

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### MASS INTENTIONS April 4 to April 10

Monday 8:30 a.m.	+Ann Marie & Lucien St. Martin – Joan Cassidy
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	+Janina Szwedek – Bozena & Czeslaw Kowalonek
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	+Flordeliza Teodoro – Ramos Family
Thursday 7:00 p.m.	+Jack Hannenberg – Pat Hannenberg
Friday 8:30 a.m.	+Perko Family – Olga Perko
Saturday 7:00 p.m.	+Dorothy Rola – Chris & Bill Belleth
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Special Intention
<b>Livestream Mass</b>	11:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of our parish

### Offertory Collection for Sunday, March 20, 2022: \$7,268.07

(Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.)

#### Monthly Budget Review as of March 20, 2022

Cumulative financial objective – 12 weeks @ \$7,500.....	\$90,000
Weekly contributions (year to date) .....	\$32,731.12
Pre-authorized giving (year to date) .....	\$35,531.97
Total.....	\$68,263.09
Over (under) objective .....	(\$21,736.91)



### OUR LADY OF LOURDES SMALL FAITH GROUP

invites you to join our living rosary to pray for the needs of the parish and the community.

Our prayer intentions for April 2022 are as follows:

1. We pray for the virtue of hope that is built on the fidelity of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lived and died for us. May his resurrection glory give us the courage to keep moving forward in life, regardless of our anxieties on our physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial needs.
2. Pope Francis' monthly intention – Health Care Workers.
3. The sick and their caregivers.
4. The living and deceased members of our parish.
5. The special intentions of the members of our parish.

By volunteering, you will be responsible to say one decade of the mysteries of the Rosary every day for the coming month. If you are interested or would like more information, please sign up here <https://forms.gle/LUKReRZ8eemit8BM9>



### EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTE: During the Holy Time of Easter,

it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes to be placed in the church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. Forms are available at the church entrances if you wish to make such a tribute. The floral tribute sheets will be placed in the sanctuary in a gift-wrapped box. Those loved ones named will be remembered at all the Masses during the Easter season.

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

Apr 4	Rev. Franjo Sprajc
Apr 5	Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
Apr 6	Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I)
Apr 7	Rev. Tom Moisan
Apr 8	Rev. David Weise
Apr 9	Rev. Pablito Ladado

**Prayer for Vocations...** God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.



### THE POPE'S APRIL INTENTIONS FOR 2022

#### Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

### *Volunteers are needed for parish hall events*

- to set up tables and chairs
- to prepare tables
- to serve refreshments
- to wash dishes
- to launder tablecloths

*If you are able to help, please call the office 519-886-0342 ext 3*

#### Lenten deed



#### tracker Cross

Please remember before or after Mass to come up to Mary's altar and place a sticker on our Lenten deed Cross, we are hoping to have this Cross filled with many more stickers. That represent pray, fast, give and good deeds.



#### Canadian Food for Children



This year we are collecting **skim milk powder and rice**. Milk holds huge potential to improve nutrition for hundreds of millions of poor people around the world. It is too expensive, however, for the poorest families to buy. This year we will be collecting POWDER MILK and RICE for Canadian Food for Children throughout the season of Lent. These particular food items were suggested in the 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 10).



**Gospel Reading**

**John 8:1-11** Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery. In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than

in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus. Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case. The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in [Mark 12:13-17](#). Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote. We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector (See [Luke 18:9-14](#)). Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin. Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

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We mourn those who have gone  
before us in death  
and continue with us in the  
Communion of Saints.

Rest in Peace



+ Rita Weldon.....March 17, 2022  
+ Florie Schlosser.....March 19, 2022

**PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE**

**Interfaith Prayer Service: Monday, April 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Daniel R.C. Church located at 29 Midland Dr. in Kitchener (corner of Midland Dr & Ottawa St) All are welcomed.**



**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ARE COMING!**

**Please consider volunteering for the following opportunity:**

**HOLY THURSDAY – WASHING OF THE FEET:** Jesus and his disciples had gathered around the table for the Last Supper. In Jesus' time, before sitting down to eat a meal, everyone would have their feet washed. This was done because after walking throughout the day in sandals on dirt roads, a person's feet became very dirty. The washing of feet before a meal was the proper and hygienic thing to do. Normally, the servant of the house was responsible for washing the feet of those present. From the biblical account it appears that no servant was present as Jesus and the disciples entered the house and prepared to eat. None of the disciples volunteered to wash feet. In a move that surprised and humbled the disciples, Jesus got up, poured water into a basin, took a towel, and washed his disciples' feet. When he was finished, John writes in his gospel these words of Jesus, "Now that I, your Lord, and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example that you should do as I have done to you." (John 13:14-15). **12 Volunteers of all ages are needed** to participate in this ritual at the **Mass of the Lord's Supper on April 14 at 7:30 p.m.** Please contact the parish office at 519-886-0342 or [lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com).





## Domestic Church

**INFORMATION SESSION**

Domestic Church is a long-term formation for sacramentally married couples seeking to grow in holiness together and with other couples. Learn more by attending the information session or contacting us.

**When:** Saturday April 2, 2022. Information session at 10:15 a.m. in parish hall after 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**Where:** St. Ambrose Parish, 210 South St. Cambridge

**For:** Engaged and sacramentally married couples seeking to grow in holiness together and want to learn more about Domestic Church. Children are welcome. Snacks will be provided. **Contact:** Marta & Jacek Nawrot, (519) 896-8979, [domestic.church.ontario@gmail.com](mailto:domestic.church.ontario@gmail.com)