



# ST. PHILIP'S PARISH

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN CENTRAL LAMBTON  
EST. 1867 HOLY ROSARY (1867-2007) ST. ANNE (1866-1974)

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## Welcome Back

With the lifting of restrictions, we are happy to be able to celebrate the Eucharist together. We are permitted to have 30% capacity and will follow the same protocols as before.

Face masks **MUST** be worn at all times while in the church.

Stations of the Cross will be held following Tuesday evening Mass.

Fr. Francis is available to hear confessions. Please contact him to arrange a time. 519-882-2057, ext 21

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**Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am**

Intentions of All Parishioners

**Monday, March 1st**

No Mass

**Tuesday, March 2nd, 7:00 pm**

† Tony Beaulieu

Offered by Mary Lois Levesque

**Wednesday, March 3rd, 8:30 am**

† Mike Noftall

Offered by Robert & MaryBeth Edgar

**Thursday, March 4th, 8:30 am**

Intentions of Betty Willmore

Offered by Jane Regnier

**Friday, March 5th, 8:30 am**

† Giovanni Bolzon

Offered by Liliana Bolzon

**Saturday, March 6th, 8:30 am**

† Robert McDonald

Offered by Juliette McDonald

## Second Sunday of Lent

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Today's first reading is one of the most important religious texts ever written. While it is strange for us to read of a god asking for human sacrifice, that was nothing out of the ordinary in Abraham's world. The bewilderment we feel reading this passage is, in fact, a result of the text's own success. It is because of the story of Abraham and Isaac that human and child sacrifice looks the way it does to us.

Human sacrifice is not some aberration in human history. In one way or another, it is the norm. The other gods humans have worshipped, whether they go by ancient names like Baal and Moloch, or modern names like Choice and National Security, have always demanded what is most precious, our sons and daughters. It is only the God of Abraham who does not demand but provides the sacrifice.

The story of Abraham and Isaac begins the trajectory that end with Christ. When Paul tells the Romans that God "did not withhold his own Son," he is linking Jesus and Isaac and pointing us towards the inversion of sacrifice that Isaac presaged and Jesus fulfilled.

This inversion transfigures human history. What could this rising from the dead mean? That the one who gave himself to be sacrificed so that we might see the truth about human sacrifice was God's own Son.

Brett Salkeld

Regina, SK.

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First Reading: Genesis 22.1-2,9-13,15-18

Psalm: 116

Second Reading: Romans 8.31b-35,37

Gospel: Mark 9.2-10

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## Sacraments

We are in the planning stages for First Reconciliation and First Communion, as well as Confirmation. If you know someone that attends the public school system, please reach out to them, and ask them to contact the office for more information.

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Dispensation from the Sunday obligation is extended to, and includes, Pentecost Sunday.

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If you have any questions or concerns, Denise, our parish secretary can be reached at dannett@dol.ca or on her personal cell phone 519-384-9588.