



Precious Blood Cathedral

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Monday-Friday

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Kim Gignac

Sunday Masses :
Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9am & 11am

Weekday Masses :
Morning Mass:
Tues to Fri at 9am

Sacrament of Penance :
Saturday : By Appointment

Baptism :
Usually on the **3rd Sunday** of the month. Please make arrangements **one month in advance** by contacting the Parish office.

Marriage :
Please make marriage arrangements **6 months in advance** by contacting the Parish office.

Papal Blessing :
Please **allow at least 6 months** for Papal Blessing to arrive after the request has been made.

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Before 11:00 AM Wednesday

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 27, 2022

**8th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time**

Precious Blood Cathedral Mass is every
SATURDAY at 5 PM and
SUNDAY at 9AM and 11AM
No Reservations required as of February 21, 2022

Masks must be worn to enter the church. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022
Mass times are:
9 am or 7:30pm
No reservations required

Daily Morning Masses - Tuesday to Friday
At 9:00am
NO RESERVATION REQUIRED

Sunday Collections
February 19-20 2022 Weekend
\$1940.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!

2022 Sunday Collection Envelopes
are available for pick up in the Church office.

Ash Wednesday (March 2nd) - Celebrate at Church or at Home

While our churches are expected to be open next week across Northern Ontario, there still remains a capacity restriction as well as parishioners who feel uncomfortable returning at this time.

Bishop Dowd is encouraging all Catholics to still celebrate Ash Wednesday – the beginning of Lent.

Parishioners who cannot attend Mass on Ash Wednesday are asked to come to the parish to pick up blessed ashes and a prayer service brochure, and pray at home with the members of your household.

Blessed ashes will be available to pick up in our parish on **Ash Wednesday, March 2nd (from 9 am to 12:30 pm).**

For more information, a digital copy of the prayer service, or to watch a tutorial video on how to use the prayer service, visit:

www.dioceseofsaultstemarie.org

Precious Blood Cathedral - Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mass times are: 9 am or 7:30 pm

No Reservations required

Don't skip the ashes!

If you can't make it to Mass on Ash Wednesday(March 2), take the ashes home and pray with your family!

It's this easy:

Step 1: Pick up blessed ashes and a prayer service brochure from your nearest parish.

Step 2: Pray together with your family or members of your household.

Step 3: Officially begin the Season of Lent!



Check with your nearest church about available Mass times or when to pick up your blessed ashes!

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Weekdays Scripture Readings: Feb 28 to Mar 5, 2022

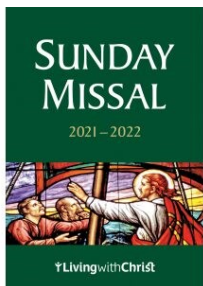
Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	1 Peter 1.3-9	Mark 10.17-27
Tuesday	1 Peter 1.10-16	Matthew 10.28-31
Wednesday	Joel 2.12-18	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30.15-20	Luke 9.22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58.1-9.a	Matthew 9.14-15
Saturday	Isaiah 58.9b-14	Luke 5.27-32

Coffee Sundays

**The first Sunday of each month—join us after the
9am and 11am mass for coffee
in the Gathering Place.**

Next Coffee Hour: March 6, 2022

Mask must be worn.

**The Sunday Missals for the 2021-2022**

are available to purchase in the office.

Sunday Missals-Living with Christ has all the prayers and readings for Sunday Mass and Holy Days (does not include weekdays)

ATTENTION ALL CWL MEMBERS Our theme for the year 2022 is “ Catholic and Living It “

GENERAL MEETING

When: Tuesday March 1st, 2022

Where: Gathering Place, Precious Blood Cathedral

Time: 1 pm—3pm

A general meeting has been called by our president Louise Bichler and we are hoping that there will be a good turnout. All Covid restrictions will be in place and a mask must be worn at all times.

“All who attend must be vaccinated.”

We are happy that we can finally get together after all this time and perhaps resume our work of The League. No executive reports will be mandatory for this meeting except adoption of minutes and treasurer's report.

This meeting will be at least 2 hours due to the following.

National office has prepared a package of proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and a motion for an increase in per capita fees.

Due to the pandemic it was put on hold till the end of March 2022.

Per Capita Fees

The proposed national per capita fee would increase from \$13 to \$25 an increase of \$12. Our yearly fee is now \$25.00. National council receives \$13, with the additional funds divided between diocesan and provincial councils. With the proposed increases, the new per capita rate could be \$32 to \$37. National would receive \$25 leaving the remainder to be divided between diocesan and provincial.

AMENDMENTS

We will be voting on 6 or 7 amendments dealing with many items in the National Constitution and By-laws, so a good attendance would be great.

If you have any questions please call Louise Bichler at 705-945-8259. Please pray for all who are ill or in



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February 17, 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

This year we approach Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, let us remember that the liturgical season of Lent is a season of conversion. It is a time set apart for deepening our relationship with Christ and seeking inner transformation through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis calls us to a "true ecological conversion." Francis ties together the degradation of the environment with love for the poor and reminds us that the poorest nations in the world suffer the most from climate change.

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada's **Share Lent** campaign invites us to join in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South who are feeling the most significant impacts of the changing climate. The theme of this year's campaign is **People and Planet First**. Development and Peace is highlighting the work of their partners who, despite their challenges, are finding ways to live in harmony with their environment.

Since 1967 the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has set aside the fifth Sunday of Lent as Solidarity Sunday when each parish has a special collection. I encourage you to give generously in support of the **People and planet First campaign**. Parishioners can also make their donations to the campaign online at www.devp.org/sharelent, by mailing a cheque, or by calling 1-888-234-8533.

The Development and Peace campaign gives us a chance to live a rich Lenten experience by uniting in solidarity with impoverished and oppressed people of the world. I invite parish priests to coordinate with their D&P parish representative to use the liturgical resources provided by Development and Peace, which can be found at www.devp.org/lent, so that you can share this message of solidarity, and conversion in your parishes, schools, and communities.

This Lent, in Christ's name, I invite you to place the people and the planet at the heart of our Lenten journey.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Thomas Dowd



Sunday, February 27, 2022

- †Madeline MacDonald by Mary Lou Bergeron
- †Velia Martan by Sandra & Angelo Cavicchiolo
- †Don Gagnon by Family
- †Eda and Bill Vernelli by Jennie Colizza

Sunday, March 6, 2022

- †Edna Marie Nisbett by Donna & John Komhyr
- †Madeline MacDonald by Mary Haley

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

- †Ortenzio Vecchio by Family

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The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Season of Lent

On the **Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time** in **Luke** we hear Jesus give us some important teaching. He challenges "blind guides." He warns against seeing the splinter in someone else's eye without noticing our blindness. Jesus tells us that it the fruit we produce that is important. "For every tree is known by its own fruit."

On the last two days of Ordinary Time this year, we have the beautiful beginning of the **First Letter of Peter**. Our gospel is the story of the young man who turns away from following Jesus because his possessions were great. When Jesus warns his disciples, and us, about the danger of riches, they wonder how anyone can be saved. Jesus reminds us that "All things are possible for God." Jesus affirms the rewards that will be given to those who follow him.

Beginning of Lent

The **Season of Lent** begins with four days that serve as an introduction to the four Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, Repentance and Almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. We wear ashes on our foreheads to remember who we are and express our desire to turn away from sin and to believe the Good News. The Prophet **Joel** helps us begin our journey: "return to me with your whole heart." "Rend your hearts, not your garments," reminds us that this is an interior journey. The **Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 51**, has the antiphon: "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." Paul, in his **First Letter to the Corinthians** says, "be reconciled to God ... we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain ... Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." In **Matthew's Gospel** Jesus gives us a guide for our Lenten practices, "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them."

On Thursday we read in **Deuteronomy** how Moses urges his people to turn away from sin. "Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him."

Friday and Saturday: It is the long tradition of Lent to prepare us for our journey by having us reflect on **Isaiah, Chapter 58**, as we begin. "This is the fasting that I wish" gives us the true picture of fasting: letting God's Spirit transform us. It is a call to conversion. Jesus confirms his desire to help us, "I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners."

On the **First Sunday of Lent**, as we begin our Lenten journey, we recall in the reading from the **book of Deuteronomy** how God was faithful to Israel, leading them out of Egypt to a land of "milk and honey." **Luke's gospel** gives us the temptation of Jesus when he was "led by the Spirit" into the desert. Jesus resists the devil. "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."



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Daily Prayer This Week

In these few days before Lent, we can begin to prepare our hearts by asking ourselves how we want Lent to be different this year. What do we want to ask the Lord to give us - and more importantly, we can ask *what the Lord wants for us* this Lent. What gift of generosity, love or attention can we share with others in the weeks ahead? How can we focus on the Lenten season and ask that our hearts be opened to what is real - not to the externals which distract us so much? How will I *be* with my family and friends this Lent? What will I do that sets this season apart from my normal routines? How can I name, anticipate and feel the gifts the Lord showers on me with such love in the weeks ahead? And every morning, we can begin by sitting at the side of our beds with our hands open on our laps, asking God to help us receive these gifts with open hearts. We can carry that focus with us throughout the day, remembering in the quiet moments what we are asking for. Always, we end our day simply thanking God for the love and gifts of the day.

For these first four days of Lent, it will be a great help to set aside some time, even if it means getting up earlier each morning, to read about what Lent can mean and to let that soak into our hearts. The key is not to be somber or severe in any way, but to know that this is a time of great grace so that we can be attentive to it. The first thing to remember is that these 40 days are a **gift** to us. We are not trying to save ourselves by our Lenten practices. God has already saved us. We are only trying to let God get our attention and to give grace a chance to work in us. These days are critically important for choosing to establish some Lenten patterns. Depending upon our age or health, we will want to do some fasting and abstinence, in regard to food. But, each of us can choose what else we can fast and abstain from during Lent. What practices of mine get in the way of my being open to hearing God's Word and responding freely? That's what needs transforming. Giving up needing to be right, fasting from my impatience, totally abstaining from escapist fantasies will open our hearts to God's grace. None of that takes extra time. It just takes desire. Adding new acts of kindness, gratitude and love each day for family and friends will open our hearts to the greater acts of charity and generosity for the poor.

Finally, Lent is the perfect time to choose to grow in gratitude. Every night, before going to bed, let us be faithful to giving thanks to the Lord who has given us so many blessings and offers us new graces each and every day.