



Join a Small Group for Lent

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This Lent, why not take part in a small group?

We are forming small group/s (both in-person and virtual) to watch, discuss, benefit, and grow from the [Fearless video series](#) that will accompany you in your Lenten journey.

In Person 7:30 – 9:00 PM

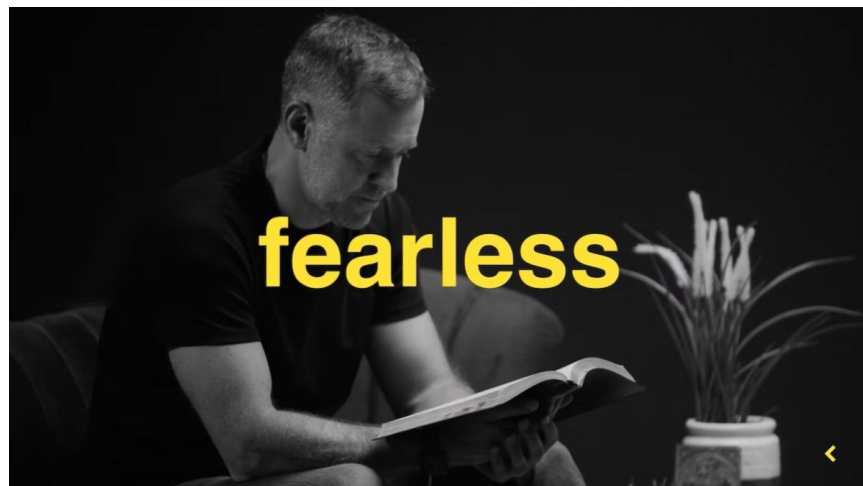
March 7, March 14, March 21, & April 4

Virtual (via Teams) 6:30 – 8:00 PM

March 9, March 16, March 23, & April 3

If you are interested, please [click this registration form NOW!](#)

Stay tuned for more information at each mass or our [website](#) this weekend.



This Week's Stewardship Reflection - February 26 - 1st Sunday of Lent

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'"
~Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

*The Lord your God
is the one to whom
you must do
homage.*

Jesus, Mat 4:10

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Weekend Mass Schedule

- Saturday, at 5:00 pm
- Sunday, at 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday, February 28

7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 1

9:30 am

Thursday, March 2

9:30 am - Mass

Eucharistic Adoration 10:30 am - 6:00 pm

Friday, March 3 - No Mass

Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm

On Fridays during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm, but no Mass.

LENTEN RESOURCES

Lent is the 40-day period from Ash Wednesday until sundown on Holy Thursday, a period corresponding to the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness and enduring temptations from the devil before beginning his public ministry (Luke 4.1- 13). We are called to recommit ourselves to Christ as we journey through Lent, preparing to celebrate His death and His resurrection. It is helpful to focus on three pillars in choosing our Lenten promises: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Visit the diocesan website to learn about the three pillars of Lent... [Click here to view.](#)



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

40 Cans For 40 Days Lent Food Drive

Hunger Has No Season

Can & pantry items accepted now in the atrium



February 22— April 9

Donations will support local food banks.

During Lent, we are called to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This Lent, the Knights are encouraging everyone to bring one can (or non-perishable food item) for each of the 40 days of Lent. Collection boxes will be available starting the first Sunday of Lent, February 26. Imagine how much food we will collect by Easter if we all participate!



CHOIR CORNER

This week, please enjoy ***To the Desert Follow Me*** by Sarah Hart. This is a companion song to her "Take These Ashes." Both songs share the same verses, but the refrain for "To the Desert Follow Me" makes it appropriate for use throughout the Lenten season for Preparation of the Gifts, Communion, reconciliation and other prayer services.



SING FOR HOPE COMMUNITY CONCERT

March 12, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
45 Dalhousie Drive (LDS church)
ALL ARE WELCOME!

This annual concert of local churches will be featuring two choirs from MMOC - the youth choir, and the African choir. Come out, support our choirs, and hear some great music!

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness." ~Desmond Tutu



A JEWISH PERSPECTIVE ON THE DEATH OF JESUS

Despite very cold weather, approximately 95 people attended the presentation entitled *A Jewish Perspective on the Death of Jesus* February 23 at Mary Mother of the Church. The presenter, brought to us through zoom technology, was Adele Reinhartz. Adele is a Jewish scholar at the University of Ottawa whose main research contributions have been in the study of ancient Judaism and Christianity.

The presenter demonstrated throughout her presentation a comprehensive knowledge of the New Testament in general and the passion narratives in particular. She stated that these passion narratives are hugely problematic for Jews and described them as having been "weaponized" against Jews. She drew on all four gospels to show how these stories are a problem for Jews and referred to the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 27, verse 25, the so-called "blood verse" as the most notorious in terms of Jewish-Christian relations.

After her presentation there were a number of thoughtful questions and comments which Adele fielded in an honest and respectful manner. All in all, the presentation became a priceless resource to help all Christians hear the story of Jesus' death and to understand in the words of Mary C. Boys (Redeeming Our Sacred Story) that "Rightly told, the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus holds power for living in the freedom to which God calls us."

A recording of the presentation will be available in the near future.

NEW PRAYER REQUEST BOX

In the Welcome Area, you will find our Prayer Request Box. Please feel free to write your prayer request and place it in this box. Prayers requests will be picked up once a week, and prayed by a member of our prayer ministry.

Did you know we have an ongoing evening ONLINE Rosary? [Click here to participate](#) or go to our [website](#). The online Rosary takes place every evening at 9:00 pm.

CHEZ NOUS / OUR PLACE

Chez Nous is in serious need of **BEDDING, PILLOWS, and TOWELS**. Gently used and new items accepted. Please place items in the collection bin in the atrium.



HOLY LAND TOUR

Our parish tour to the Holy Land in October, 2023 has only limited seats left. [Click here](#) for more information.



MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE CORNER

Weekly Marriage Tip: Thank your spouse for something s/he does for you, especially on a daily basis. A text mid-day or a welcome home "thank you" goes a long way.

BREATHE - Catholic Marriage Conference March 17 and 18, 2023

Are you looking to reconnect with your spouse? To put aside the busy schedules and get inspired again? To breathe life into your marriage? To learn the practical tools designed to help you build a stronger marriage? Are you eager to learn how to withstand life's challenges, foster unity, rediscover joy and experience peace in your marriage? Then BREATHE: A Catholic Marriage Conference is right for you. Offered by the St. Emile Parish Marriage, Family & Life Ministry in partnership with the Archdioceses of St. Boniface and Winnipeg. Schedule: Friday, March 17 from 6 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. / Saturday, March 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Emile Parish in Winnipeg. Early Bird Price - \$199 per couple - SAVE \$60 if you register before February 16. Regular Price - \$259 per couple - From February 17th to March 17th. REGISTER TODAY: www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com Questions?: marriageandfamily@catchat.ca or 1-306-369-2220 Click here for updated poster. View promotional video here: <https://vimeo.com/372449533>



**Canadian Bishops and Catholic Organizations in Canada
Launch Turkey/Syria Earthquake Emergency Aid Campaign**

With the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC), Aid to Church in Need (ACN), Canadian Jesuits International (CJI), Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) Canada, and Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (DPCC) are launching an emergency aid campaign in response to the destructive earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria on Monday. They have pledged the total sum of nearly one million Canadian dollars.

"As Catholics we are compelled to come to the aid of our brothers and sisters in dire circumstances like the thousands of families that have lost loved ones, or are injured and have lost their homes, due to the earthquake," said Bishop Poisson, president of the CCCC and Bishop of Saint-Jérôme-Mont-Laurier. "For this reason, local Bishops have been invited to promote this emergency campaign in their dioceses/eparchies and to invite their faithful to donate to any one of the organizations collecting funds. These four organizations are well positioned in the region to respond quickly and efficiently with their Caritas and Jesuit Refugee Service networks, local Eastern Churches, and their many social and emergency initiatives."

"Our partners in the region know the local reality and they have been working together on the ground to support Syrian families in Syria and Syrian refugees in Turkey who have been affected by 12 years of civil war," said, Marie-Claude Lalonde, National Director of ACN, Jenny Cafiso Executive Director of CJI, Dr. Adriana Bara, National Director of CNEWA Canada and Carl Héту Executive Director of DPCC. Funds received will be used now and in the coming months for food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essentials to meet basic human needs. These funds will also serve to meet long term needs to help families go back to a more stable life.

To donate or for any inquiries you can contact the organizations as follows:

ACN: <https://bit.ly/acn-donate-syria> Toll free #: 1-800-585-6333 Ext 228

CJI : <https://canadianjesuitsinternational.ca> Toll free #: 1-800- 448-2148

CNEWA: <https://cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria/>

DPCC: Development and Peace – 55 years of solidarity. (devp.org)

PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAM

Our parish is pleased to announce our Outreach Program! This program is aimed at connecting parishioners who may be homebound, or in a nursing home or hospital, with the parish. If you, or a friend, or a loved one would like a visit, telephone call, or Holy Communion, please contact Theresa at 204-261-1579 or theresa@mmoc.ca.

HAPPY GANG TUESDAY AFTERNOONS

Happy Gang has resumed!
Tuesday afternoons
1:30 to 3:30 pm

We will have Nickel Bingo on Feb 7, 21 and every two weeks following that.

The Happy Gang group is open to all adults, not just seniors.
Come and join us!



Donations graciously accepted

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