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### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18th, 2024



A TIME TO  
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**Our mission :** We joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith. May our parish be a sanctuary of peace for you as we journey together to the Father's house.

### Parish Hours

#### DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 am  
 FRIDAY 7:00 pm  
 SATURDAY 9:00 am

#### SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm  
 SUNDAY 8:30 am | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

#### HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 7:00pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm  
 SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm  
 or by appointment

#### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
 SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm  
 SUNDAY 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of *Lent*

*Messages from the Saints:*

*"Lent is a time of grace, a time for conversion, a time to come home to God."*

*St. Maximilian Kolbe*

*"Lent is a time for us to empty ourselves of worldly distractions and allow God to fill us with His love, His grace, and His peace."*

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

**"The purpose of Lent is not to force on us a few formal obligations, but to 'soften' our heart so that it may open itself to the realities of the spirit, to experience the hidden 'thirst' for communion with God."**

*St. Pope John Paul II*

Source of Quotes: <https://www.churchpop.com/10-powerful-saint-quotes-to-ignite-your-lenten-journey-to-holiness/>

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, 19 FEBRUARY**

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING  
+ NGU LUONG  
+ RONALD PERERA

**TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY**

9:00 AM + JUAN ORMAECHEA

**WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY** *St Peter Damian*

9:00 AM S.I. MARIA GEROCHE  
+ GAULBERT MONTEIRO  
+ EDWINA MALONEY

**THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY** *The Chair of Saint Peter*

9:00 AM + THOMAS FERNANDES

**FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY** *St Polycarp*

6:30 PM + ALFREDO DOMINGO JR.  
+ JOSE RENDON  
+ SONIA LIM

**SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY**

9:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**  
5:00 PM S.I. CURT BIAS  
+ VICTOR KWAN  
+ SONIA LIM

**SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY**

8:30 AM + STAN KRUPICZ  
+ AMELITA LOPEZ  
+ JESUS OLEDAN  
10:15 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH  
12:00 PM (MASS WITH INCENSE)  
+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
MONTOUTE FAMILY  
+ ABELARDO DEMETILLO  
+ SHEILA CARMICHAEL  
7:00 PM S.I. LIBERTO YAP  
S.I. TERESA DADULA



There will be no 7pm Mass on Sunday 18 February due to the family day weekend. The parish office will also be closed on Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> and will reopen on Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>.

# LENT

WALKING WITH CHRIST

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays during Lent: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adoration  
6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mass  
7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### 40 CANS FOR LENT



During Lent, Catholics are asked to alleviate another's misfortune and through the 40 Cans for Lent Program, your council can bring the joy of the Resurrection to those in need.

#### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Collect one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent, which begins on **Ash Wednesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** and then one extra can per person on Easter Sunday. Drop off your cans any time throughout the Lenten season in the designated boxes in the church foyer and they will be distributed to those in need.



Development and Peace Toronto and Peterborough Diocesan Councils invite you to the Regional Launch of "Reaping our Right" 2024 Lent Education Campaign. This will be a hybrid meeting, virtual and in-person.

**Date:** Saturday February 24 from 10am to 1pm

**In Person Meeting:** St. Francis of Assisi Church, 214 King Avenue East Newcastle. Please RSVP by February 21<sup>st</sup> to [torontodevp@gmail.com](mailto:torontodevp@gmail.com) Pizza will be served, specify if you prefer vegan or regular.

**Virtual Meeting Registration Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/814D4dngJw>

For more information, please contact Estela Rios at [emr0001@hotmail.com](mailto:emr0001@hotmail.com) or by phone at 905-430-7752. This is a great opportunity if you want to learn more about Development and Peace/Caritas Canada.

### 2023 TAX RECEIPTS

Thank you to everyone who makes an offertory donation to our parish. Your generosity is truly appreciated. **Please note that your 2023 parish tax receipts are being processed and you will receive them in the mail on or before Friday, February 23.**

Please be sure to pick up your 2024 Sunday Offertory envelopes. If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office. **Boxes that are not picked up will be redistributed in March.**



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**MARRIAGE & COMMUNION**

Due to the many misconceptions regarding the Catholic Church and marriage, please note that a Catholic may marry a non-Catholic in the Catholic Church, without his or her conversion to the faith. In some instances, a person, who has been previously married, can also be married in the Catholic Church after consultation with the priest. If as a Catholic you're married outside of the Catholic Church without the permission of the Church, we respectfully ask that you refrain from receiving the Eucharist until your marriage has been validated ("sacramentalized") by a Catholic priest or deacon. To remedy this situation, please call one of the priests to make an appointment to have your marriage validated. We are only too happy to bring back to the couple, the graces necessary to live out their marriage, and to reconcile them with the graces of the Eucharist.



There will be Edge on Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm. **The next Life Teen night scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> is an all-day retreat at the Lift Jesus Higher Rally** and there will be no meeting at the parish that evening. Tickets are \$30 and if you're available please contact Noah Aquino at [youth.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:youth.sfds@gmail.com) to reserve your ticket. **Registration for Edge Camp is now open to students in grades 5 to 8, please email Noah for more information.**

*Let us pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.*



**CONFIRMATION**

There will be **NO CLASS** this week due to the Family Day Weekend. **The letter of intent is due on February 25/26.** An email will be sent out with the Confirmation rehearsal dates; attendance is mandatory. The Lenten confession date is now on March 20th. Please mark it on your calendar as it has changed. **Remember to bring your own pencil or pen as we unfortunately don't have a sufficient supply to provide our confirmandi.** Even though you may be picking up your child "quickly" and leaving right away, **please DO NOT use the accessible parking** unless you are parking for Mass or going to the parish office. We thank you for your cooperation.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

We're continuing to prepare the children in class for their First Reconciliation on Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>. Please see below for the First Reconciliation times for each school group. **Please remember, do not line up to get your passport stamped until Father has processed out of the church.**

School	First Reconciliation & Passport Review #2
St. Andre Bessette	Saturday February 24 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
Public/Private/Other Catholic Schools	Saturday February 24 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm
St. Francis de Sales	Saturday February 24 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am
St. Josephine Bakhita	Saturday February 24 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm
St. Jude	Saturday February 24 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am
St. Catherine of Siena	Saturday February 24 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm
St. Patrick	Saturday February 24 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am
Virtual Schools	Saturday February 24 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am



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