



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2023:

### MASSES FOR MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> – MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>

Tuesday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+ Shirley Stemp, requested by Diane Mather
Wednesday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+ Baby Camilla Heart Bitten, requested by Peter, Lucy & Kate Dawson
Thursday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+ Donna Radey, requested by Paul & Mardi Ayotte
Friday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+ Donna Radey, requested by Tim Ayotte
Saturday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 p.m.	– <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
Sunday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m.	+ Tony & Flossie Bovie, req. by John Bovie & Marie Moser
	11:30 a.m.	+ For all souls in purgatory, req. by the Tryba family

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Neave Alderson, Jack Ayotte, Tim Ayotte, Fr. Bart Burke, Pam Caravaggio, Liz & Nixon DeCarlo, Donna Ellis, Ted & Marie Green, Sawyer Growden, John & Helen, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Cathy Lochner, Keith Mathieson, Peter McCarthy, Barb McKinnon, Joan Morton, Nixon Parsons, Gail & John Terrion, Lucia VandenBosch, Adrian Vandenbroek, Linda vanTol, Rose Marie Vitarelli, Sally Weglarz, Clint Young, Patty Zeyen and those who have no one to pray for them. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.**

**IMMACULATE LENTEN CONFESSIONS:** In addition to the usual Saturday confessions from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., Fr. Stephen will also be available from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. on Sundays until Easter.

**WELCOME, WELCOME:** Congratulations to **Aaron Thonin Sam & Aero Sam**, welcomed into the people of God last weekend through **baptism**.



**SAVE THE DATE—ROAST BEEF DINNER!** Call the office now to reserve your tickets (\$20 per person) for this popular dinner hosted by the Knights to be held in our Parish Hall on Saturday, **March 18<sup>th</sup>**. Social Hour from 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets also available after all Masses. Take-out after 5:00 p.m. if you reserve by **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Enjoy!

**40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS:** A Knights of Columbus charity program that connects traditional Lenten almsgiving with the nutritional needs of poor families in our community. The idea is simple: a straightforward one-can (or non-perishable item) per-day donation during Lent inspired by Christ’s 40 days of fasting in the desert. There will be boxes at the entrances of the Church.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS!** Our Easter Bake sale will be after all Masses the weekend of **March 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>**. Which wonderful culinary treasures will you prepare? All proceeds will go toward our elevator fund.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY BOTTLE DRIVE:** Clean out all your empty cans, beer, wine and liquor bottles post St. Patrick’s Day and drop them off at the rectory garage on **March 25<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 to 2:00 p.m. May 27 from 9:30-2 pm. All proceeds go to WYD pilgrims. Thank you!

### OFFERTORY COMPARISON

Parish expenses are increasing with inflation. Please be generous!

	2023	2022	2021
<b>February</b>	\$ 9,530.85 (4 Sundays)	\$ 9,583.25 (4 Sundays)	\$ 11,007.00 (4 Sundays)
<b>Year-To-Date</b>	\$ 20,931.70	\$ 18,821.30	\$ 20,465.00





**WORLD YOUTH DAY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER WITH PURDY'S CHOCOLATE:** World Youth Day pilgrims are once again selling chocolate...this time for Easter! Please support the group! **Deadline for orders is March 21<sup>st</sup>.** Orders will be brought to you by the pilgrims themselves. Once they are ready, you will be contacted. Order online using campaign number: 63356 [ORDER ONLINE](#)

**THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA** have issued a pastoral letter of appeal, which marks the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. They urge, *"Let us continue our works of mercy for the needy in Ukraine and those who seek refuge here in Canada, as a humble manifestation of our sincere faith and for the greater glory of God."* The full text of the letter may be found [here](#).

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## LENTEN PROGRAMS

**FOLLOWING ST. FRANCIS THROUGH LENT:** Come join LaVerna, 820 Frank Street on a Lenten Journey as they follow select moments in the conversion of St. Francis of Assisi. Saturday, **March 18th** from 10:00 to 4:00. Suggested donation of \$75 (includes lunch and refreshments). RSVP required to: [laverna@capuchins.ca](mailto:laverna@capuchins.ca) or **705-234-3191**.

**EWTN LENTEN REFLECTIONS WITH FATHER JOSEPH:** Each Lent is an opportunity – an opportunity to reflect, pray, and become detached from the things of the world. This is why Fr. Joseph has prepared a series of Lenten meditations to guide us during this solemn season. Sign-up to receive a beautiful Lenten Meditations eBook, which will help you get the most from this holy season, plus a special Lenten reflection emailed from Father Joseph each week. [SIGN UP](#)

**LENTEN PROGRAM—TOTAL ABANDONMENT TO GOD'S WILL:** Free online Lenten program offered by the Science of Sainthood. [REGISTER](#)

**VIDEO SERIES FOR LENT:** The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) video series *Journey through Lent* is available once again. This year's Lenten reflections are delivered by His Eminence Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, and the Most Reverend Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth. [VIEW VIDEOS](#)

### *Development and Peace Caritas Canada "Stand for the Land" Campaign*

Around the world, many communities are mobilizing to defend their territories against threats posed by extractive industries and industrial agriculture. These people are often threatened, criminalized, or even killed when they stand up to protect their lands, their livelihoods and their very existence.

*Development and Peace – Caritas Canada* stands in solidarity with these people. With our partners, we support communities' efforts to protect their territories and biodiversity for present and future generations.

A letter of support form is attached to this email. Here is an excerpt from a letter by +Most Reverend Bishop Raymond Poisson, CCCB President: *"I invite you to create hope by supporting Development and Peace's "Stand for the Land" campaign. Give generously, get involved in your community, be the hands and feet of Christ in the world." Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18).*

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*"In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn." —Pope Francis*