

# First Sunday of Lent

## February 18, 2018

*The flood waters of the time of Noah become the saving waters of our baptism in Jesus Christ*

**The Parish Lenten Penitential Service will be held Friday March 9 at 7 pm.**

**The Stations of the Cross will be held:**

**Fridays at 7 pm.**

Feb. 23           Lead by the Christian Meditation

March 2           Lead by Deacon Dan

**March 9 - Penitential Service**

March 16         Knights of Columbus

March 23         Catholic Women's League - followed by a Lenten Supper

March 30         Good Friday - Father Shroff

Thank you to all Leaders for supporting the prayerful life of our parish.

Making these Devotions part of our Lenten journey is an excellent way to enrich our life and the life of our Parish.

**Baby Bottle Drive for Miriam Centre:** The Miriam Centre is a charitable organization, which provides material and pastoral help to needy pregnant women and their families. The Centre does not receive government assistance and depends solely on donations. Baby bottles will be available in the Vestibule of the Church during this weekend. Kindly, take a bottle home place a donation inside and return the bottle to the church by Sunday 08 April. This is a good method of alms giving during the Lenten season. Thank you for assisting those in need through your prayers and financial support.

The Knights of Columbus (K of C) and the Catholic Women's League (CWL) will hold an open house on 4 March 2018. Members will be available at the foyer after all masses on that weekend. They will be able to answer any questions on their projects, charities, and what it means to be a member of these organization for you and your families. The K of C is open to all Catholic Gentlemen 18 years and older, while the CWL is open to all Catholic Ladies 16 years and above. The two organizations are involved in many aspects of the church activities, projects for our schools and financial and manpower support to a number of local charities.

**Good Shepherd Parish Bible Study.** The Spring session, beginning the week of April 9, 2018, for 11 weeks, will study Genesis. The course, using materials prepared by Little Rock Scripture Study, is offered 3 times a week - Monday evening, Wednesday morning and Wednesday afternoon. Application forms can be found on the bookshelf at the back of the church. Please apply by March 3, 2018. For further information contact [gsbiblestudy@rogers.com](mailto:gsbiblestudy@rogers.com)

### Offering for February 11, 2018

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2003.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ 686.00
Total Collection:	\$ 5349.00

Our financial requirements are approx. **\$8,000** per week to support our approx. **\$2,000** a week mortgage payment.

#### Fr. Shroff's Corner

The Season of Lent is upon us! The Church Fathers refers to Lent as a holy season, because it is time of conversion and repentance, a time of holy preparation. During Lent, we are invited to prepare our souls for the Easter Triduum through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These three Lenten exercises (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) are very closely related to the three theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Prayer is related to Faith because it is an act of Faith in God. No one prays unless he believes in God, and believes that God hears his prayer. Fasting is linked to the virtue of Hope, because the primary object of Hope is Eternal Life. The virtue of Hope teaches us that all goods in this world are secondary in comparison with the One True Good: the Ultimate Good which is Eternal Life in the Kingdom of God. As a result, we “fast” from secondary goods (whether they be food, pleasure, or any other good) in order to detach our hearts from them and attach our hearts more firmly to the Ultimate Good of Heaven. Almsgiving is, of course, linked to the theological virtue of Charity or Christian Love. But it doesn't just involve giving money to the poor. Under the title of Almsgiving we could include any act of Charity directed towards our neighbour. Charity is not just about giving material goods or assistance to those in need, but more importantly it involves a gift of ourselves to others. An act of Charity might involve reaching out to that person in our family who is challenging to love, or to someone who is ostracised or lonely. Charity is about loving others for the sake of Christ and by the Love of Christ Himself, which is present in our souls when they are in a state of grace.

This Lent, let us strive to grow in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving through the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity. May Our Saviour Jesus Christ accompany us throughout this time of Lenten purification and prepare our hearts to receive anew the grace of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection at the Paschal Triduum.

#### THANK YOU: TO Good Shepherd Parish CHALICE CHRISTMAS GIFT CATALOGUE

On behalf of Chalice, I would like to personally **thank you** for choosing to give through the Gift Catalogue this past Christmas. **Thank you** for helping children and families in need, while also honouring a special person in your life.

The number of donors, of the Christmas Gift Catalogue across Canada, increased by an amazing **14.1%** over last year. . Your generosity means even more children will receive the food, school supplies and other much-needed items needed to be healthy and attend school every day; more families will become self-reliant, bringing them a brighter future.

Special thanks also to Father Shroff for his permission and support about the Chalice catalogue at the parish and to Bonnie for facilitating arrangements. Chalice will have a year-round “Special Occasions” gift catalogue (to be placed at the back of the church), so you can purchase gifts for celebrations such as Easter, First Communion, Baptisms, Weddings and Showers.

When they arrive, please feel free to take a few and share them among your friends and families

## **INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, February 17 – First Sunday of Lent (Anticipated Vigil Mass)**

5:00 †Kevin Ramsaran req by Jennifer Ramsaran  
†Anna & Marion Folak req by Ted, Pat & family

### **Sunday, February 18 – First Sunday of Lent**

9:00 am †Champaben Nanavati req by the Nanavati family  
†Cecile Venus Jean Louis req by Luzette  
†Maurice (Moe) Stafford req by Carol Faure  
†Tang Ping Yui req by the family  
†Jane Frances Chin req by the family

11:15 am For Our Parishioners

### **Monday, February 19 – First Monday of Lent**

9:00 am †Chiarina Bacile req by James & Lea Dunne

### **Tuesday, February 20 – First Tuesday of Lent**

9:00 am †John & James Ferguson req by their sister

### **Wednesday, February 21 – First Wednesday of Lent**

8:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving req by a Parishioner

### **Thursday, February 22 – Feast, Chair of St. Peter, Apostle**

9:00 am †John & Claire Duckworth req by the Pereira family

### **Friday, February 23 – First Friday of Lent**

9:00 am In loving memory of Jack, Peg, Joe & Sylvie

### **Saturday, February 24– Second Sunday of Lent (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 pm †Paul Casey req by the CWL  
†Maurice (Moe) Stafford req by the CWL  
†Rosemary Pantin req by the CWL  
†Lois McElliot req by Ted, Pat & family  
Mass of Thanksgiving to St. Anne req by Luzette  
Deceased members of the CWL

### **Sunday, February 25 – Second Sunday of Lent**

9:00 am †Frank Faure req by Carol Faure  
†Maurice (Moe) Stafford req by Ray & Marg Madden  
†Father James Whalen req by a Parishioner  
†Rosemary Pantin req by Jack & Dyann MacDonald

11:15 am For Our Parishioners

*Please pray for our sick;*, Joe MacDonell, Rose Dugandzic, Romina Andrews, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Jean-Ella Lemire, Michael Nortey and John MacDonald.

*Please pray for our deceased*, including June Cheverie and Antoinette Tissaaratchy, that they may be received into God's love.

#### **PRO LIFE CORNER**

Let us pray that as God made a covenant with all living things, so we His people may grow in our respect for life, and actively protect it. Post abortion healing is available at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) or call Lynda or Terry Munroe 613-806-5522 [rvr\\_ottawa@yahoo.ca](mailto:rvr_ottawa@yahoo.ca) The parish has acquired a 2016 film that is available for loan. HUSH - is a liberating conversation about abortion and women's health. Please contact Jennifer at 613-835-4201 if you wish to view this movie.