



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 17 MARCH 2019

**“Then from the cloud came a voice that said,  
“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!””**

(Today’s Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36)



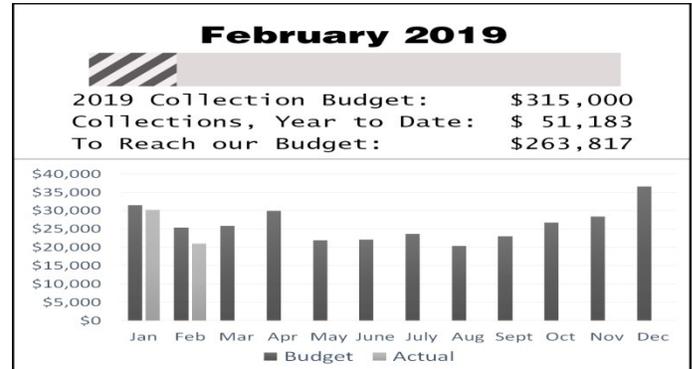
### Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., Mar. 16 5:00PM Mass– Krista Costanza-Murphy (lvg)
- Sun., Mar. 17 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
8:00AM Mass–Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Lemieux+  
9 :30AM Mass – Alice Bull (lvg)  
Richard Valiquette+  
11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
- Mon., Mar. 18 **NO MASS**
- Tues., Mar. 19 9:30AM Mass – Nina Chung (lvg)
- Wed., Mar. 20 12:15PM Mass – Deacon John and Sue Kennedy (lvg)
- Thur., Mar. 21 10:00AM Communion Service held at Windsor Park Manor  
12:15PM Mass – Carmen Centofanti (lvg)
- Fri., Mar. 22 12:15PM Mass – Theresa Doyle+  
Marie & Julie Roy (lvg)
- Sat., Mar. 23 5:00PM Mass – Christian Dumoulin+
- Sun., Mar. 24 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
8:00AM Mass – Frenette Family+  
9:30AM Mass – John Flynn+  
11:15AM Mass – Victor Edwards+

### Events Calendar ...

- Sat., Mar. 16 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
2:00PM Liturgy meeting – Rm. A  
6:00PM St. Patrick’s Dinner/Dance – Hall
- Sun., Mar. 17 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy  
Commissioning new Lectors during the 9:30 a.m. Mass  
Tickets sold for the Jubilee Dinner after all Masses  
**FOOD DRIVE**
- Mon., Mar. 18 7:00PM **PARISH LENTEN RETREAT**
- Tues., Mar. 19 7:00PM **PARISH LENTEN RETREAT**
- Wed., Mar. 20 7:00PM **PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE**
- Thur., Mar. 21 12:45PM Club 55 – Hall  
6:30PM Parish Pastoral Council – Rm. A  
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church  
7:30PM K of C general meeting – Hall
- Fri., Mar. 22 10:00AM Jubilee committee mtg. – Library  
7:00PM Stations of the Cross – Church
- Sat., Mar. 23 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
1:00PM Youth Group—Soup Workshop
- Sun., Mar. 24 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy  
Lenten Soup served following the 9:30 & 11:15 am Masses  
and a film will be shown after the 11:15 Mass  
Tickets sold after Mass for our Jubilee Dinner  
Members from D & P speaking at all Masses

### FINANCIAL REPORT



### COLLECTION REPORT

10 March 2019 – \$2,914.00 (env) / \$429.60 (loose)  
 ~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~  
 Please Note: Our Parish is operated only by your donations!

### PRAYER – THE SECRET TO LIVING LENT

The natural seasons of the year give a rhythm to life. Each season provides nature with something it needs to keep growing. The same thing happens in the Church, with liturgical seasons. In each liturgical season God sends us the grace we need in order to keep growing in wisdom, holiness, and happiness. The Church reminds us of the most effective method we have for drinking in all the graces God wants to give us during this Lent: prayer.

Prayer brings many benefits to our lives. One that is often overlooked is seen in our Gospel reading this weekend. One of the reasons Jesus brings Peter, James, and John up the mountain is because they need to see a glimpse of Jesus' divine glory. Lent brings us closer to Jesus' passion and death.

Jesus knows when his followers see him betrayed, scourged, and crucified, they will be shocked and disheartened. They don't know this, but he does. He knows they will need something to hang onto in those dark moments, something to give them hope and encouragement. This experience on the mountaintop is meant to give them a deeper knowledge of Jesus' greatness. This knowledge, this experience, will in turn enable them to persevere through the hard times ahead and God wants to do the same with us. Even better than a good coach, parent, or doctor, he knows what lies ahead for each one of us: the triumphs and the temptations, the success and the struggles. He wants to equip us to get the most out of each of them. He wants to outfit us for each stage of our life's journey. But if we don't make room for prayer in our lives, he can't. If we don't go up the mountain with him and give him a chance to fill us with his grace, we will not be ready for whatever the future may bring.

God bless,  
Deacon John

**†Our Condolences and Prayers:** For the departed soul of Mary Trus+

## JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Parish will celebrate the close relationship that provided support in the early 1980s to initiate Ottawa Foyers Partage. A special Mass will be offered on **Sunday, March 31 at 11:15 a.m.** followed by a reception in the parish hall. **Please note that there will be short presentations from 11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., followed by the Mass. All are welcome to this special celebration of Jubilee Year.**

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**WORKSHOP:** All Liturgical Ministers play a very special role in the celebration of the Holy Mass--your talents and service are a generous gift to the whole Parish. To help maintain the solemnity and sacredness of the Mass, the formation and renewal of your understanding and commitment are very important. For this reason, we will be holding a **REFRESHER WORKSHOP** for all **current Lectors** on **Monday, March 25 at 7 p.m. in the Church.** Attendance at this workshop will be a sign of commitment to your Ministry. Please bring your Lectors Workbook in exchange for Year C.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our Jubilee Year Celebrations will conclude the weekend of April 06 and 07.

On **Saturday, April 06**, a catered dinner will be held following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Tickets will be sold starting on the weekend of March 16/17. Cost: Adults/\$30 and children (under 14) \$20.

On **Sunday, April 07**, a **JUBILEE MASS** will be **celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast at 10:00 a.m.** On Sunday, April 07 there will be only two morning Masses—8 a.m. and our Jubilee Mass at 10:00 a.m. (NO 11:15 Mass).

## *Parish News and Community Life...*

### OUR PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY

*"We are Pilgrims on a Journey"*

**LENTEN RETREAT: March 18, 19 & 20** from 7 – 9 p.m. Our Preacher will be Fr. Lester Mendonsa. Theme: **"LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO."** We will conclude our Lenten Retreat with the celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation on the final day, Wednesday, March 20.** A free will offering will be gratefully accepted.

**CLUB 55** will take place in the parish hall on **Thursday, March 21**, following the 12:15 pm Mass. Come and enjoy an **'International' themed lunch** (\$6 pp). You'll be tasting the cuisine of 2 countries as you enjoy a hot meal. We hope to see you there!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Following the Knights of Columbus regular meeting on Thursday, March 21 at 8:30 p.m., Mark Paine, Medical First Responder, Federal District will give a presentation regarding **"St. John Ambulance"**—a short history, their responsibilities, and the dos and don'ts of the use of defibrillators. All are welcome.

### **LENTEN RETREAT MESSAGE FROM FR. MENDONSA:**

I once read a saying that has always inspired me, and maybe helps us to set the tone for Mission 2019 (!). It said: "What I am is God's gift to me, What I become is my gift to God." This quotation has always been a motive, an inspiration and a reminder to me and now probably to each one of us, noble souls, as we seek to journey day by day, towards the loving and merciful arms of God. This thought and the words of Simon Peter "Lord to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68), become all the more meaningful and relevant to me, for it seems to remind me of who I am, and where I need to end up! John 6:68 is also the theme of the Lenten Mission from Monday to Wednesday 18 to 20 March, 2019, at 7 p.m. at the Parish, with Confessions on the last day after the Talk.

With the words "to whom shall we go," Simon Peter seems to tell us that the greatest folly one could make is to live a life based on false assumptions, empty attractions, temporary joys and spiritual emptiness...

...I look forward to journeying with you together, so that, both you and I, we may continually tell each other, as if in reminder: "Lord to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life."

(Full message may be found on the table at entrance of Church)

### *Social Justice...*

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE:** A heartfelt thanks goes out to parishioners for the donations they made to our 4 local food banks. Your generosity will help many less fortunate people in our community. God bless you!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesday evenings** during Lent (except on March 19 due to the Retreat) **from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday's at 7 p.m.** lead by the different ministries of the Parish. **NOTE: On Good Friday (April 19)** Stations of the Cross will begin at **7:30 p.m.**

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** Please join us for a simple **Lenten Soup and Bread** meal on Sunday, March 24, after the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Masses as we watch the film **After the Storm: Building Pope Francis Village.** See how your generous donations to Development and Peace-Caritas Canada following the Super Typhoon Haiyan in Tacloban, the Philippines, helped create a new village that has become a model for disaster relief. If you could contribute a favourite soup for 20-25 people, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table at the entrance of the Church. For information see the Social Justice bulletin board.

### *Other interests...*

**PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:** The parish Lenten reconciliation schedule is now available on the home page of CatholicOttawa.ca. Note: Diocesan Day of Confessions is Friday, April 05.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING:** Held at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sunday, May 05 at 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 plus years of marriage in 2019. For registration forms, see poster on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church and mail to Pastoral Services, 1247 Kilborn Place, Ottawa, ON K1H 6K9 or go online to catholicottawa.ca/wedding-anniversary-mass. **Deadline to register is April 24.**