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Hospitality:
5:00 pm - Victor Gatt
9:00 am - Sandy MacIntyre
11:00 am - Teresa Ricci

Communion:
5:00 pm - Tom Lannan
9:00 am - Maxine Cloutier
11:00 am - Jackie Gatt

The 1st Sunday of Lent - Year A

Away with you Satan.

Lectors:
5:00 pm - Tom Lannan
9:00 am - Susan Foebel
11:00 am - Jackie Gatt

Video:
5:00 pm - Albert DeLaat
9:00 am - Sandy MacIntyre
11:00 am - Dan Tonello

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All Masses - Dino Sicoli

February 22, 2026 A.D. The 1st Sunday of Lent - Year A



Tues Feb 24 6:00 pm +John Woloszyn
Wed Feb 25 8:30 am +Gaetano Tamburri
Thurs Feb 26 8:30 am +Elizabeth DeThomas
Fri Feb 27 8:30 am +Bill Parkin
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
The 2nd Sunday of Lent
Sat Feb 28 5:00 pm +Alvery Dignard
Sun Mar 1 9:00 am +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's
11:00 am +David Wagner

STAY ROOTED IN CHRIST

As we enter the season of Lent, the Church invites us into 40 days of intentional reflection, repentance, and renewal. We are reminded that Lent is not simply about giving something up, but about making room for God. For Christian stewards, this season calls us to look honestly at how we are using the time entrusted to us and whether our daily choices reflect trust in the Lord.



Genesis takes us back to the beginning and reveals the goodness of God's original design. Out of love, God formed humanity, breathed life into us, and placed Adam and Eve in a garden rich with beauty and abundance. Their life with God was marked by trust, gratitude, and attentiveness to His presence. Time itself was a gift - ordered around relationship with the Creator.

That harmony was disrupted when doubt entered their hearts. Tempted by the serpent, Adam and Eve questioned God's goodness and turned their attention away from Him. In that moment, they chose their own judgment over God's word. This same temptation remains familiar to us. When our time becomes filled with distractions, busyness, or self-reliance, it becomes easier to lose sight of God's presence and purposes in our lives.

St. Paul reminds us that God did not abandon hu-

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

by Fr. Wesley
 by Tony & Jane D'Uva
 by Jackie & Victor Gatt
 by Kim Gagnon-Doucet
 by Family
 by Don & Margaret Murdoch

manity to this broken pattern. While disobedience led to sin and separation, obedience leads to restoration. Through Jesus Christ - the new Adam - God offers mercy, healing, and new life. Conversion is possible because grace is given. Lent invites us to slow down long enough to receive that grace and allow it to reshape how we live.

What does faithful stewardship look like in practice? Jesus enters the desert, fasts for 40 days, and confronts temptation directly. He does not rush past this time of testing or seek to escape it. Instead, He remains rooted in Scripture and attentive to the Father's will. By giving time to prayer, silence, and trust, Jesus reveals that spiritual strength grows where time is intentionally placed in God's hands.

Lent invites us to follow this same path. It is a season to examine whether our schedules leave room for prayer, Scripture, and quiet attentiveness to God. This may require setting aside certain distractions or habits so that time can be reclaimed for what matters most. When we intentionally place God at the center of our days, gratitude deepens, trust grows, and stewardship becomes a way of life.

By embracing these 40 days with purpose, we prepare our hearts to celebrate Easter renewed, restored, and ready to live more fully as disciples of Christ.

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LENT 2026

The seasons quietly change. Christmas has passed, the new year has begun, and we are reminded that the sacred season of Lent is near.

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

Though Lent covers 46 calendar days, the Church observes forty days of fasting, since Sundays - celebrations of the Lord's Resurrection - remain days of joy. The season concludes on Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026, just before the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, which begins the Easter Triduum.

At the heart of Lent are three pillars of renewal:

- **Prayer** – deepening our relationship with God through Mass, Adoration, Scripture, and devotions like the Rosary and Stations of the Cross.
- **Fasting** – embracing small sacrifices that detach us from comforts and refocus us on God.
- **Almsgiving** – sharing generously with those in need as a sign of love for God and neighbour.

Together, these practices lead us to true conversion and a renewed life in God.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are a cherished Lenten devotion, helping us reflect on Christ's suffering and love.



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

May this Lent be a season of grace for us all — renewing our faith and preparing us to proclaim with joy on Easter morning: **He is risen!**

2026 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday March 6 at 2 pm
 St Therese Church Hall - Bell St
 Both Men and Women are invited
 Elevator is available if needed.

"I will Give you Rest: Come"
 Matthew 11:28-30

Theme: Rest for the Weary



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you are still unable to attend Mass for health reason, and would like to assist us financially:

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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

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

Deadline to purchase will be March 8.

PRAYER TO STAY ROOTED IN CHRIST

Heavenly Father, as we enter this holy season of Lent, keep us rooted in Your Son and grounded in Your love.

Help us to slow down, turn away from sin, and make room for Your grace to renew our hearts.

Teach us to use the time You have given us with wisdom and faith,

choosing trust over fear and obedience over self-reliance.

Strengthen us through prayer, Scripture, and quiet listening,

so that our lives may reflect Your goodness each day.

Renew us during these forty days,

so that we may celebrate Easter restored, grateful, and ready to live as faithful disciples. **Amen.**