

## Second Sunday of Lent March 12, 2017

*Like Abram and Sarah, we are called to follow  
God's word and obey God's law,*

The Schedule for the Stations of the Cross to be held each Friday at 7 p.m. during Lent is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Leader</b>
March 17	Father Murray
March 24	Cursillo
March 31	Youth Ministry
April 7	CWL
April 14	Father Shroff

**LENTEN RETREAT** – Father Greg will be holding a Lenten Retreat on "Joseph, Mary, and Jesus: The Holy Family as our guides in the life of the Spirit". At 7:00 pm on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Miriam Centre - Baby Bottle Fundraiser** lent is time when Holy Mother Church asks us amongst other things to give alms. The Miriam Centre is a local pregnancy crisis centre that provides material and pastoral help to needy pregnant women and their families. The Centre depends solely on donations. Baby bottles are available in the Vestibule this weekend. Kindly, take a bottle home fill it with some coins and return the bottle to the church by Sunday 23 April. Thank you for assisting those in need through your prayers and financial support.

**REMINDER**; it is not too late to apply for the Spring Women Cursillo **March 9-12**, Men's weekend **April 6-9**, 2017. Cursillo is a nice way to give yourself a spiritual spa. Please contact Helen Lemoire at 613 590-7450 for information.

**CWL** meeting 7:30 Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Please come prepared to pass the budget and our 2017 calendar. See you there.

**Spiritual Adoption Program:**

My body has millions of cells and I grow over 250,000 brain cells every minute! I have learned to swallow and I can move my tongue. I just realized that when I try really hard I can make a fist with my fingers. Each of my tiny organs is working – heart, stomach, liver, kidneys, and brain - all systems are intact! Life is very good for me and I just love my mother's womb. It seems that just as I get bigger so does my space. My fingers and toes are so cute and just like my arms and legs they are getting longer all the time. Thanks for continuing to pray for me.

**ATTENTION ALL LEGIONAIRES** (Active and Auxiliary members). You are invited to the annual ACIES celebration to renew your fealty to Mary Queen of the Legion. This year the ACIES will be held on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Clement Parish at St. Anne's Church, 528 Old St. Patrick Street, Ottawa, Ontario. The celebration will begin with Holy Mass offered in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite at 1:00 p.m. (Latin/English and Latin/French missals will be provided), followed by a consecration of Legionaries to Our Lady. A reception will follow.

**Offering for March 5, 2017**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2888.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ 541.00
Total Collection:	\$ 6089.00

**Diocesan & Missionary Works****\$1325.00****Associate Pastor's Corner**

If we look at the characters from our readings for this Sunday, we see that they are all called to a particular mission, to walk a road that was particularly their own. Abram was called by God to leave his homeland and his extended family behind, to travel to a strange land, so that God could create there a new nation, a people particularly His own. Abram - whose name was changed to Abraham because he was faithful to God's calling - is known as our 'Father in Faith' because he believed God's promises and lived out his vocation. He's an example to us of what it means to trust God. He left behind what was good in order to receive that which was better.

St. Paul, author of the letter to Timothy, was called out of that which was good, the faith of the people of Israel, to something that was better, faith in the Messiah promised to Israel. Paul left a promising career as a Scribe to become a wandering preacher, without a home of his own, in constant danger, to preach the good news to people he didn't know. But in following the way laid out for him he became the Apostle to the Gentiles, the voice of Christ to the non-Jewish world, and his message changed that world.

Jesus, of course, had the greatest vocation of all : the salvation of the human race; and he followed that call to the bitter end. In his Transfiguration we see him fulfilling the history of humanity with God, the continuation of the story represented by Moses and Elijah. Moses, a simple man, called to the awesome task of leading his people out of slavery to the promised land, and giving them God's own law. Elijah, representing the prophets, who were called to set aside a normal life and stand, often alone, before their people with the unpopular message that God was displeased with their conduct and would bring judgment upon them.

And the Apostles, Peter, James, and John, called to be Jesus' closest allies, and to suffer with him the rejection of their people. They lived out their vocation to share the message of Jesus with the world, and they became the foundation of the Church, leaving behind that which was good, for something that was better.

Few of us are called to such a dramatic, life-altering vocation, but all of us are called. God wants to use each of us to make His gospel known and to share His love.

During this Lenten season perhaps we need to meditate a little more deeply on what our vocation is and how we're living it. Do you know what your vocation is? All of us have one.

God bless you.

Attention parishioners and friends. Our 16th Annual Live and Silent Auction is coming up Saturday April 8th at the Parish Hall from 10 am to 1 pm. Gratefully accepted donations include gift baskets, event tickets, grocery, gas and movie cards, small appliances (regretfully no televisions or computers) sporting good items, collectibles, jewellery and art. Proceeds to Parish needs. For info email [marie.trojan@sympatico.ca](mailto:marie.trojan@sympatico.ca) or call 613-769-7570 or 613-822-1777.

## **INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, March 11 – Second Sunday of Lent**

5:00 pm †Ken & Frances Kennedy req by the family  
†Ann Leblanc req by Mary & Kenny Meehan  
Intention of Leonard Leland req by Mary & Richard MacDonald  
Deceased members of the Pereira family

### **Sunday, March 12 – Second Sunday of Lent**

9:00 am †Lester MaCann req by John Butt & Maureen Whelan  
†Duarte Ceolho & Maria & Jaoa Casimiro req by Isabel Casimiro  
†Elizabeth Myers req by Dave & Sarah McLean  
†Ann Delage req by the Pastoral Care Team  
†Maureen & Thomas Turner req by JP & Patricia Clement  
†Angela, Nicola & Felix Caputo req by Carlo & Pat Caputo  
†Theresa Chinelo Onyeogubalu req by Charlotte Gupta

11:15 am For Our Parishioners

### **Monday, March 13 – Second Monday of Lent**

9:00 am Private Intention

### **Tuesday, March 14 – Second Tuesday of Lent**

9:00 am Intention of Rosetta Caza req by Robert & Angela Lavictoire

### **Thursday, March 16 – Second Thursday of Lent**

9:00 am †Bernadette & Leo Titia Algan req by the Algan family

### **Friday, March 17 – Second Friday of Lent**

9:00 am †Robert & Sheila Morin req by Willy Algan

### **Saturday, March 18– Third Sunday of Lent**

5:00 pm †Teresa Wong req by the family  
†Dave Simmons req by Vince & Myrna Brown  
Intention of Maddy Lee req by Marion & Ernie Sy  
Deceased members of the Pereira & Rodrigues families

### **Sunday, March 19 –Third Sunday of Lent**

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

11:15 am †Andrew Hamilton req by John & Joan Ronan  
Intention of the Godparents of a Parishioner  
Intention of Daphne D'Souza req by Carmen D'Souza

*Please pray for our sick;* Michael Nortey, Bonnie Lehman, Elsie & Steve Stadler, and John MacDonald.

*Please pray for our deceased,* that they may be received into God's love.

#### **PRO LIFE CORNER**

In today's Gospel account of the Transfiguration Jesus tells Peter and James and his brother John, "get up and do not be afraid." Brothers and Sisters, let us recall these words when we encounter someone who tells us they are afraid of an unplanned pregnancy. As followers of Christ who is the Creator of all life let us pray that all unplanned pregnancies will be embraced with the same love that God has for each of us. If you or someone you know is pregnant and needs support, confidential help is available. [www.stmaryshome.com](http://www.stmaryshome.com) [www.miriamottawa.org](http://www.miriamottawa.org) 613-830-8623 [www.birtright-ottawa.org](http://www.birtright-ottawa.org) or visit: [www.abortionincanada.ca](http://www.abortionincanada.ca) [www.adoptionincanada.ca](http://www.adoptionincanada.ca) or contact the parish office.