

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017



Mass Times

Saturday 6:00 pm St. Peter's Mission
Sunday 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church
11:00 am Sacred Heart School

DAILY: Monday **No Mass**
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am

Confessions

Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:45pm
Saturday 5:30pm to 5:45pm (St. Peter's)
Sunday 8:30am to 8:45am
and by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday 7:30 pm to Friday 8:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

(MARCH 7TH TO MARCH 12TH)

Tuesday 7:00 pm CWL Members & their Families: CWL
Friday 8:00 am Ivadell Goad: Larry & Marj Goodyear

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 9:00 am Intention of Donor
11:00 am for the People

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark Morley
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Gospel Quotation:

**"Away with you, Satan!
for it is written,
'Worship the Lord
your God.'"**

Bishop Crosby's Lenten Message

March 1, 2017
Ash Wednesday

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The season of Lent is now upon us. It is an opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with Jesus, and to renew the choices we make, so that we might live as he taught. In fact, if we take seriously the Lenten program, it offers us the opportunity to renew our whole life!

Traditionally, Lent is a privileged time for *prayer, fasting and almsgiving*.

During Lent, we seek time *to pray more* – alone and with others. We might choose to read something that will nourish our spiritual life and lead us to more focused personal prayer. We might join our Parish community on Friday evenings for the Stations of the Cross; or we might decide to pray the Rosary as a family on certain evenings during the Lenten season. Many choose to attend Mass during the week with other parishioners.

When we *fast*, we usually cut back on what we eat and drink. Not only will this benefit us in a physical way, but it will also help us in our spiritual life. Fasting often leads us to understand that we depend on God to nourish us in every way. We will recognize the blessings we receive every day, which leads us to be ever more grateful and generous.

As a child, it was a practice in our family to “give up” something during Lent. One year I was courageous enough to give up watching television! It proved to be too difficult, and I confess that I cheated by watching one or two special television programs – in the mirror!!! The only person I cheated, in fact, was myself – knowing that I had failed in my Lenten resolve. The experience taught me that Lent is not about “my” tenacity, rather it is about God calling me always forward, always nearer!

“Giving up” something gives us time to “take up” something of greater value. Giving up social media for two hours each day in Lent could give time to read a book or two, or to write long-overdue letters to distant family members or long-forgotten friends. “Giving up” something might save us money to offer to a local food bank or other charitable cause. Even more, it might give us time to volunteer our talent to make life easier for others in some helpful way. That is *almsgiving*.

It has always amazed me what can be done when everyone contributes even a little. One generous offering of time, talent, or treasure is something; many generous offerings can make a great difference in the lives of those who live on the margins. For 50 years our own Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) has made an incredible difference for people in developing countries the world over by supporting projects that changed lives. Perhaps during this 50th anniversary year, we can increase our Share Lent offering to allow them do even more!

By prayer, fasting and almsgiving, our spiritual life is nurtured, our personal life is purified, and our outreach to brothers and sisters on the margins is encouraged. It is an effective Lenten program leading us to a deeper personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

I wish you a blessed Lenten season during which you learn how to live freely and fully in Him!

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

PARISH UPDATES

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Have you decided a lent activity yet? Consider the following: There are several Adoration hours requiring new participants (vacant due to moves) , Tuesday 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Tuesday 11:00 -12:00 am, Friday 1:00 - 3:00 am , some may be challenging commitments, but spiritual rewards guaranteed! For further information call Jane Hosdil 519-856-2398

40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL: Our parish has adopted Saturday March 18th for our 40 days for Life Vigil starting at 7am-7pm, it will take place at Guelph General Hospital. You are invited to spend one hour in a time slot of your choice to stand in solidarity with people from 40 countries around the world .Stand up and be counted as one who will have the audacity to speak up for the unborn who have no one but you. We do this in a silent prayerful vigil. Unlike what we may think it makes a difference.

Forty (40) days has seen the lives of 12,000 babies saved from abortion, not to mention the doctors and abortion providers whose hearts were changed and they have become the best advocates for life. We can look the other way no longer. We all need to be a part of this endeavour to stop this outrage.

A schedule will be in the sacristy during the week and in Coulson Hall and the School on Sundays.

I am not asking you to do this, Jesus is begging you. Let us fill the hours on this schedule over and over, as we can have a few signatures on the same hour. *Mary Spiteri*

PLAYPEN DRIVE: It's time for our Playpen Drive Again! Baby items we receive are taken to Micheal House in Guelph. Drawing on Christian Values Micheal House Pregnancy Center provides shelter and support,during pregnancy, childbirth, and \or early parenthood to women in need and will seek to help them make healthy decisions for their own lives, and their children's in our community. They offer a caring home and provide for emotional, physical, and spiri- tual needs for crisis pregnancy and early parenting. Please be as gener- ous as you can. Playpen For Life Drive will Start from Saturday March 4th- Sunday April 2nd.

This gesture of giving could be a part of our Lenten Journey. God Bless Your Generosity *Mary Spiteri*

LENTEN PERIOD: THINGS TO KNOW
* Stations of the Cross - Fridays:
- 7:00PM Sacred Heart Church
- 7:30PM St. Peter's Mission
* Pulpit exchange with Fr. Jan Michalski from Sacred Heart - Guelph
- weekend of March 11 & 12
* Advent video - Bishop's Barron's (The New Evangelization - Word on Fire)
- March 23, 7:15PM Coulson Hall
* In addition to the regular confession times, Parish Lenten Penance Service at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday April 6th at 7:15PM

This Week's Events
March
6 Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm
7 Tuesday MASS (7:00pm)
8 Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)
10 Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library (11:30am to 1:30pm)
Stations of the Cross (7:00PM)
Next Catechism Class Date
April 5 at Coulson Hall - 6:45pm

Did You Know?
• Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter
• Palm Sunday celebrates the day Jesus rode in to Jerusalem
• the people waved palms to welcome Jesus
• Jesus came to Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish festival of Passover

LENTEN ALMSGIVING
Please be generous with your food bank donations as part of our Lenten Almsgiving.
EWCS is always in need of non-perishable food items and toiletries for those in need.
Please deposit items in the hamper just inside Coulson hall, for delivery to the food bank.
Thank you.
Charles Vince

Prayer Calendar for Priests
Every day, in our diocese we are invited to pray for a priest serving in our parishes
Mon. - Rev. Steven Murrin
Tues. - Rev. Jozo Grubisic, O.F.M.
Wed. - Sis. Adorers of the Precious Blood (R.P.B.)
Thurs. - Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M
Fri. - Rev. Jason Kuntz
Sat. - Rev. Steven Costello, L.C.