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“Trust in the Lord with all your heart. . . He will direct your path.”  
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

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**IN HIS NAME**

**Statement on the Persecution of Christians**

*Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace*

**WHAT IS PERSECUTION? ...Continued**

Even today, millions of people suffer simply because of their faith in Christ. Yet where there is persecution, there is often a strong and vigorous faith.

We are reminded of the inherent and inviolable rights to freedom when these are threatened by different forms of persecution.

As the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* teaches:

*Freedom is the highest sign in man of his being made in the divine image and, consequently, is a sign of the sublime dignity of every human person.* “Freedom is exercised in relationships between human beings. Every human person, created in the image of God, has the natural right to be recognized as a free and responsible being. All owe to each other this duty of respect. *The right to the exercise of freedom*, especially in moral and religious matters, is an inalienable requirement of the dignity of the human person”. The meaning of freedom must not be restricted, considering it from a purely individualistic perspective and reducing it to the *arbitrary and uncontrolled exercise* of one’s own personal autonomy: “Far from being achieved in total self-sufficiency and the absence of relationships, freedom only truly exists where reciprocal bonds, governed by truth and justice, link people to one another”. The understanding of freedom becomes deeper and broader when it is defended, even at the social level, in all of its various dimensions.

**PERSECUTION: SURPRISE OR EXPECTATION?**

We can learn something about persecution from Jesus, who was himself persecuted. He tells us that we are not of the world because he has chosen us and set us apart. Living the values of the Gospel often places Christians in a delicate situation. Under certain totalitarian political regimes, helping the poor and denouncing injustice are viewed as political opposition, bringing with it dramatic consequences for Christians involved in these activities.

To be not of the world means going against the flow; it means taking the risk of offending people by our desire for justice and love. This is the prophetic role of every believer. Through the expression of our faith and our actions, we proclaim Good News that can be provocative, destabilizing, and disturbing. In our world today, “to loose the bond of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke” (Isaiah 58:6) can lead to persecution and even martyrdom.

# ST. VERONICA’S CHURCH

**INFORMATION**

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**Parish Secretary:**

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## SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*Always be ready, God can come to us at any moment*

“Truth, goodness, and beauty are inseparable.”  
- Pope Francis

**Reconciliation**

Saturdays:  
3:00 - 3:30 pm

**Baptism :**

Expectant parents welcome to register, and speak with Fr. Ron after Mass

**Matrimony :**

Must register at least eight months in advance. Book the Church before the hall.

**Communion at Home :**

Lay ministers are available to bring Communion to shut-ins. Phone the parish office.

**Prayer-Line :**

Rose Marie Spina  
254-4064  
Angela Filice 253-8607  
(Italian)

**Visiting & Card Ministry:**

If you wish to send cards or have someone visit people who are confined to their homes. Contact the parish office.

**REGULAR CHURCH**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Tues - Friday  
9:00-12:00**

### Got Questions About Life?

**Thank-you To All Who Give!!**

**Web site:  
veronica.church**

## TRY ALPHA

**New Program  
Starting Thursday, January 16th**

**Register at [www.veronica.church](http://www.veronica.church)**



## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, December 2, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**Italian Prayer Group.**



**Friday, December 6, 2019**

**9:00 AM**

**All deceased Italian Prayer Group members by the Italian Prayer Group.**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, December 7, 2019**

**4:00 PM MASS**

**Chuck DeSimon by wife Jackie DeSimon.  
Alberto Greganti by Delia Greganti and family.**

**All deceased members of the Greganti family by Delia Greganti and family.  
For the intentions of all parishioners of St. Veronica's.**

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**11:00 AM MASS**

**All deceased members of the Guzzo family by the Guzzo family.**

**All deceased members of the Naccarato family by Maria and Cesare Coccimiglio.**

**All deceased members of the Coccimiglio family by Maria and Cesare Coccimiglio.  
For the intentions of all parishioners of St. Veronica's.**

## REMINDER

We have the 2020 collection envelopes available for those who have had envelopes this past 2019 year. These will be available for 2 weeks. We also have pre-authorized forms which is our preferred method of donations. Please ask Fr. Ron for the forms. You can also donate by credit card, Pay-Pal, or interac. Please do this by visiting our website [veronica.church](http://veronica.church) and following the link for donations. For those who are able to give occasionally, there are green envelopes available at both entrances of the church. Just fill in the information and put it in the collection basket. We thank all of you for your ongoing financial support of St. Veronica's parish.

### Offering Envelopes



Our Come for Coffee raised \$172.60 for the Alzheimer Society. Thank you to all who supported this great cause!



**COFFEE BREAK**

Alzheimer Society

## Christmas Flowers

Christmas Flowers in Memory of loved ones. If you would like to make a donation for flowers to be purchased for



Christmas, please put your donation along with your name & address in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers". This donation will be included on your tax receipts. If you would like to donate in memory of deceased loved ones, please use the following example: Christmas Flowers in Memory of (Print name of loved ones) by: (print your name & address for your tax receipt)

## THE GIVING TREE

The giving tree will be located in the sanctuary of the Church during Advent. This year we are asking for donations for **James Street Soup Kitchen**. The items they need are gloves, soap, towels, facecloths, underwear, toiletries, and personal items for both men and women. These can be placed under the tree or on the tree as a decoration. Anyone wishing to make a financial donation can pin it to the tree as well (make cheque payable to **Soup Kitchen Community Centre**). Include your full name and address and they will send you an income tax receipt in the mail. Thank you!



## CITY WIDE ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS

**When:** Tuesday, December 10th  
8:30 AM - 7:30 PM

**Where:** Precious Blood Cathedral



## NOTIFICATION - UPCOMING CWL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE - December 14th and 15th. CWL Christmas bake sale after the Masses. Coffee will be served.



Also, the membership drive for 2020 begins this weekend. The CWL would like to invite and welcome all of the women of the Parish to join and participate. The annual membership fee will be \$20 for everyone.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 18th @ St. Veronica's Church  
Early morning for approximately 1 hour

If interested, please phone JoAnne McFadden 705-253-8677

