Francis in his letter states: "In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation Christus Vivit: "Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew" (No. 123). Pope Francis wants us to restore our relationship with the Lord, and to strengthen it through prayer, confession and penance, and to be renewed again and again with the mercy and grace of Jesus.

Lent is a good time to act on this reconciliation. It is a season of prayer, set aside by the Church to prepare us for the Easter mysteries. During these forty days, can we take some steps, even some small steps, to be reconciled with the Lord and with each other? If we have not been to confession for a while, maybe this Lent is our time; if we have not been to Mass regularly, maybe this Lent is a time to change our habits; if we hold some grudge against our brother or sister, maybe this Lent is the time to rectify that relationship. Lent is the time and the season for these changes.

By devoting more time to prayer, we can enable our hearts to root out those temptations that attack charity and love. By sharing and almsgiving, especially to our sisters and brothers in need, in our neighbourhood, and in our world, particularly through Development and Peace, we can imitate the generosity first seen in the early church, when everyone shared all for the good of the community. Finally, if we fast, and experience some sacrifice in our lives, then we grow in tenderness and awareness of the needs of our brothers and sisters, and it helps us to see our hunger as goodness and grace from God.

We journey together during this holy time, in order that we might share in the glory of new life in Christ on the great feast of Easter. Let us share together now, in this important journey.

+Fred J. Colli Bishop of Thunder Bay

Don't Give Up Chocolate For Lent...

Instead, you can join us for BEST LENT EVER—a free email program that will help you have a deep, powerful and unforgettable Lent! **Books still available!!**

Go to dynamiccatholic.com for more inspiration!

It's not what you give up. It's who you become.