

First Sunday of Lent

February 27, 2023 ~ Liturgical Year A

Mass Intentions

†February 27, 2023 to March 5, 2023

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday ~Feb 27th

No Mass

Tuesday ~Feb 28th

8:00 am +Rina Zecchini (by Maria Ricciuto)

+Giovannina Maddalena (by grandchildren)

Wednesday ~March 1st

8:00 am +Luigi Rondinone (by sister Angelina & family)

+Regina Battle (by family)

Thursday ~March 2nd

8:00 am +Tonino DeTiberiis (by Nancy DeTiberiis & Family)

+Eugene Muratori (by Margery Longo)

Friday ~March 3rd

8:00 am +Assunta Mauro (by Anna Deditiis)

+Luigi Rondinone (by wife Rosa & Family)

6:30 pm *Via Crucis*

7:00 pm In Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday ~March 4th

8:00 am +Jim Dignan (by Char Valenti)

+Evelyn Cameron (by Susan MacDonald)

5:00 pm +Filomena & Fortunato Stracuzzi (by Angela Salvatori)

+Primo Canto (by Tony & Delores Ferrelli)

♥Special Intention for Sarah (by Family)

Sunday ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent ~March 5th

8:00 am +♥The People of Holy Rosary Parish

9:30 am +Elena Pizzacalla (by Pasquale Zecchini)

11:00 am +Nazzareno Riganelli (by Ida & Family)

+Anna & Osvaldo Rinaldi (by Ida & Family)

Lent is the season which enables us to reflect upon the damage caused by Original Sin in our lives. When it entered creation through the action of Adam, Original Sin brought disorder to our relationships with God, others and ourselves. We are tempted to place our desires for material happiness, certainty and earthly power ahead of God. Even Jesus suffered from the effects of Original Sin. Yet, his example reveals they can be overcome through him.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: For the 2 weeks from Monday February 27 until Friday March 10, 2023, the office hours will be as follows:

MONDAY 9am-12pm, 1pm-4pm

TUESDAY CLOSED

WEDNESDAY 9am-12pm, CLOSED

THURSDAY CLOSED

FRIDAY 9am-12pm, 1pm-4pm



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA means many things to people. Our core values of faith, service and social justice guide us as we follow Catholic teaching, provide service locally, nationally and internationally, and work to advocate for social justice.

CHARITY

Catholic Women's League councils provide an opportunity for others to contribute monetary aid through fundraising activities that create awareness and community building. Be part of this organization that gives to others. Please contact us at: cwlholyrosary@outlook.com



THANK YOU: To all those who made our Coffee Sunday last week such a wonderful event. It was so nice to see such a great turnout from both new and long-time parishioners. Special thanks to the Hunt Family for the children's craft table, the Knights of Columbus for their support in setting up and maintaining the coffee and tea, and the Catholic Women's League for their delicious treats! We hope to enjoy another Coffee Sunday soon!



SANCTUARY LAMP: This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of Irene Lizzotti. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. All parishioners are welcome to pray the Stations of the Cross, alternating in English and Italian, at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church each Friday during Lent at 6:30pm. This Friday the Stations will be prayed **in Italian. (Via Crucis)**

1ª DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA (A)

27 Febbraio 2023

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Siamo all'inizio della quaresima e siamo invitati nel deserto, come Cristo, a combattere le tentazioni. Il peccato esercita il suo potere nel mondo, come pure nella nostra vita, ma sappiamo anche che Cristo salva noi e tutti se ci rivolgiamo a Lui con fiducia. .



VIA CRUCIS: Nel tempo di Quaresima, la Chiesa ci esorta di camminare insieme a Gesù, lungo il Viaggio di 40 giorni nel deserto. In questo periodo, la chiesa ci invita alla preghiera e alla penitenza. Perciò, nella nostra chiesa, ogni altro Venerdì, fino a Pasqua, ci sarà la devozionale preghiera della Via Crucis alle ore 6:30pm (di sera).

ASSOCIAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA

Fara'la Ruinione Mensile

Sabato 4 Marzo all ore 9:30 am nella sala

Demons

Jesus went into the wilderness and struggled with the demons. Such is the metaphor of spiritual life presented to us in today's Gospel. In the course of our lives, we are all "led into the desert by the Spirit," and we must struggle with the demons.

We struggle with the demon of self-sufficiency. Ignoring our interdependence, we imagine that we can "go it alone," and end up dividing ourselves into isolated units of races, classes, and genders, living as though we do not need the other. We may even reach the point of living as though we do not need the Other.

We struggle with the demon of power. We begin by setting ourselves above others, and often end with oppressing them, using our power in a cruel or unjust manner to keep others down.

We struggle with the demon of pride, imagining ourselves to be better than others, or the 'top dog' in our little world, or number one in the world.

Lent is a time to struggle with the demons, "to rid ourselves of the hidden corruption of evil."

"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."

As the kernel and center of his good news, Christ proclaims salvation, this great gift of God which is liberation from everything that oppresses man but which is above all liberation from sin and the evil one, in the joy of knowing God and being known by him, of seeing him, and of being given over to him.

Pope Paul VI, [Evangelii Nuntiandi](#), 1975: 9.

Gerald Darring



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:

A movement of solidarity

Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice.

With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, **Stand for the Land** focuses on people's defence of their territories in Colombia and Honduras.

To learn more about our movement and to join us, visit devp.org.

TURKEY/SYRIA DONATIONS: With the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), Aid to Church in Need (ACN), Canadian Jesuits International (CJI), Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) Canada, and Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (DPCC) are launching an emergency aid campaign in response to the destructive earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria. Funds received will be used now and in the coming months for food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essentials to meet basic human needs. These funds will also serve to meet long term needs to help families go back to a more stable life. To donate, please contact:

ACN: <https://bit.ly/acn-donate-syria> 1-800-585-6333 Ext 228

CJI: <https://canadianjesuitsinternational.ca> 1-800-448-2148

CNEWA Canada: www.cnewa.ca 1-866-322-4441

DPCC: www.devp.org 1-800-494-1401

OR: Simply drop your donation in the weekly collection in a plain envelope clearly marked Turkey/Syria on the outside along with your name. Please make cheques payable to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

Friday March 3, 2023

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.

Further information can be found at <https://wicc.org/get-involved/events/>.

Watch the NATIONAL World Day of Prayer 2023 Virtual Service online on Saturday, March 4th, 2023 at 1:00pm–2:30pm EST. [Click here for the link.](#)

