

Third Sunday of Lent

March 7th, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday 11:00 am	March 7th For the Parish Community
Thursday 5:00 pm	March 11th For the Souls in Purgatory by Boznea
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 13th † Gladys Rock - on the 10 th anniversary of her death by Noreen Regan

REVISED RETURN TO CHURCH GUIDELINES

Wednesday Mass 9:15 am

Thursday Mass 5:00 pm

Friday Mass 9:15 am

Saturday Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass 11:00 am

Friday 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction
Confessions: call Fr. Eslin at 819-576-6255

Masks must be worn in the church. Records of attendance is also mandatory.

Remember in your prayers all who are in need of our prayers that God's healing and comforting presence may be with them, especially:



Mary Dawn Johnston, Andy Quan, Chris McEvoy, Joyce Lefebvre, Lisa Paquette, Deslyn Agard, Jacques & Isobel Arcand, Nicky LeBlanc, Yasmin Shivji, Anna Gaigg, Omar Ladouceur, Peter & Janet Perry, Sylvia

LaFrance, Dennis McGrath, Jane & Bob Cameron, Patricia & Charles Jelley, Eddy Proulx, Terry Jolicoeur, Joseph Ritchie and Ken Trudel.

Please contact the parish office to inform us of those who are ill and in need of God's healing and comfort. Renewal of prayers for the sick is available by contacting Pat Gagne (613-523-0769)

Thank you for your generosity and support Parishioners have been contributing by dropping envelopes at the church, by mail and through Canada Helps.

Pastor's Message

“Spring Cleaning »

Extending the thought from the previous bulletin message dear Brothers and Sisters I would like to share about one of the goals of Lent. I share few thoughts from Alex Basile and the words of Mother St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Lent is time for spiritual "spring cleaning." After a long winter indoors, we long to throw open the windows and clean the house of unwanted dirt and dust. Lent urges us to the same. What are the unwanted habits that you want to eliminate from your life? What are the certain behavioral patterns that make you less than the perfect Christian?

The way to answer these questions is through reflection and prayer. Older Catholics speak of a type of Lent where music and television were put on hold for the season. Although this practice has faded, we must discover our own peace and quiet during Lent. The only way to reveal the interior life is through silence. Separate from the chaos and surrender to prayer. Put your self in the presence of God and just talk to Him.

Conversion requires a complete turn in a different direction. Leave the old you behind. Follow the advice from Blessed Teresa of Calcutta: "As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

Use your heart and hands to emulate Jesus. Make Lent your new beginning.

Alex Basile

God bless you all!
Fr. Eslin Pereira cmf.

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2021 are at the back of the church to be picked up now that the church has reopened.

The tax receipts for 2020 have all been mailed.

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If you contributed through Canada Helps, they email the donors to remind them they can download their tax receipt by using the "Receipt Download Tool"

CONFIRMATION 2021

Information and registration information was sent to the schools in December. Registrations (with supporting documents) have been received from interested participants. When further information is received concerning the actual event, all those who have registered will be advised by email

COMMUNION 2021

Information about First Communion 2021 will be forwarded to the schools early this week. Registration for participants should be received by March 25th. When further information is received concerning the actual dates, all those who have registered will be advised by email.

LEAPIN' LEPRECHAUNS! DINNER

Our Lady of the Visitation Hall, 5338 Bank Street. A delicious homemade Roast Pork dinner with potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, baked beans and dessert.

Sunday, March 14, 2021 Curbside pickup only 3:00 to 6:00 pm (All Covid 19 safety rules followed.

Tickets must be purchased in advance: 613-822-2007 or events@olvottawa.ca

Adults: \$22.50; children (up to 10 years) \$10.00

'By My Side Program' for Separated and Divorced Catholics: Virtually via Zoom. A program of spiritual friendship and healing. The six-week sessions begin **Saturday, March 27th**. Registrants will receive a private link to join prior to their first session. Women sessions: 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Men sessions: 12:00 - 2:00 PM. The program, led from a Catholic faith exploration perspective, is designed to help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing by taking positive steps in their daily spiritual life. Further info & registration: www.bymyside.ca or on Facebook at: [facebook.com/bymysideott](https://www.facebook.com/bymysideott) or contact Mary Jane Manley at (613-294-1308). The cost is \$40.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - Caritas Canada's Share Lent 2021 Campaign

This year's campaign theme *Share Love, Share Lent* is focusing on Canadian Catholics discovering how the work of Development and Peace is anchored in Catholic Social Teaching and how we can heed the Pope's call for solidarity and love for our neighbor.

The collection date is **Sunday, March 21st** You can contribute through the church or donate online at devp.org/sharelent, by mailing a cheque to 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd. West, 3rd floor, Montreal, QC H3\G 1T7 or by phoning 1-888-234-8533.

Lenten Resources on Diocesan Website: Visit the Lent Section and find information on *Online Retreats; Daily reflections; Ideas for families; videos; Catholic Bishop's Journey Through Lent; and messages*. See the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall website at: Archottawa.ca

Call for bibles, statues, and rosaries from the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores: In partnership with the Ottawa Catholic School Board, the Ottawa SSVPT Thrift Stores are gathering religious items and making sure they find a new home in local English Catholic Schools. Drop off: weekdays, 900 am to 400 pm, at 1273 Wellington St. W. & 1620 Merivale Rd. Info: saintvincentdepaul.ca/contact-us

DONATIONS BY CREDIT CARD OR INTERAC to make weekly, monthly, or one time donations: Visit, saintbernardparish.com, click on Canada Helps to give. Canada Helps will instantly issue you a tax receipt and will forward your donation into our parish account.



CRA CHARITY NUMBER - Our parish is registered with CRA as: PAROISSE ST BERNARD 128967353RR0020. This number is needed to setup payroll charity giving

Direct Your United Way Contributions to St. Bernard Parish: Did you know that you are able to direct your United Way contribution to St. Bernard Parish? Simply mark the appropriate section on the reverse of your form to direct your monies to **PAROISSE ST BERNARD**, 1720 St. Bernard Street, Gloucester, Ontario. K1T 1K8. You not only give to United Way but you help your church as well.



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*Lent comes providentially
To reawaken us, to shake us
From our lethargy.*

Pope Francis