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Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Thursday: 12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

Parish School

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – MAR. 2, 2025



March 4th – March 8th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Connie Leung †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Agnes Godden †

7:00 p.m. - Needs of our Parishioners

Thurs. Noon - Otilia Lee †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Helen D'Souza †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Andrea Park & Sylvia Kim †

READINGS FOR – March 9th

1st Reading: Deuter. 26.4-10

2nd Reading: Romans 10.8-13

Gospel: Luke 4.1-13



Attendance at parish Lenten devotions is a must.



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. with Ashes being distributed

at both Masses. This is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during Lent, join us as we follow the path of Christ.



FIRST FRIDAY

March 7th

Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at the completion of Mass and continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer if you can commit to a specific time.

CWL General Meeting

March 17, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m., our meeting this month will be a Mini Retreat with a Lenten theme: "The Stations of the Cross". All ladies of the Parish are welcome.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

"The tree can be told by its fruit."

We have many sayings about results being more important than promises, such as "the proof of the pudding is in the eating". Today's scripture readings are all about this – the ways in which our words and actions will reveal who we truly are. There is a wonderful mosaic of poetic wisdom in the readings this Sunday – images and parables and similes that can sit in our heads and hearts, and make us think about the sort of people we are, and the words we use and the fruits we produce by them. And we should pray that we will always produce good, sound fruit, so that we may keep on working at the Lord's work always, and so share in Christ's victory over death itself.

There is an old saying: we cannot give to others what we ourselves do not have. If we are blind, we won't be able to show others the way. A person who cannot see the ultimate good (God) won't be able to share goodness with others. However, an honest desire to guide others may be, for some, a point of conversion. If we recognize shortcomings in the world, in our peers and in ourselves, then this recognition of the need of God may spur us on to seek God more fully in our daily lives.

The Lord wants to free us of our burdens. We repent, he forgives us and helps us change our ways.

What joy and freedom! Thus, with the psalmist, we want to declare his "steadfast love in the morning," and his "faithfulness by night."



MARCH 7th

The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community.



Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Imagine that there will be many graces offered this year. Let's even imagine that God is going to transform our lives, with greater freedom, greater joy, deeper desires for love and service. There is really something coming that we can truly look forward to. If we get too focused on ourselves, and what we are going to do or not do, we risk missing the gift God wants to give us. This is about God's great desire to bless us. So let us prepare to receive what God wants to give us.



MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to invite all the men of the parish to a Men's Lenten Retreat to take place at St. Luke's parish hall on Saturday, March 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. The retreat will be led by Father Martin Hilbert from the Toronto Oratory. There is no charge to attend and a light lunch will be served at the end of the retreat. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to council8340.info@gmail.com to confirm so the organizers can ensure that there will be enough food.

ABOUT FATHER MARTIN HILBERT

Father Martin Hilbert comes from the Toronto Oratory. The Oratorians are a teaching order within the Church who are faithful to the teachings of the Church. Father Martin regularly leads pilgrimages including numerous World Youth Days. In addition to being a priest, Father Martin is an engineer and a historian who is knowledgeable on a wide variety of topics. He is friendly and approachable and is enthusiastic about leading us in the retreat. We are very fortunate to have him!



The CWL are proud to announce the winners of the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest. The First Place Winner was Ethan Ho. The Second Place Winner was Isabel Walles Morales and the Third Place Winner was Yanna-Luisa Palaganas. Both Ethan and Isabel went on to compete at the CWL Regional Level where Isabel placed Second. Congratulations to our winners! We would like to thank all the students from the Confirmation class who competed in this contest.

Lenten Prayers and Devotions

- Begin each morning with the prayer: "Lord, I offer you this day, and all that I think, and do and say."
- Attend daily Mass often as possible.
- Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- Make the Stations of the Cross at home or in parish celebration.
- Read Scripture for 10 minutes every day.
- Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms (Psalms 6, 31, 50, 101, 129 and 142)
- Spend some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Abstain from meat for an extra day or two each week.
- Listen to spiritual music or a spiritual speaker. Keep a Lenten journal with your spiritual insights, special intentions, people you want to pray for, hurts and disappointments that you want to offer up and progress reports on your Lenten resolutions.



Try to follow these actions, if you do, the rest will fall into place.

TAX RECEIPTS



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March 9th
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one hour.



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