



PARISH BULLETIN  
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- WEEKEND MASS    SATURDAY 4:00pm    SUNDAY 9:00am & (11:00am - Livestreamed)
- WEEKDAY MASS -    TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS - 8:30am – All are Welcome!
- EVENING MASS -    THURSDAYS - 7:00pm – All are Welcome!
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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE (30) MINUTES BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS.**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT PARISH FUNDRAISER EVENT ON FRIDAY MARCH 7 AT 7PM – CHURCH HALL!**

**THIS LIVE MUSIC COFFEEHOUSE WILL FEATURE AN IMPRESSIVE LINEUP OF LOCAL MONTREAL MUSICIANS WHO WILL BE DONATING THEIR TALENTS FOR THE EVENING TO PROVIDE OVER 2 HOURS OF INCREDIBLE ACOUSTIC ENTERTAINMENT. TICKETS ARE \$20 EACH AND WILL BE ON SALE AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS UP UNTIL THE EVENT OR BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE.**

**THIS IS A BYOB EVENT. THERE WILL ALSO BE FREE COFFEE AND TEA, SNACKS FOR SALE, A CASH 50/50 RAFFLE, AND DOOR PRIZES.**

**PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR A WONDERFUL EVENING SUPPORTING THE PARISH!**



**2 MARCH 2025**

*Access - East Side Entrance*



## **Ash Wednesday: A Call to Conversion and Renewal**

As we embark on the journey of Lent, Ash Wednesday stands as a poignant reminder of our mortality, our sinfulness, and our need for redemption. This solemn day invites Catholics to confront the depths of their own hearts, to acknowledge their weaknesses, and to seek forgiveness and healing.

Ash Wednesday has its roots in the Old Testament, where ashes were used as a symbol of mourning, repentance, and humility (2 Samuel 13:19, Esther 4:1-3). In the early Christian Church, ashes were used to mark the foreheads of penitents, signifying their commitment to a period of prayer, fasting, and charity.

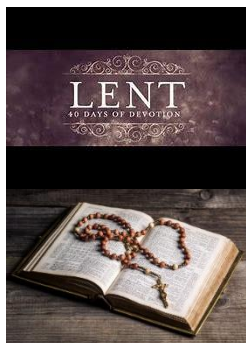
The imposition of ashes on our foreheads is a powerful reminder of our mortality. The words “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19) echo the somber reality of our existence. We are but dust, fragile and ephemeral, and our lives are but a fleeting moment in the grand tapestry of time.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten journey, a 40-day period of spiritual preparation for Easter. It is a call to conversion, a summons to turn away from sin and towards God. The ashes on our foreheads serve as a visible reminder of our commitment to this process, a commitment to prayer, fasting, and charity.

The biblical roots of Ash Wednesday are evident in the readings assigned for this day. The prophet Joel’s call to repentance (Joel 2:12-18) sets the tone for the day, while the Gospel reading from Matthew (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18) reminds us of the importance of prayer, fasting, and charity. The Psalmist’s cry, “Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness” (Psalm 51:3), echoes our own plea for forgiveness and mercy.

As we receive the ashes on our foreheads, we are invited to reflect on the mystery of salvation. We are called to meditate on the depths of God’s love, the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, and the gift of redemption that we have received. May this Ash Wednesday mark the beginning of a profound journey of conversion, a journey that will lead us to the foot of the cross, and ultimately, to the glory of the resurrection.

You are cordially invited to join us for our Ash Wednesday celebrations **on March 5th, at either 8:30 am or 7:00 pm.** Let us join with the universal Church in its great journey of Lent for our spiritual nourishment.



**WAY OF THE CROSS** – Please join us every Friday morning starting March 7<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30am Mass, as we pray the Stations of the Cross.

**THE ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED FOR CANADA IN THE CHURCH ON MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 12 NOON.** *Please use the side door entrance facing the Rectory.*

**MASS INTENTIONS – MARCH 1 - 9, 2025**

**Saturday, 4:00pm – March 1, 2025: 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Mario Adoranti*

*Ignazio Ciampini*

*George Wong*

*Family*

*Ernesta & Children*

*Pauline Wong*

**Sunday, 9:00am – March 2, 2025: 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Deceased Members of Petosa Family*

*Pietro Di Meglio & Feni Coppa*

*Maria & Raffaele Cinelli*

*Di Meglio Family*

**Sunday, 11:00am – March 2, 2025: 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Maria Teresa Palucci*

*Olga & Mario Cappello*

*Natalino Cappello*

*Maria Sparapani*

*Anna Cappello*

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**Tuesday, 8:30am – March 4, 2025: Saint Casimir**

*Don Mask*

*Erik Larson*

**Wednesday, 8:30am – March 5, 2025: ASH WEDNESDAY**

*For All Parishioners*

**Wednesday, 7:00pm – March 5, 2025: ASH WEDNESDAY**

*Isa, Ivio & Mark Mazzella*

*Family*

**Thursday – 8:30am & 7pm – March 6, 2025: Weekday**

*Cosmo Maiolo*

*Maria Ienco*

**Friday, 8:30am – March 7, 2025: Saint Perpetua & Saint Felicity**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Saturday, 4:00pm – March 8, 2025: 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Ernesta Ciampini*

*Giovanni, Norina & Silvano*

*Antoinetta, Sisto & Girolamo Pisaturo*

*Anna Ricci Pisaturo*

*Franca & Family*

*Zilli Family*

*Family*

*Family*

**Sunday, 9:00am – March 9, 2025: 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Sunday, 11:00am – March 9, 2025: 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Leonilda Francescangeli*

*John Bellini*

*Paola & Giuseppe Pendenza*

*Gino & Family*

*The Supino Family*

*Anna Cappello*