



THE POPE'S MARCH INTENTIONS FOR 2020

Catholics in China We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

COME, LET US ADORE JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST – Console his heart wounded by abortion and sins against the Sanctity of life. 4 Locations: The Rosary for Life, St. Boniface Maryhill Feb. 29th and last Saturday of each month at 4:40 p.m. before 5:00 p.m. Mass; Thursday March 5th, 2020 11:00 a.m.-11:40 a.m. at St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows RC Church 56 Duke St. W. Kit. Mass 12:00 Noon; Thursday, March 5th, 6:00 p.m. followed by 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Agnes RC Church 75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo; Friday March 6th, 6:00-7:00 p.m. St. Teresa RC Church Adoration Chapel 44 Leonard St. Kit. Mass 7:00 p.m.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS Come and join us and other young Catholics while we pray, get to know each other, explore our faith and have fun. Every two weeks, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Come to the 7:00 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes in the main church and then head down to the hall after for fellowship, prayer, and reading and praying through the upcoming Sunday readings. Upcoming meeting times: Tuesday, March 10, March 24, April 7, April 21. If you have any questions, please contact Rob robkoechl@gmail.com.

PRAYER VIGIL - Thursday, March 5, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Women's League Living Rosary Updates: Since its inception 20 months ago, the Living Rosary at our parish has had the support of 39 parishioners, with an average of 20 participants each month. The time commitment for the living rosary is simply what is necessary to say a decade of the rosary every day for one month. Many participants find scheduling that prayer time a positive and an achievable experience. We hope you will consider joining us in this ministry, to pray for others and to build the devotion to the Rosary at the same time!



Lent is a time for quiet introspection - an honest reflection with a focus on God's love for us, knowing how Christ in the form of God became obedient for us, obedient to death on the cross. At the same time, when we are facing all the madness of this world, that same focus on the perfection of Jesus Christ should give us immense hope and joy, as we know God will never let us down.

During the month of March, let us be hopeful pray-ers of the world! We invite you to join us and pray that

- **the Hope of the Cross may be experienced by all Christians during this Lenten season and that many others will be led to Christ through the actions of the baptized.**

In addition, we will keep in our prayers

- **the Pope's monthly intention (Catholics in China)**
- **the sick and their caregivers, and**
- **the living and deceased members of our parish.**

If you are interested, please send a note to ourladyoflourdescwl@gmail.com. You may also pick up a form at the church entrance and return the completed form to the parish office. *Join us!!!*



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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek

Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment – please phone the parish office

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon

Twenty minutes before weekday Masses or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment – please phone the parish office

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:

Last Sunday of each month after all Masses

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Church door collections – last Sunday of each month



Announced Mass intentions for March 2 to March 8, 2020

Monday	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Alexander Nincevic – family
Tuesday... Beechwood	10:00 a.m.	+Doris Bechtel – Beechwood Manor Community
Tuesday.....	7:00 p.m.	+Karen Ford – Peter & Barb Whitby
Wednesday.....	8:30 a.m.	+Albin Perko – Perko family
Thursday	7:00 p.m.....	+Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto & Family
Friday.....	8:30 a.m.....	Special Intention – Brenden Biber
Friday... West Hill	10:30 a.m.	+Alma LeClaire – Barbara Schmuck
Friday.....	7:00 p.m.....	Stations of the Cross

Saturday	7:00 p.m.....	+ Ana Granic– Peter & Angela Granic & Family
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Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
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	11:00 a.m.	Special intention
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1, 2020

Offertory collection for Sunday, February 23, 2020: \$3,945.35
 [Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]



SAVE A DATE - PARISH POTLUCK & MOVIE NIGHT on Sunday, **March 15,** 2020 doors open at 5:00 p.m. Potluck dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. with “Prince of Egypt” movie to follow. All are welcome; please sign up your family on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. For more information please contact our parish office at 519-886-0342

CAREER OPPORTUNITY: Due to a pending retirement the Congregation of the Resurrection in Waterloo is looking for a full-time Treasurer (35 hours per week). This is an interesting position working in a very pleasant environment with a competitive salary and benefits package. The role involves maintaining the accounts and records for the Congregation and providing support for Resurrectionist Members. For more information or to apply to this position, please email hr@resurrectioncollege.ca and visit resurrectionists.ca (no telephone calls please). We are looking to fill this position by April.




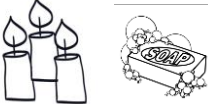
Don't be late for church next Sunday!! Daylight saving time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring next Saturday night.



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish please join us as we make preparation to receive the Triptych with the icon of Our Lady of Jasna Góra (Black Madonna), St. John Paul II and St. Faustina. May 18, 2020, marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of St. John Paul II birth. We thank God for this great gift of the Holy Pope, and at the same time, we want to prepare for this great celebration in the best way. Through special devotions, but most of all through our daily prayer, we would like the entire heritage of St. John Paul II to pass on to future generations and not to be forgotten. Please join us as we will receive the triptych at Lourdes on Saturday, **February 29 to March 6, 2020**, to venerate these holy relics.

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

WELCOME: to new parishioners or those joining us for the first time. We are happy to have you here with us. Please take some time to fill out a registration form available at the entrances of the church so we might know who you are.

Lent 2020 – 40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving	
Daily Lenten Mass	Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross	Every Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. Each week a different meditation of the Stations will be used. Everyone is encouraged to make an effort to attend the Stations at least one of the six Friday evenings during Lent, starting Feb 28
Daily Reflection	From Suffering to Salvation: Inspiration from Henri J. Nouwen Suffering invites us to place our hurts in larger hands. In Christ we see God suffering – for us, and calling us to share in God’s suffering love for a hurting world. The small and even overpowering pains of our lives are intimately connected with the greater pains of Christ. Henri Nouwen was one of the most innovative and influential spiritual writers of the past century. His vision of spirituality and his compassion embraced all of humankind
Fast & Abstinence	Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, Catholics from age 18-59 fast on those days, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.
Almsgiving Share Lent Sunday March 29 	TOGETHER FOR PEACE During Lent, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to take part in their new Share Lent campaign: Together for Peace. This campaign calls on us to reflect on the profound meaning of peace by discovering the importance of dialogue as a means for reconciliation and for the construction of peace. Together, let us continue to believe that peace, human dignity and justice can triumph. Peacemaking calls for courage, much more so than warfare. It calls for the courage to say yes to encounter and no to conflict; yes to dialogue and no to violence; yes to negotiations and no to hostilities; yes to respect for agreements and no to acts of provocation; yes to sincerity and no to duplicity. All of this takes courage, it takes strength and tenacity. (Pope Francis, June 8/14) Suggestion: consider putting aside at least one dollar a day to help Development and Peace. May the long-standing support of our parish and its concern for the poor continue to grow stronger in our community. Scripture reminds us that our good deeds go with us into eternity.
 Canadian Food for Children	This year we are collecting candles and bars of soap . This year we will be collecting CANDLES and BARS OF SOAP for Canadian Food for Children throughout the season of Lent. These particular items were suggested in their recent newsletter from Canadian Food for Children. Please bring your items to the church in a reusable cloth bag. Your donations can be placed by the baptismal font up to and including Palm Sunday (April 5). Please note candles are not to be in a glass vessel. If you have any additional questions please contact our parish office or for more information on Canadian Food for Children please visit their website. http://www.canadianfoodforchildren.net/