

First Sunday of Lent - March 10th, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS



Wednesday 9:15 am	March 13th For the Parish Community
Thursday 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	March 14th Adoration For the Parish Community
Friday 9:15 am 7:00 pm	March 15th For the Parish Community Stations of the Cross - Finance Council
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 16th † Pureza Suarez by the Family Special intention for Teresa & Luigi Saracino by the Family
Sunday 9:00 am 11:00 am 1:30 pm	March 17th For the Parish Community For the Parish Community Special Mass for First Communion recipients

OUR PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY WEEKLY EVENTS DURING LENT

Wednesday: Mass at 9:15 am.

Thursday:

- Drop by to spend quiet time with the Lord in prayer *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament* from 6:30 pm. - 7:00 pm. During this time Fr. Pereira is available for *individual confessions*.
- Mass at 7:00 pm.

Friday:

- Mass at 9:15 am.
- *Stations of the Cross* at 7:00 pm. led by -
March 15th Finance Council
March 22nd Pastoral Council
March 29th Knights of Columbus
April 6th Knights of Columbus
April 12th Catholic Women's League

PARISH RETREAT will be held on Thursday March 29th (6:00 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm) and Friday March 30th (6:00 pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm and PENITENTIAL SERVICE will follow the Stations on Friday.

REMINDER:

Pick up your tax receipts for 2018 and your boxes for 2019.

Pastor's Message

"The Mysteries of Lent"

Today, I think it best to focus upon one reason that the Spirit led Jesus into this place of trial: for Jesus to teach us to battle temptation, and to show us that He is with us. The mysteries of Lent cannot be interpreted without the mystery of Christmas. Jesus truly is Emmanuel, God with us. He is with us – even in our temptations.

We can go to Him for help. We can go to Him because He loves us. "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb 4:15-16). Let us listen to the words of St. Ambrose of Milan: "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, is led into the desert for a purpose, in order to challenge the devil. If he had not fought, he would not have conquered him for me." This is love, my friends, that God comes down to earth to fight for me, His beloved and to teach me how to fight alongside Him.

Fr. Eslin Pereira, CMF

RECONCILIATION DATES

For ALL students making their First Communion this year:

Wednesday, March 20th 7:00 pm in the Church
Wednesday, March 27th 7:00 pm in the church

For students being confirmed this year:

St. Bernard School: Thursday, March 21st 11:00 am
St. Thomas More School - Fri. March 22nd 12:30 pm
St. Marguerite d'Youville School - Thursday, April 4th 9:00 am



THE NEXT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION will be held on Thursday April 11th at 7:30 pm and baptism will be held on Sunday, April 21st at 9:00 am.

Parents, we encourage you to attend Mass on Sunday and meet Fr. Pereira prior to registering your child for baptism. Please call our parish office, at 613-738-1943, for more information or to register for the next Baptismal Preparation.

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YOUR OFFERINGS:

Regular Collection for Feb 23/24 \$1,987.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

Cash counters for March 17th

Matt Messenger & Levert Dorval



Children's Liturgy Schedule

March 10th - No children's liturgy

March 17th - Rosy Burns

March 24th - Elijah Dorval

March 31st - Ama/ Liane

REMINDER TO ALL THE PARENTS - every first Sunday of the month there will be a family Mass at 11:00 am and the choir will be led by the youth and children of the parish. If your child is interested in joining, contact Joan Mathew at Joan.T.Mathew@hotmail.com. A practice is held on Sunday mornings prior to the family mass.



Knights of Columbus Charities

Lottery: Tickets are being sold in support of Special Olympics, the Arthritis Society and Local Charities. It carries a grand cash prize of \$200,000, cars, boats and lots of other cash prizes. Tickets are \$5. Each.



CWL CHRISTIAN VALUES AWARD

The St. Bernard CWL is offering a bursary in the amount of \$750 to a female high school 2019 graduate who wishes to pursue her education.

The application and procedure to apply can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer under the CWL heading or contact pchaplinsky@yahoo.com for an online application.

The deadline is April 30th. Forms can be dropped off at the church office or submitted to the above email.

Journey of Hope - for Separated and Divorced Catholics:

Led from the perspective of the Catholic faith; designed to help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing.

Women's session Tuesday, March 19th,

Men's session Thursday, March 21st. Sessions run 6 weeks, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary parish hall, 20 Grant Street. Cost \$25. Info & registration:

www.journeyofhopeottawa.com

Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308)

NEW LIFE RETREAT: A life-changing, faith-building experience. Are you looking for more meaning in your

life? Are you seeking a personal encounter with the living Jesus Christ? Friday - Monday, March 29, 30, 31 & April 1 at St. Mary's Parish, 100 Young Street. Free will offering. Info & registration: 613-224-5723 www.newlifeparishretreat.org

THE ALPHA PROGRAM RETURNS;

Beginning Wednesday, March 20, 2019; 7:00 - 8:30 PM Our Lady of the Visitation Banquet Hall, 5338 Bank Street. REGISTER: bit.ly/OLV2019Alpha

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the meaning of life and answers some of the most common questions that people have about the Christian faith. It is designed for adults, ages 18 and up. Each session involves dessert & coffee, a 29-minute video, & a small group discussion.

WHEN: Wednesday evenings March 20 - May 29. (No session April 3rd)

Program includes sessions on Friday, May 10 (evening) & Saturday, May 11 (day)

Info: Tracey: hagermantracey@gmail.com 613-574-9045 or Tom: bolandt@yahoo.com or 613-822-1015

No Cost. Info: office@olvottawa.ca

MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS: To pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa.

Celebrated by Rev. Father Martin Ndyanabo.

Info: wandawoj@rogers.com; 613-831-2515.

St. Elizabeth Parish, 1303 Leaside Avenue, Ottawa, Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00 am preceded at 9 am with Adoration, Rosary, Confession.

Join us after Mass for refreshments.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING:

Information and online registration for the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on May 5th at Notre Dame Cathedral is available at

www.Catholicottawa.ca/wedding-anniversary-mass

DONATIONS BY CREDIT CARD OR INTERAC to make weekly, monthly, or one time donations: Visit, saintbernardparish.com, click on Canada Helps to give. Canada Helps will instantly issue you a tax receipt and will forward your donation into our parish account.

CRA CHARITY NUMBER - Our parish is registered with CRA as: PAROISSE ST BERNARD 128967353RR0020. This number is needed to setup payroll charity giving

Faith, love and hope are the divine life that is lived in us, a life that comes from divine glory and enables us to live the Christian life.

Hans Urs von Balthasar