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Hospitality:
6:00 pm - Lisa Shibley
5:00 pm - Fred Tonnos
9:00 am - Roland Belanger
11:00 am - Sam Zuvic

Communion:
6:00 pm - Joe Gatt
5:00 pm - Linda Haakman
9:00 am - Kim Gatt
11:00 am - Jackie Gatt

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

Lectors:
6:00 pm - Dan Tonello
5:00 pm - Julie Typer
9:00 am - Linda Sardella
11:00 am - Lucia Durward
Video:
6:00 pm - Sandy MacIntyre
5:00 pm - Fred Tonnos
9:00 am - Dave Bilodeau
11:00 am - Albert DeLaat
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February 15, 2026 A.D.

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Tues Feb 17 6:00 pm +Cesare Giancola
Wed Feb 18 Ash Wednesday
8:30 am +Cesare Giancola
10:00 am School Ash Wednesday Mass
6:00 pm +Victor Samuel
Thurs Feb 19 8:30 am +Albino daRosa
Fri Feb 20 8:30 am +Geza Jeggs
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
The 1st Sunday of Lent
Sat Feb 21 5:00 pm +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's
Sun Feb 22 9:00 am +Givliano Bais
11:00 am +Betty DeThomas

Lord may the request of our people rise before you like a fragrant offering

by Tony & Jane D'Uva

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by Kim Gagnon Doucet
 by Ana daRosa

by Della Ventura & Family

by Flora Armenti & Family
 by Kim & Joe Gatt

WHAT IS THE STATE OF YOUR HEART

Today we are challenged to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card - or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and a way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day?

Sirach, teaches that our good God has given us freedom to make this choice: "If you choose you can keep the commandments." "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." What great dignity the Father bestows on us. He does not force us to commit to Him - rather, He allows us the freedom to choose Him, even though He emphatically does not want us to reject Him through selfishness and sin. "No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin."

We are also reminded of the great joy that will be ours if we do choose to commit to God by the way we live our lives. "Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard ... what God has prepared for those who love him." Our Heavenly Father is more eager than we can comprehend to fill us with His grace and blessings. But we must choose Him. How do we do this? By keeping His commandments - by putting the teachings of our Lord and the Church into practice every day.

The concept of stewardship helps us live out the funda-

mental choice to put God first. Stewardship is not meant to be a mere external exercise in which we participate on an occasional basis. It is meant to be embraced as a way of life - a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart.



Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart. He says to His disciples, "Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." The scribes and Pharisees were the spiritual heavyweights of their day. They checked all the boxes when it came to the proper exercise of the religious practices required of them. Yet our Lord says it wasn't enough.

Why? They did not allow those practices to penetrate their hearts and change them internally. Jesus explains with a further illustration, saying, "You have heard that it was said ... you shall not kill ... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others.

In the week ahead, let us examine the state of our hearts and ask ourselves whether stewardship has truly become a way of life for us. Only then will we experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours.

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LENT 2026

The rhythm of the seasons quietly turns. The joy of Christmas has faded into memory, and the new year is underway. These gentle changes in time remind us that a sacred season is approaching: Lent.

Lent is one of the great seasons of the Church's liturgical year, a forty-day pilgrimage of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that prepares our hearts for the glory of Easter. It is a time of grace—a time to return to the Lord with all our hearts and to walk more intentionally with Christ on His journey to the Cross, so as to rejoice more fully in His Resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.

The holy season begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18**. On this day, we receive ashes on our foreheads in the sign of the cross, a humble reminder that we are dust and to dust we shall return, and a call to repentance and renewal. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

Although Lent spans 46 calendar days, the Church observes forty days of fasting, as Sundays—celebrations of the Lord's Resurrection—remain days of joy and are not counted among the fasting days. The season concludes on **Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026**, just before the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, which begins the sacred Easter Triduum.

At the heart of Lent are the three pillars that guide our spiritual renewal:

- **Prayer** – deepening our relationship with God through daily conversation with Him, participation in the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Scripture reading, and devotions such as the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross.
- **Fasting** – willingly embracing small sacrifices that detach us from comforts and remind us of our dependence on God. In addition to abstaining from meat on Fridays, we might fast from social media, excessive screen time, gossip, or anything that distracts us from Christ.
- **Almsgiving** – sharing generously with those in need as a concrete expression of our love for God and neighbour.

Prayer strengthens us to fast. Fasting opens our hearts to those who suffer. Almsgiving becomes the fruit of grateful hearts transformed by grace. Together, these practices lead us toward true conversion—a turning of our whole lives back to God.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

For Catholics throughout the world, the Stations of the Cross are a cherished Lenten devotion. As we meditate on Christ's suffering and love, we learn anew the depth of His mercy.



Join us each Friday at 7:00 p.m., beginning February 20, as we prayerfully walk the Way of the Cross together. Come and spend one hour with Jesus on His journey to Calvary, and allow His sacrifice to draw you closer to His Sacred Heart.

May this Lent be for each of us a season of grace—a time to be lifted up by the Lord, renewed in faith, and prepared to proclaim with joy on Easter morning: **He is risen!**

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SOUP SUNDAY

Come and join us for our annual Soup Sunday Luncheon on Sunday March 1, 2026 after the 11 am Mass.

Cost: Adults - \$15/person
 And children under 12 - \$5

Includes a variety of soup, focaccia bread and Italian bread, assorted desserts, tea, coffee and lemonade.



Tickets will be sold at the door.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON



Sunday March 15, 2026 at 12 noon.



Come and join us to celebrate our Parish's Patron Saint

Cost: Adults: \$30

Children (14 - 6): \$10

Children 5 and under: Free

Includes: Cabbage, Corn Beef, Potatoes, Irish Stew, Gluten Free Irish Stew, Rye Bread, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Pop.

Ticket sales begin next weekend available after Masses and the back of the church or office.

Deadline to purchase will be March 8.

A PRAYER FOR A FAITHFUL HEART

Heavenly Father,
 You give us the freedom to choose life and to choose You.

Search our hearts and cleanse them of all selfishness and sin.

Teach us to live true stewardship, not as an obligation, but as a way of life, seeing all we have as Your gift.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we may keep Your commandments with love and grow each day in Christ.

Amen.