## From the Pastors Desk Cont.

Welcome and thank God for the Opening of our Church for public service again. We have learned some things about ourselves during these weeks of sheltering in place, social distancing and the physically scattered church. We have learned that we have greater capacity than we once thought. We have confronted, adjusted, shifted, responded and charted new paths. We have discovered that we can find ways to survive, and even thrive, in the midst of a global pandemic while still finding meaningful ways to love our neighbors. The surface area of our comfort zones has expanded. We have been reminded of the saying that is true. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is yet to arrive. What we have is right now. What we do, intentionally and deliberately, with "right now" matters.

We are very glad to Welcome you back to our Church with a "Big Distance Hug." May our coming back re-establish and strengthen the core values of our faith – the ones that have proven to serve us well!

#### WHAT DOES THE WORD "LENT" MEAN?

The word Lent is apparently derived from the Old English Lencten, which means "lengthen." It refers to the lengthening of the daylight hours as spring approaches. In Latin, Lent is Quadragesima which means forty days. In Christianity, Lent is a time dedicated in a special way to conversion and renewal; to prayer, to fasting and to works of charity, a preparation for baptism or recollection of our baptism, and preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is a season that reminds us to repent and get our lives centered, our priorities straight, and our hearts clean. Lent is a time to journey with Jesus on the Cross, the total giving of his life even to dying on the cross for our salvation.

We go into our own deserts, our own disciplines, our own fast knowing that through the days and months of our lives we have added baggage to our load that is not helpful, is not life giving, and is in the same way an actual wall between us and our God. Lent is not only a time for giving things up. It is also an excellent opportunity for us to take on new practices. It is good not only to give up bad habits, but also to form positive ones.

May God Bless Our Parish Family!

#### **WEEK 4: MARCH 8 TO 14, 2021**



#### Share Love, Share Lent: The passion of youth.

Did you know Development and Peace has an active youth movement from coast to coast?

The Share Love, Share Lent campaign celebrates the passion and commitment of youth, who represent the present and the future of the Development and Peace movement. Join them in supporting our work for positive change in Canada and the Global South.

Start a solidarity letter chain in aid of Development and Peace.

Learn how at **devp.org/chainletter**.

VIRTUAL EVENT!
NATIONAL "THINKFAST"
MARCH 11 @ 3:00PM - MARCH 12 @ 4:00 PM
REGISTRATION LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsf-ioqj4rG9U1LBq6CdBpgyffI7XsYzSE

### Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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# 3<sup>rd</sup>Sunday of Lent

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021



"DESTROY THIS TEMPLE, AND IN THREE DAYS I WILL RAISE IT UP."

Education: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:	905 349-2504	St Mary's Catholic Women's League:  Pat Murphy, President	905 349-2847
St Mary Elementary School, Grafton:		Alta Vance, Religious Articles	905 344-7443
Nicole McGill, Principal St Mary Secondary School, Cobourg:	905 349-2061	CWL Diocesan website: www.peterboroughcwl.ca	
Jason Roberts,, Principal	905 372-4339	St Mary's Cemetery Board:	
Catholic School Board www.pvnccdsb.on.ca		Melissa Lilje, Secretary	905 349-2504
Parish Committees & Organisations:		St Vincent de Deul Society	005 277 2262
Finance Committee:		St Vincent de Paul Society	905 377-3263
Melissa Lilje, Secretary	905 349-2504	Eucharistic Ministers	
Knights of Columbus:		Bruce Lawson	905-349-2751
	905 349-2504	Ushers	
Parish Pastoral Council		Parish Office	905-349-2504
Fr. Peter Wayow Chairperson		Lectors	
Music at Mass:		Richard Holland	905-349-3710
Lorraine Schagen,	005 244 9210	Development and Peace	
5 pm Mass on Sat	905 344-8310	Suzanne Liptay	905-372-3031
Gay Stratford, Organist 10 am Mass on Sun	905 349-2861	Parish Library	
Altar Servers	703 3 <del>4</del> 9-2001	Parish Office	905-349-2250
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#### SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office. **CONFESSIONS**:

Saturday at 8:30 am & 4:30 pm, or anytime on request.

First Friday of the Month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9am

## THE WEEK OF MARCH 7<sup>th</sup> At the Altar

Mar. 8, Mon., Feria - 9 am-

Mar. 9, Tues., Feria - 9 am -

Mar. 10, Wed., Feria - 4:30 pm -

Mar. 11, Thurs, Feria - 4:30 pm -

Mar. 12, Fri., Feria - 9 am -

Mar. 13, Sat. Feria - 9 am

Mar. 13, Sat., 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

5 pm - Harold Murphy [Patricia Murphy & Family]

Mar 14, Sun., 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

9 am - For the people of the Parish

11am -

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Mar 13 & 14	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Lectors	Dave Hughes	Bernadette Murray	Joanna Mecozzi
Eucharistic Ministers	Greg Blick	Michael Stephenson	Dennis Goulin
Ushers/Greeters	Andrew de Graauw The Manley's	Ed Nemec Theo Mensen	Oledele Adebayo Joe Okane

## **Intercessions:**

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and People of the Parish of St Joseph in Douro.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

## PARISH NEWS PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$2,365.00	\$2,920.00
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Stations of the Cross - Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 7 pm during Lent.

<u>Thank you to everyone</u> for your continued support in sending in your donations!

<u>WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES in March</u>: Larry & Irene Flood (59 years on March 3rd), Vince & Diane Meekes (34 years on March 7th). God's Blessings on both of you!

<u>OUR PARISH WEBSITE</u> is now up and running. Please visit the website for Parish and Diocesan Information and the Weekly Bulletin.

**During these pandemic days,** dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues, that is, you are not obligated to attend Sunday mass at this time. Some parishioners may be afraid of catching the virus or there may not be any space in your local church to allow you to participate physically. It is not the law, but you are strongly advised to wear masks while in church. If you like, you can purchase one from the back of the church. They cost \$1.00 each, which is what we paid for them.

**Development and Peace** - Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Canadian Catholic Church since 1967. It supports communities in low-income countries in their struggles for justice and equality. It holds annual campaigns to educate us as Canadians about the root causes of global poverty and to mobilize us to act for change.

This Share Lent Campaign theme is *Share Love*, *Share Lent*, inspired by the message of social fraternity in Pope Francis' latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*.

For more information, go to the D&P website: devp.org

A weekly webinar on this year's theme is available on the website.