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Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
11:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Office Hours

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

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March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us, as Christian stewards, the motivation to continue our 40-day journey toward deeper holiness. The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable home and way of life, he recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."



To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, and the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord reveals Himself in His true glory and the Father says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The apostles who witnessed this were awestruck. But our loving Savior reassured them saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses, "Listen to him," "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

Parish Calendar

Monday, March 6

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Basil Markle †
Eugene Muratori †

Tuesday, March 7

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - William Setzer †
10:30 a.m. - Lent Mass at St. Peter School

Wednesday, March 8

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Martin Ryan †

Thursday, March 9 - No Mass

Friday, March 10

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Michael Mullen †
Special Intention
9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 11

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Jack Barkwill †
Special Intention for Jennifer & Edward Murphy

Sunday, March 12

9:00 a.m. - Wladyslawa Szymiski †
Evelene Wakil †
11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

Are You Being Called?

"He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design..."

If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

Offerings for January

Envelopes	\$ 18,241.15
Monthly Preauthorized Giving	9,157.92
Canada Helps	853.95
Interac e-Transfer	1,850.00
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Heating/Air Conditioning	10.00
New Years	3,465.00
Christmas	1,215.00

Total \$ 37,138.02

Thank you for your generous and continued support

Final weekend to purchase tickets for our take out Pasta Night on Wednesday, March 8th.

- * The Diocesan Convention will be Monday, April 24 at the Holiday Inn in St. Catharines. See our white board for Information. Registration fees must be to Mary Jo Modolo by March 20.
- * Our Spring Spectacle Event begins this weekend. Please consider donating your used glasses. They will go to the Warehouse of Hope to be delivered to countries with need.
- * Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will have its first meeting on March 29. See our white board for details.
- * Milk Bag Collection: These will be donated to the Merriton Lions Club and woven into sleeping mats for our local homeless population. It is the large colourful bags containing 3 litres of milk that are used for their UV resistance and their ability to protect from ground moisture and insects.



The courage to Create Hope

To delegates at the 4th World Meeting of Popular Movements, Pope Francis said, "...you have the ability and the courage to create hope where there appears to be only waste and exclusion." These are the words that inspired the choice of "Create Hope" as a five-year guiding theme at Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.



The courage to Create Hope is rooted in actions big and small. For to drive away anguish and despair, it is best to act. Every action we take has a positive effect on us, our neighbours, our great human family, our children and their descendants. What will you do this Lent to Create Hope?

Join our campaign at devp.org/lent.



Date: Sat Mar 11 9:30am -3:30pm
Cost \$70 (includes lunch)
Led by: Anna Racine

We often think of aging gracefully as "looking old, but still holding on" or "showing signs of aging, but still moving forward with life." Aging gracefully is not all about age or appearance, but also about the attitude we have as we go through the various stages of life.

Explore how our feelings about aging can play a big role in how we approach it. Find tools to be able to remain open to new experiences and to grow and change with each season of our life. Find ways to adapt to the changes that each stage of life presents and learn about the grieving process that accompanies them.

Faith Formation & Catechesis



We welcome you to join our
RCIA session for

"The Saints"

at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 7th
in Divinity Hall.

**"Don't regret growing older.
It's a privilege denied to many."**



Presenter bio at www.annaracine.org

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