

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 20

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 21

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 a.m.

Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)

11:00 a.m.

Special Intentions of Adrian & Rosemarie Bick *by Gabrielle Kleist*

Tuesday, February 23

7:00 p.m.

✠ Jim Menapace by Pauline Whelan

Wednesday, February 24

9:00 a.m.

✠ Frank Ferguson by Elaine Thacker

Thursday, February 25

7:00 p.m.

✠ For Aborted Babies by Ruben Aves

Friday, February 26

7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27

5:00 p.m.

✠ Mike Pinkerton by Joan Cameron

Sunday, February 28

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 a.m.

For Families Suffering with Covid-19 by Audrey and Allan Weber

11:00 a.m.

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Thank you for your support.

Envelopes: \$ 955.00

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LENT: A JOURNEY IN HOPE THROUGH THE PATH OF HOPE

1. JESUS' VICTORY OVER TEMPTATIONS

Genesis 9.8-15; Psalm 25.4-5 - 9; 1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.12-15

On Ash Wednesday we started a 40days long Lenten journey. Everyone in the Church community, physically or spiritually present, were marked with the sign of the cross on the forehead with the words "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust, you shall return". We see it as a registration, reminder, and preparation for our traveling together as a community of believers.

This journey involves an itinerary, the plan, and the guidelines, which all of us need to follow to make this journey useful, and fruitful, and enjoyable for all of us. Almsgiving, prayer, and fasting (Mt.6. 1-18) are always recommended for the Lenten journey as it is an inward journey: "Return to me with all your heart...render your hearts and not your clothing..." Joel. 2. 12 - 18). Outward expressions like almsgiving, prayer, fasting, abstinence, scripture reading, attending the Mass, reconciliation, and other things we observe during this time are certain barometers to measure out our inward dispositions.

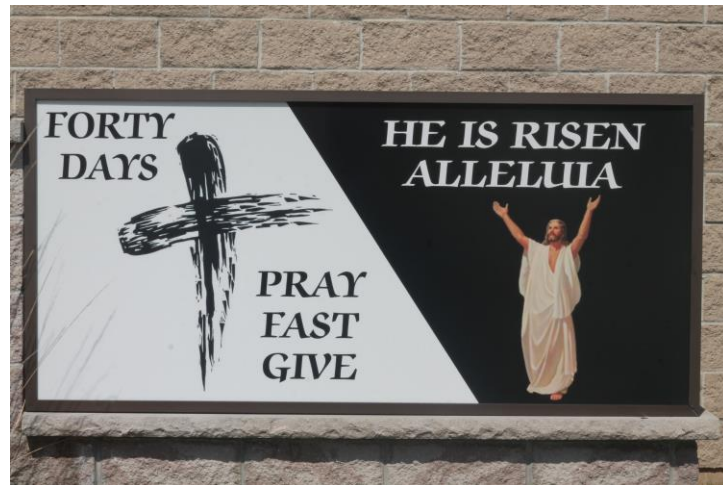
In this journey, Jesus is our Way, the Light, the Leader, the perfect model for us to follow. As we read from the Gospel of Mark (1. 12-15), after his baptism, Jesus was driven into the wilderness. "He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with wild beasts; and the angels waited on him..." and Jesus had victory over the 'beasts', the temptations, the Satan. There was no need for Jesus, the Son of God, to be baptized in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. It was a symbolic act to teach us the power and covenantal character of the Sacrament of Baptism. Jesus in the wilderness for forty days also teaches us about the power of prayer and penance, two sources of support and strength in times of tough moments in life.

The wild beasts and angels in the Gospel narrative of Mark are opposing forces. Satan, evil powers, the wild beasts were tempting Jesus to put himself rather than God at the center of his life. The angels, in contrast, were with Jesus supporting and giving him the strength during the temptations. We live in a time of fear and anxiety. We may feel that we are helpless and under the control of the "wild beasts". The pressure to compromise and even leave our convictions, beliefs, faith, and hope can be strong. We may experience helplessness and be alone in certain situations. But be assured that we are not alone in our temptations and struggles of today. The Lord's empowering grace, which we have received at baptism and other sacraments, is always there. The supporting and comforting presence of our community of believers, our fellow travelers are with us. They all are like the angels supporting Jesus amidst his temptations.

Temptation is our leaning or inclining to certain attractions, habits, seeking safe havens of escape which compels us to put ourselves at the center rather than God. It will be a temptation to break away from the covenant God has established with us during our Baptism. Lent is the "acceptable" time to renew, reconcile and reconstruct our lives. It is a time to begin again. This is what we hear during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us start fresh, have a new beginning, a springtime in our life. Amid our challenges, difficulties, temptations, and pain, the God of Hope quietly and tenderly reminds us to hope even when everything feels hopeless. "Lord, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them." (Psalm 10:17)

May God bless all of us,
Father Thomas Manninezhath, CMI

Announcements



During this Lenten time, we shall try to be as honest as we can about the ways we have departed from God, practices of faith, and moved away from others, and slipped into a kind of life about which we are unhappy.

We shall seek wisdom and insight of God about our true condition and choose Lenten disciplines that are uniquely suited to help us return to God, our faith, and our fellow humans.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE – CODE OF CANON LAW

Canon 1250

All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.

Canon 1251

Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Canon 1252

All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fasting up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

Canon 1253

It is for the conference of bishops to determine more precisely the observance of fast and abstinence and to substitute in whole or in part for fast and abstinence other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety.

STATIONS of the CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be said each Friday evening at 7 p.m. Please come and join with us as we prepare for Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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FEBRUARY 21, 2021



Parish Staff

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Parish Secretary: Mrs. Luisa Casciano
Parish Bookkeeper: Mrs. Petra Boudreau
Custodian: Mr. Wayne Brownrigg

Sunday Mass

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass

Tuesday and Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays - 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the Parish office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the Parish office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor to make arrangements **at least 1 year** prior to the proposed celebration as a preparation program is required.

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St. Anthony's – 519-396-4330

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Sacred Heart – 519-881-1900

Welcome to St. Anthony's

Bequests and Wills

In your kindness, please remember our St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Kincardine, Ontario in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, please add the following clause: “I give, devise and bequeath the sum of \$... to St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Kincardine, Ontario, to be used for the benefit of the parish and its pastoral activities.”