

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 14

5:00 p.m. † Ron Cameron by JoAnn Cameron  
† Jim Moylan by Jim Kelly and Family

### Sunday, March 15 FORTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 a.m. † Ted Knatkowski by K of C Council 7160  
Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)

11:00 a.m. S. I. of Marina Cameron by Barb Gamble

### Tuesday, March 17

7:00 p.m. † Hugh O'Connel by Kate Kieffer  
† Voytek Krol by Krol Family

### Wednesday, March 18

9:00 a.m. † Gabrielle Kleist by Susanne Gionet

### Thursday, March 19 SOLEMNITY: ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PRINCIPAL PATRON OF CANADA

7:00 p.m. All Forgotten Souls by Elaine Thacker  
S.I. of Josefina Delas Armas by Greg Delas  
Armas

### Friday, March 20

9:00 a.m. † Francisca & Andrew Ohale by Theresa Agbo

7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross

### Saturday, March 21

5:00 p.m. S. I. of Nuguit Family by Nuguit Family  
† Christopher Pellin by Harold & Judy Keelan

### Sunday, March 22

9:00 a.m. † Ted Hnatkowski by Kathy Gallant & Family  
S.I. of Andrew Brownrigg by Brownrigg Family

11:00 a.m. † Scot Klumper by Jim Kelly & Family  
Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)

## LITURGY OF THE WORD 2025-2026

**SUNDAY: YEAR A**

**WEEKDAY - YEAR 1**

**First Reading:** (1Sam 16:1.6-7.10-13).  
God chose David, the least of Jesse's  
sons, to be king of Israel. While people  
look at appearances, God looks at the  
heart.

**Second Reading:** (Eph 5:8-14).  
Paul tells the Ephesians that now that  
Christ has enlightened them, they must  
adopt a lifestyle in keeping with their  
new state.

**Gospel:** (Jn 9:1-41).  
Jesus, the light of the word, not only  
gives sight to the physically blind, but  
the light of faith to the spiritually blind.



## OFFERTORY

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## THE PROGRESS IN FAITH AND OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

*1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalms 23.1-6; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41*

Traditionally the Fourth Sunday in Lent is known as *Laetare* Sunday. The Latin word *Laetare* stands for "rejoicing" referring to the introductory antiphon for today's liturgy from Isaiah 66:1. "Rejoice Jerusalem...be joyful..." Do we have anything to rejoice today during the confusing and frightening situations in the world? A light at the end of the tunnel?

Today we have for our reflection the healing of a man who was born blind by Jesus. John the Evangelist uses this miracle to bring forth the theme of spiritual blindness and presents Jesus as the Light of the World, the light that leads us to a new life. The narration begins by asking who caused the blindness. The blind himself or his parents and anyone else?

We have so many questions on the reality of suffering. Why do I suffer? Why must suffering exist? What causes the suffering? Is suffering a punishment? The reason for suffering, especially that of the innocent has been a question that troubled people from time immemorial. Here Jesus does not give a clear answer to the question, but he says that whatever be the reason of the suffering, it can be turned into an occasion to manifest the power of God.

In the healing of the blind person, we see a progress of faith. Seeing Jesus merely as "a man" to recognizing him as a prophet, and finally, as the Son of Man to be worshipped. The gospel story reveals that as we progress in our faith journey, we do face challenges and opposition. The religious leaders made the life of the blind man and his parents difficult. First, he was questioned and then his parents and finally, the blind man was brought before the Pharisees where he was confronted, insulted, and thrown out of the synagogue. When Jesus heard that they had driven him away, he went looking for him. When he finds the man that nobody seemed to understand, he simply asked him one question "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The blind man was certainly well disposed, but he still asked "Sir, tell me who he is that I may believe in him." When Jesus told him, "You are looking at him, he is speaking to you!" the blind man's inner eyes were opened and, falling on his knees, he said: "Lord, I believe," and "he worshipped him" (Jn.9.38).

The progress made by the blind man in his journey of faith is reflected in his answers to the religious leaders. First, he regards Jesus as a man, then as a prophet, and finally as the Son of God. He gradually progresses from darkness to light. He grows in his relationship with Jesus and finally Jesus reveals himself to the man. This is the story of spiritual growth of any disciple of Jesus. It is only when we listen to Jesus and are guided by him, that we find ways to a fuller and more genuine faith. Once we were in darkness, but now we are called to live as children of light.

Last week, when Jesus told the Samaritan woman about the 'living water' she immediately responded asking Jesus to give her the 'living water. She became a new person filled with the grace of God and she led other people to the presence of the 'living water, Jesus the light of the world. According to Pope Benedict XVI, the miracle of the healing of the blind man is a sign that Christ wants not only to give us sight, but also to open our interior vision, so that our Faith may become ever deeper, and we may recognize Him as our Savior. He illuminates all that is dark in life and leads men and women to live as "children of the light" (Lenten message-2011).

May God bless all of us  
Father Thomas Manninezhath, CMI

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

At present there are two major feasts in his honor. On March 19, our veneration is directed to him personally and to his part in the work of redemption, while on May 1, we honor him as the patron of workers throughout the world and as our guide in the difficult matter of establishing equitable norms regarding obligations and rights in the social order. St. Joseph is invoked as patron for many causes. He is the patron of the Universal Church. He is the patron of the dying because Jesus and Mary were at his deathbed. He is also the patron of fathers, of carpenters, and of social justice. Many religious orders and communities are placed under his patronage.

### BISHOP JOSEPH DABROWSKI, OUR NEW BISHOP, WILL BE WITH US ON FRIDAY 10 APRIL

2026. He will celebrate Holy Mass at 7.00 p.m. This is his first visit to the parish and let us welcome him. Please come and join in the celebration of the Holy Mass and the reception after the Mass

### Way 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

### LENTEN RETREAT: A RESTARTING AND RETURNING.

On Monday 23 March at 6:30 p.m. Father Emmanuel Azike, O. P., Pastor of Immaculate Conception, Formosa, will share his reflections on our Lenten Journey.

### LENTEN-EASTER SCHEDULE

The Lenten-Easter schedule is available in the Narthex. Please pick one up.

### EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Anyone wishing to donate to our Easter Floral Tribute in memory of loved ones can do so by filling out an Easter Flowers envelope and returning it to the office or placing it in the collection basket. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION/ FIRST COMMUNION

The **NEXT MEETING** for First Reconciliation/ First Communion will be held next Sunday **March 22nd**, during the 11 am Mass.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Please bring donations of non- perishable food items and place it in the shopping cart in the narthex. Donations are welcome throughout Lent.

### SEDER MEAL: "The ritual meal which commemorates the events of the Exodus..."

A Seder Meal will be held on Wednesday March 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex, space is limited, reservation required by Wednesday March 18. Cost is \$20 per person. Payment can be made at the door.

### SHARE LENT SUNDAY - SOLIDARITY SUNDAY March 22, 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Lent is Share Lent Sunday. The Bishops of Canada have reserved the Season of Lent for a collection to assist the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace which supports development and aid projects in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, and the Caribbean, as well as informs Canadian Catholics on international social justice questions. In solidarity with our struggling brothers and sisters in the world let us share our abundance with the poor and the needy. Please give generously. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

*Welcome to all our visitors and guests.  
We wish you fruitful and relaxing days during your stay with us.*

# St. Anthony of Padua Church

**"Sharing Our Faith in God Through Service to Our Neighbour"**

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**MARCH 15, 2026**



**Welcome to St. Anthony's**

### **Parish Staff**

Fr. Thomas Manninezhath, CMI  
Parish Secretary: Maggie Lutz  
Parish Bookkeeper: Rene Renaud  
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.

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

519-386-2485

### **Catholic Women's League**

Email: [kincardinecwl@gmail.com](mailto:kincardinecwl@gmail.com)

### **Knights of Columbus**

Email: [gk7160@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:gk7160@ontariokofc.ca)

### **Elementary School**

St. Anthony's - 519-396-4330

### **High School**

Sacred Heart - 519-881-1900



### **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."