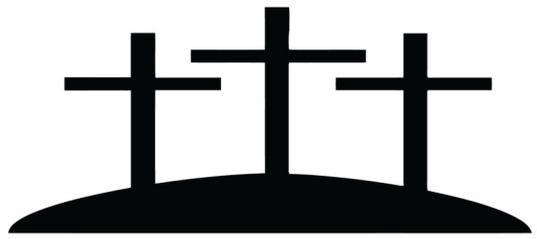




**Is God calling you to be a priest?**  
 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart... He will direct your path."  
 (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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**Mass Begins at Home**

We refer to our arrival in the church before the celebration as "the gathering rite." Most of us think of it as the brothers and sisters in Christ early in the liturgy. But we can think of it as a rite that begins much earlier. Even as we arrive on the church grounds and get out of our cars in the parking lot, as we greet and talk with others about the weather or about which of our children caught the chickenpox - the gathering rite is in motion. Even earlier, roused from our sleep, we have begun to gather our wits and collect our thoughts and intentions. Hauled from our beds, we have migrated from all directions to form this gathering. For we are hungry to break the bread that is Christ's body and share the cup of our salvation.

The gathering rite is our invitation to hone our awareness of this migration we make on Sunday morning. It gives the chance to make a transition from the sacrament of our gathered community. We do not want to find ourselves in this migration out of habit or duty - but we want to reach that level of awareness that knows our deepest yearning for an experience of the holy in communion.

Here are some ideas to make the gathering rite a joyful, rich and pleasant experience before you even arrive at the church: Get up an hour earlier and read over the scripture lessons for the day so that you can really hear them at the liturgy. Make special coffee or hot chocolate and bring it around to family members inviting them to this Sunday rising with plenty of time to shower and dress in their Sunday clothes. Allow that the family retains a Sunday silence - no idle chatter - just the peace of silence and gathering of our inner selves. Play "Sunday music" - to set the tone: chant or some meditative and beautiful religious music from our long heritage. Retain the silence as you walk or drive to church. When you arrive, make a point of greeting and engaging the others you meet. Greet someone you know already and greet and make the acquaintance of someone whom you have never met before. "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of you."



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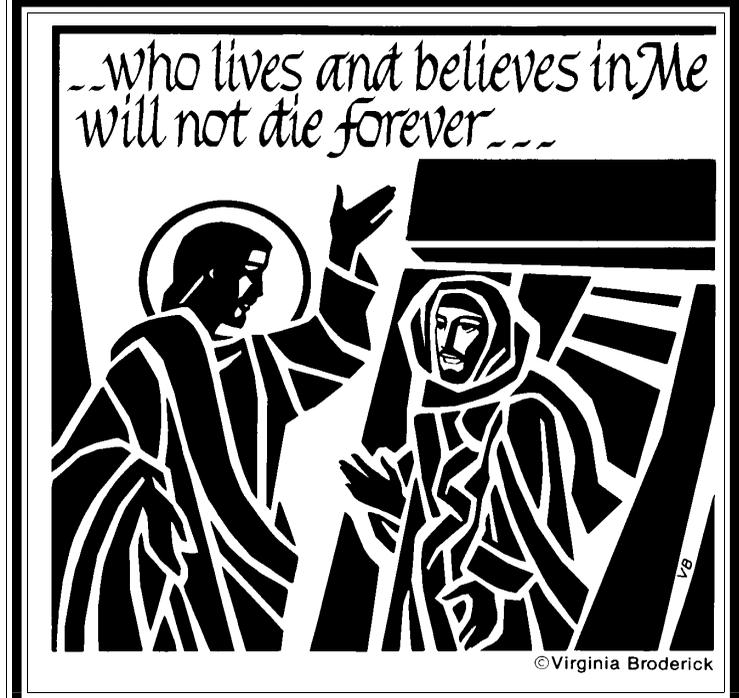
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 Fran Boyle

**CWL President:**  
 Rose Linklater

**Knights of Columbus**  
 John Sullivan

**Parish Secretary:**  
 Lisa Maville

**SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2020**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



"I am close with prayers to people suffering from the current Coronavirus epidemic and to all those who care for it."  
 - 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**

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**  
 During this time, we invite you to please drop off your donation envelopes at our office by depositing your envelope in the mail slot of the office door.  
 Thank you.  
 Thank-you To All Who Give!!  
 Web site: [veronica.church](http://veronica.church)

**TELEVISED ONLINE MASS**  
**Saturday, March 28 & Sunday, March 29**  
**Website: [veronica.church](http://veronica.church)**  
**\*check website for times**

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**Televised Online Mass**  
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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord**  
**Saturday, April 4 & Sunday, April 5, 2020**

### **Mass Intentions:**

**Fortunata Serrao by daughter Rafella Serrao.**  
**Laura Longo by Nick and Anna Scaglione.**  
**Ed Smilanetz by wife Carol.**  
**Delia Greganti by the Pedatella family.**  
**Angela Gagliardi-Sicoli by Matilde Caruso and family.**  
**For the intentions of all parishioners of St. Veronica's.**



### **Development and Peace Share Lent Collection - an update on the situation -**

During these uncertain times because of the COVID-19 crisis, Development and Peace has made the decision to cancel or postpone all of its in-person meetings and events across Canada. Lent is a vital time of year for the organization, and so we invite you to participate to our virtual Share Lent campaign and act in solidarity with our partners in the Global South and the most vulnerable populations that will be all the more affected by this pandemic. This Lent, give from the heart.

Donate to Development and Peace today by making a DIRECT donation:

**Online:** [devp.org/give](https://devp.org/give)

**By phone:** 1-888 664-3387

**By mail :** 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd W, 3rd floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7

Thank you for your generosity.



We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends with the passing of,  
**Francesco Chiarello**

