



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)

www.beapriest.ca

Canadian Federal Government website for Mental Health help across Canada:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/topics/mental-health-wellness.html>

LENT

The word *Lent* means springtime. This word comes from the same root as *lengthen*. Daytime lengthens during Lent. The northern hemisphere turns toward the sun, the source of life, and winter turns into spring. In Hebrew, the word for *repentance* is the same as the word that means to *turn*, like the turning of the earth to the sun, like the turning of the soil before planting.

"Even now, says the Lord, turn to me." (Joel 2:12) The word *sin* means separation. We are called to turn from our separate selves, from our sin, to come together in community. Self-denial is the way we express our repentance. In the lengthening brightness from Ash Wednesday until Holy Thursday afternoon, our holy Lent, we turn to God as our source of life.

Self-denial is threefold, advises Matthew's gospel. We pray: "Go to your room, close your door, and pray to your Father in private." We fast: "No one must see you are fasting but your Father. We give alms: "Keep y our deeds of mercy secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you." Through the Lenten exercise of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we spring-clean our lives, sharpen our senses, put tomorrow in its place and treasure the day at hand.

Why are there forty days in Lent? It took forty days for sinfulness to drown in the flood before a new creation could inherit the earth. It took forty years for the generation of slaves to die before the freeborn could enter the promised land. For forty days Moses and Elijah and Jesus fasted and prayed to prepare themselves for a life's work.

At the beginning of Lent the bishop calls out the names of the catechumens who seek to be baptized at Easter. Their names are written in the book of the elect, the chosen. God has chosen them, and they have chosen to turn to God. Lent is the forty days before the baptism of the catechumens. The already baptized can share the excitement and the struggles of the elect and rediscover the meaning of baptism in their own lives. During the forty days, both catechumens and the faithful journey together to the holy font.

We keep Lent together. We put aside our business-as-usual to support each other in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We turn to God to enlighten us and purify us throughout the lengthening brightness of our holy season of Lent.

"For now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation!"



Accepting God's Invitation...



...to journey through Lament to Hope

A Lenten ZOOM Experience

Brought to you by Shalom Place

Through the experience of scripture, journaling, reflection, sharing and prayer, we will name and acknowledge our laments and losses and open ourselves to hearing God's invitation to move to hope with trust and confidence. Come prepared to have time, space and quiet to journal and share in small groups as you are comfortable.

March 17, 2021 from 10 AM - 12 PM

Facilitated by Janet Norman

Janet Norman is a retired diaconal minister. Janet served at St. Andrew's United Church in Sault Ste. Marie for 33 years. She is keen to encourage others as they explore their connection with God. Janet uses a variety of resources to help people explore their spirituality: scripture, storytelling, journaling, silence, prayer, hymns, poems, art and movement.

~please register through: shalomplace.ca or through email to: shalomssm@shaw.ca or call 705-254-4690 by Monday, March 15. Free-will offerings gratefully accepted! (All participants must be familiar with ZOOM to register.)

ST. VERONICA'S CHURCH

INFORMATION

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John Sullivan

Parish Secretary:

Lisa Maville

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**



"Jesus never lets you down."

- Pope Francis

Reconciliation
By Appointment

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
CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

During this time, we will be collecting donations during Mass or you can please choose to drop off your donation envelopes at our office any time by depositing your envelope in the mail slot of the office door. Thank you to all who give!
Website: veronica.church

MASS AT ST. VERONICA'S CHURCH EVERY SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM and EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM - Limit of 48 people per Mass on a first come first serve basis.

SATURDAY MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED AT 4:00 PM
website: veronica.church
It will also be available to view Sunday on the website

TELEVISED MASS ON SHAW CABLE Channel 10 and on BLUE CURVE 105 Every Sunday at 9:00 AM

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Livestreamed Saturday Masses at 4:00 PM

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**Televised Mass on SHAW CABLE CHANNEL 10 and
BLUE CURVE CHANNEL 105 - Every Sunday at 9:00 AM**



Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 27, 2021

4:00 PM MASS

**Domenica Braido by Linda, Steven, Tianna and Nicholas Legacy.
Vincenzo Mannarino by Luisa Mannarino and sons Mario and Amedeo.
Pasquale Cicchelli by his sister Pina Posteraro.
Carlos Arruda by Linda, Steven, Tianna and Nicholas Legacy.
For the intentions of all parishioners of St. Veronica's.**

Sunday, February 28, 2021

11:00 AM MASS

**Teresa Fabbicino by her husband Marco Fabbicino.
Ernesto Caruso by his wife and family.
Rita Vaught by her sister Rosalie Marinucci.
For the intentions of all parishioners of St. Veronica's.**

AUTO-DEPOSIT E-TRANSFERS FOR DONATIONS

A convenient way we are now accepting donations is through Auto-Deposit E-Transfer. Send your E-Transfer to: veronicassm@shaw.ca and the donation will automatically be deposited into our Parish's account without the need to create a question or answer! If you are not registered with our Parish, please include your address with the E-Transfer for a tax receipt.

Thank you all for your continued support!

FUNDRAISER Livestream Equipment

**Our Goal: \$15,000
Raised to date: \$14,465**



GREETINGS FROM THE ST. VERONICA'S CWL

We understand that everything has changed with the COVID outbreak but we have been advised that the CWL Membership for 2021 will virtually carry on. The membership for 2021 will remain at \$20.00 per year for everyone that wishes to continue their membership. If you wish, we would ask that you put your membership fee in an envelope addressed to the CWL and drop it into the Sunday collection box. If you are able to e-transfer, then please do so. E-transfer 20.00 to delaney.arlene@gmail.com. No codes required. It is direct deposit.

In any event, Rose Linklater, President, and I, will continue calling the members throughout February so that they don't lose their yearly membership with the National.

Thank you!

Arlene Delaney, Secretary/Treasurer CWL



ALPHA FOR TEENS CHALLENGE

We are inviting all teenagers of Sault Ste. Marie in high school, as well as those who are in Grade 7 and 8, to hang out and participate in this excellent online program. Group discussions will be with your peer groups only.

We will be meeting for **8 sessions** starting on **Tuesday, March 2nd from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM and meeting every Tuesday, except during Spring Break which is Tuesday, April 13th.**

Please feel free to ask any questions by emailing St. Veronica's Parish at: veronicassm@shaw.ca

To register, please visit our website: veronica.church

