



St. Gerard Majella

LENT

2022 Special

Weekend In Church Masses:

Saturday @ 5:00 pm
Sunday @ 9:00 am
Sunday @ 11:00 am

Weekday In Church Masses:

Monday & Tuesday @ 9:15am

Weekday Masses at St
Jerome Wed, Thurs & Friday
@ 9:15am

Parish Administrator:

Father Alex Saurianthadathil

Assistant Pastor:

Father Charles Ngozi Abiamiri
(SMMM)

Parish Secretary:

Stacey Lampe

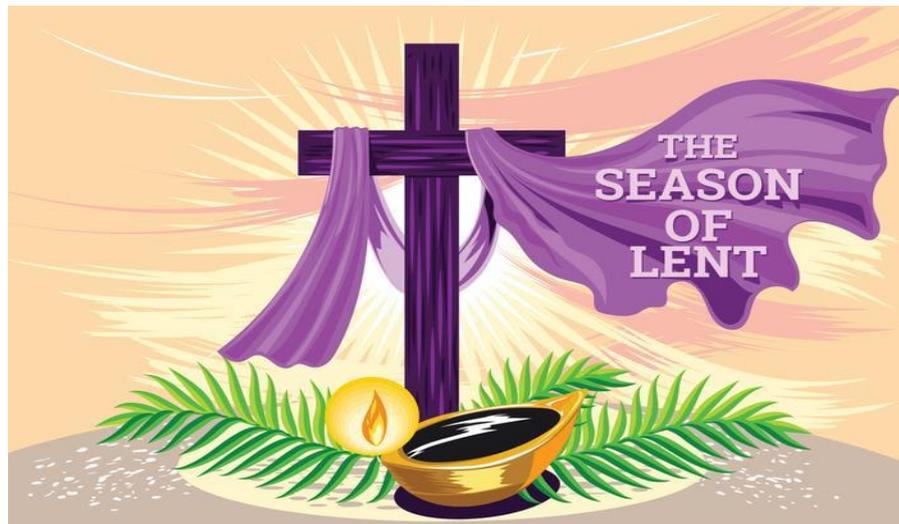
OFFICE HOURS:

Tues to Fri 9:30am to 12:30pm

Please email anytime at
gmajella@shaw.ca

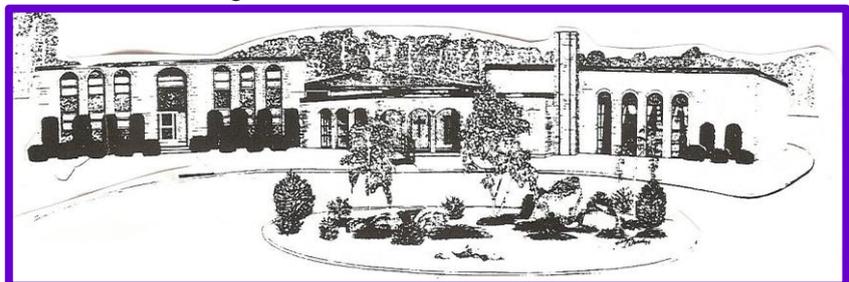
March 20, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**"Go often my dear ones and place yourself at
the feet of Jesus. He is our comfort, our way
and our life."**

– St Frances Xavier Cabrini



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We are so happy you celebrate with us. If you are new to the Parish and haven't registered, we encourage you to join our family. Visit - www.stgerardssm.ca

Send an email to gmajella@shaw.ca so your email can be on our parish register. If you would like to receive the bulletin weekly through email and have not yet signed up, please let me know.



Mass Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, Mar 26, 5:00 pm:

Lector: Rico Bruni
Usher 1: Bill De Groot
Usher 2: Sheila Beishlag

Sunday, Mar 27, 9:00am:

Lector: Sheila Beishlag
Usher 1: Antonia Cuglietta

Sunday, Mar 27, 11:00am:

Lector: Heide Marrato
Usher 1: Antonia Cuglietta
Usher 2: Cynthia Dopgima

Mass Intentions

Mar 21 to Mar 27 2022

+ denotes a mass for a deceased person

Monday, Mar 21, 9:15am:

Eugenio & Pasqua Da Prat + by The Da Prat Family

Tuesday, Mar 22, 9:15am:

Intentions of all People in the Parish

Saturday, Mar 26, 5:00 pm:

William & Agnes Murray + by daughter Leah & son-in-law Jim Dougan

Joseph "Joe" Cerasuolo + by Orlando & Isabelle Cerasuolo & Family

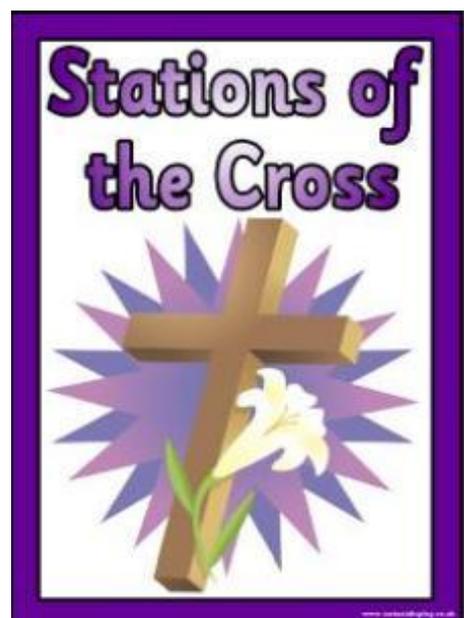
For All The People of Ukraine by The Ross Family

Sunday, Mar 27, 9:00am:

Intentions of All People in the Parish

Sunday, Mar 27, 11:00am:

Richard Smith + by Sheila Beishlag
Eugenio & Pasqua Da Prat + by The Da Prat Family



Please join us On **Fridays in the church at 7:00 pm** until Holy Week

Share
Lent 2022



Development
and Peace
CARITAS CANADA



This Lent,
let's put



Development and Peace

This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's *People and Planet First* campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their rights and the planet. Do this by:

Donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 3, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 85 projects in 27 countries around the world!

Learning more by reading the **Mini-magazine** and other resources available at devp.org/lent/resources.

Signing the petition for strong laws to control Canadian corporations' behaviour abroad at devp.org/act.

Week 3: March 20

The power of mobilized citizens One of Development and Peace's strengths is our ability to mobilize thousands of Canadians like you to amplify marginalized voices from the Global South. Our partners want businesses to not be able to perpetrate abuses in their countries with impunity. That is why our People and Planet First campaign is asking you to help ensure that Canada adopts strong due diligence laws to prevent Canadian corporations from abusing human and environmental rights across their global operations. Sign our petition for this at devp.org/act and spread the word. Thank you for supporting our campaign!





Owr Parish COMMUNITY

March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent (C)

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Lk 13:1-9

I Am!

If you have ever tried to explain a profound experience of love, fear, or excitement; of music, nature, or life itself, you know that no words can adequately capture the essence of that experience. If it is thus with a human experience, what must it be like with an experience of God?

Such was the situation with Moses. He came upon a bush that was burning, yet not burning up. He probably thought that this was an unfamiliar natural phenomenon. It was only as he got closer, and a voice spoke to him that he realized it was not natural at all. It was a sacred event unfolding at a sacred place. There God said: "I am the God of your father" (Exodus 3:6). This was an identification, but not a name. It was only later when Moses asks for God's personal name that God's real identity was revealed. Or was it?

Scholars agree that the name given is some form

of the verb "to be," but they are not in agreement as to which form. Is it "I am who I am," "I will be who I will be," or "I cause to be what has come to be"? The name indicates that God is the power of existence, but it is not clear what this means or how it works. Some commentators maintain that God is telling Moses and us: *This is as close to my full identity as you can come. You wouldn't understand it anyway. Be satisfied knowing that "I Am."*

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *Reflect on this idea: profound human experiences open our minds and hearts to the experience of God.*
- ★ *Remember, this mysterious incomprehensible God cares for each of us.*



God replied to Moses: I am who I am....This is what you will tell the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.

EXODUS 3:14

SAHARA PRINCE / SHUTTERSTOCK

Dear Padre,

Can people convert to Catholicism only during Lent and Easter?

People can convert to Catholicism at any time, but Lent and Easter are especially associated with the journey of believers into our communion.

If a person is in danger of imminent death, reception into the Church can happen in a matter of moments at any time during the year. However, most

people who want to join the Church needn't rush. The Church can gradually tutor them in the life and faith of the community over the course of a year or more. Adult converts normally do this through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which helps move people from a stage of curiosity and inquiry into fully conscious and active participation in the

faith and life of the Church. It does this while attending to the rhythm of the Church's liturgical year.

Lent plays a key role in the RCIA as a season of intense spiritual preparation for those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The Easter season is the traditional time for new converts to engage in the period of mystagogy—when they explore with the faith community the significance of the mysteries they're now living in their baptism, confirmation, and celebration of the Eucharist.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus, enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope, and effective charity.

LENTE MESSAGE FOR 2021, NOVEMBER 11, 2020

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1–15ab

Lk 4:24–30

Tuesday

MARCH 22

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34–43

Mt 18:21–35

Wednesday

MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5–9

Mt 5:17–19

Thursday

MARCH 24

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23–28

Lk 11:14–23

Friday

MARCH 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10–14; 8:10

Heb 10:4–10

Lk 1:26–38

Saturday

MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1–6

Lk 18:9–14

Sunday

MARCH 27

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10–12

2 Cor 5:17–21

Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Timely topics viewed with a Catholic perspective

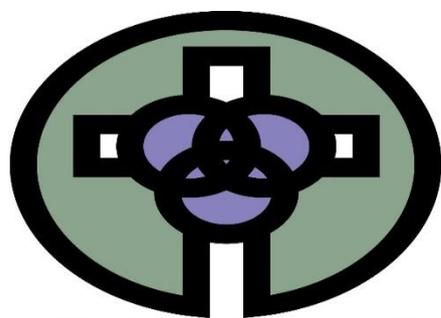
Catholic Update explores contemporary issues through the lens of Catholic teaching and traditions. Print and digital subscriptions! For more information, visit Liguori.org or call 800-325-9521.

Lenten Penance Service

Our Lenten Penance Service will be held for all parishioners of St Gerard Majella and St Jerome at **St Jerome Church** on 26 Carmel Rd on **March 30, 2022** at 7:00pm



"Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you." Pope Francis



RECONCILED
with God

Lenten All Day Confession

All day confession will be held at Precious Blood Cathedral on Tuesday, March 29 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

A Call to Prayer for Peace

A prayer walk has been organized for all faiths and denominations for Sunday March 20th, beginning at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the walk. All participants are encouraged to wear a blue/yellow ribbon - the colours of the Ukrainian flag. Our pilgrimage - a Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow) will start at St. Luke's Cathedral on Brock then along Albert Street towards St. Andrew's United Church and then to Zion Lutheran Church on Wellington street and then proceed back to Precious Blood Cathedral stopping in the parking lot behind Precious Blood at the Sault Mosque. We will conclude at Precious Blood Catholic Cathedral for more prayers.



Sacramental Preparation



Time for First Holy Communion Prep to Begin

We are starting preparation for the sacrament of First Holy Communion. For the children who have made their reconciliation in the last couple of years, they will get an email about the prep beginning. For those who do not receive an email, please register your child on our website at www.stgerardssm.ca. There will be an orientation meeting on March 31, 2022 at 7pm here in the church.



In light of the recent events in Ukraine, Bishop Dowd has published a message offering his personal thoughts concerning the reality the world is witnessing today. We invite you to share his message published on the diocesan website:

<https://dioceseofsaultstemarie.org/ukraine> Let us remain united in prayer for peace and for Ukrainian people.

Shalom Place is offering an eight week meditation series from "Walking the Sacred Path" called Come to the Living Water. This is a quiet reflective prayer time in nature lead by Patty Boucher. It will begin on April 13th. This is in person and outdoors. Please register by April 8th at shalomssm@shaw.ca or calling 705-254-4690. Enrollment is limited to six people. If needed, we will set up a waiting list. Freewill offering.



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Our journey with Dr. Sri continues! Having looked at the key habits of prayer and frequenting the sacraments, we turn now to practices that help fuel the fire of faith: Christian friendship and formation. Together these habits help us keep strong in our faith and help us to grow more and more into the likeness of Jesus.

Donations:

There are three ways to donate:

- 1) **Donation envelopes** in our office mail slot or at mass.
- 2) **Preauthorized donations.** Please contact the office for the form.
- 3) **Donations on our website:**
www.stgerardssm.ca

Thank you so much for your generous donations!



Flameless Votive Candle

Lighting a candle in memory of a loved one is a great gesture of our love for them. The burning light of the vigil candle is a symbol of hope, faith, gratitude, and a tangible reminder of the connection with our departed family members and friends.

Consider purchasing a memorial candle in honor of your loved ones. A candle costs \$150.00 and renewals are \$50.00. Your memorial candle will be lit for 6 months with the name of your loved one. If you are interested, please email or call the office.



Mass intentions:

Remembering your loved ones

If you have a mass intention, please do email us at gmajella@shaw.ca or call 705-949-0435 for the office.

Intentions can be paid for through our new donate button on the website: www.stgerardssm.ca or through our mail slot in the office door. They are \$15.00. Please comment that it is for a mass intention.

