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Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D. Mass Schedule Diocesan Bishop Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. **Pastor** Fr. Greg Schmidt frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com Saturday 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Sunday **Deacons** Deacon George Newman

11:00 a.m. **Deacon Brian Jeynes**

Director of Music Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday

Confessions

Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours Administration **Christine Buckley**

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Wood



February 27, 2022 -Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves — mind and heart — in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

The first reading from Sirach offers timeless counsel: "the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had: so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks." Jesus uses the very same analogy in today's Gospel reading from Luke: "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit."

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, Twitter, Facebook, and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, reflects what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift which we must steward well.

In the same Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us, "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." The more time we spend with Jesus, our teacher, through regular prayer and a strong sacramental life, the more we will become like Him. Then all that we do and say (and tweet and post) will bring others to closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Parish Calendar

Monday, February 28

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Mildred Orescann † 7:00 p.m. - RCIA

Tuesday, March 1

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Marie & Bill McColgan † Special Intention for Peace in the Ukraine

Wednesday, March 2- Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Special Intention
10:30 a.m. (Livestream) - St. Peter Elementary
School Virtual Para liturgy

6:30 p.m. (Livestream) - John & Margaret Doodeman†

Thursday, March 3 - No Mass

Friday, March 4

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Jacquie Herman-Wing † 9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Holy Hour with Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 5

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Shea Kenny †

Sunday, March 6

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People 11:00 a.m. - Vitalina DiPaola † | Dr. Bo Epstein † Special Intention for Anthony & Emily Petrovich

Offerings for January

Envelopes	\$ 15,899.80
Christmas/New Years Day	3,556.00
Monthly Preauthorized Giving	9,292.00
Canada Helps	1,327.95
Interac e-Transfer	2,535.00
Renovations & Repairs	2,075.00

Total \$34,685.75

Faith Formation & Catechesis

We welcome you to join our RCIA session for



"Living Lent & Ash Wednesday"

at 7:00 pm, Monday, February 28th in our Divinity Hall.

Participants must provide proof of vaccination.

Are You Being Called?

"Therefore ... be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord,"

Are you considering devoting your work to to the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

Call Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.



February 11, 2022

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This year, as we approach Ash Wednesday and mark the beginning of Lent, let us remember that the liturgical season of Lent is a season of conversion. It is a time set apart for deepening our relationship with Christ and seeking inner transformation through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

As the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada provides an ideal way to offer alms to those most in need through their annual *Share Lent* campaign. The theme of this year's campaign is *People and Planet First*, highlighting the work of their partners who, despite their challenges, are finding ways to live in harmony with their environment. Let us join in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South who are feeling the most significant impacts of the changing climate by opening our hearts to the message of this campaign.

Since 1967, the CCCB has set aside the fifth Sunday of Lent as Solidarity Sunday. At that time, we will have a collection in support of Development and Peace's *Share Lent* campaign in each parish and I encourage you to give generously. Contributions can also be made online at www.devp.org/sharelent, by mailing a cheque, or by calling 1-888-234-8533.

Please consider contributing to the Share Lent Campaign this year.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D. Bishop of St. Catharines

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