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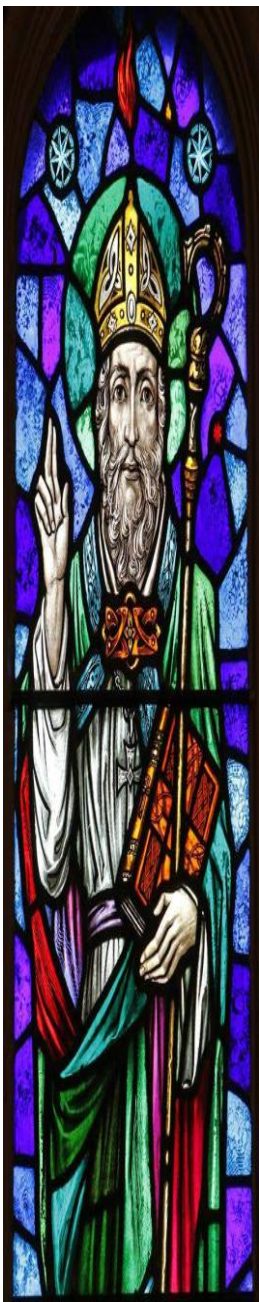


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OFFICE: The office remains closed to public access. Phone messages will be responded to.
STORE: By appointment only. **SHRINE:** The SHRINE area is now open. Social distancing required.



CHURCH SERVICES

March 27 – April 2, 2022

Sunday

10:00 am

Monday | Wednesday

7:00 pm

Tues | Thursday

8:00 am

Friday – 6:15 pm

Stations of the Cross
Followed by regular mass at 7:00 pm

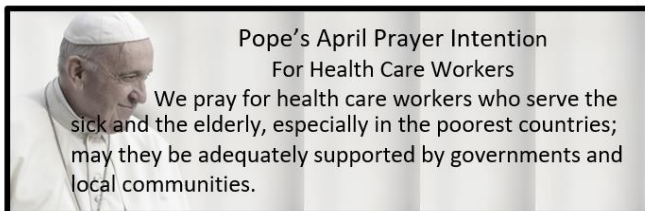
Saturday – 8:00 am

Reconciliation is available by appointment, and prior to all masses.



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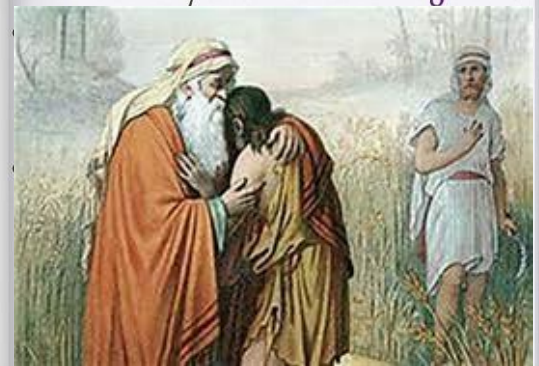
Call the church office for information regarding all sacraments.



**Pope's April Prayer Intention
For Health Care Workers**

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

4th Sunday of Lent: God Forgives



Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 **Highlights** the **FORGIVENESS OF GOD** which is greater than any sin. We only need to come back to our Lord, confess our sins and stop committing these sins.



Financial Report

Regular Offertory – March 20	\$ 1,870.00
Flowers for Easter	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Shrine	60.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,970.00

*Thanks to everyone who makes up for missed Sundays.
We deeply appreciate your financial support.*

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL March 27, 2022

- 1) That guided by the Pope and Bishops, our priests may constantly welcome those who repent and seek reconciliation. Let us pray to the Lord.
R Lord, hear our prayer.
- 2) That acts of charity will bring assistance to the victims of war and famine, especially the people of Ukraine. Let us pray to the Lord.
R Lord, hear our prayer.
- 3) That families divided over issues of inheritance or relationships may choose forgiveness and reconciling love. Let us pray to the Lord.
R Lord, hear our prayer.
- 4) That those who imagine that they do not need the sacrament of reconciliation may be moved to humble repentance. Let us pray to the Lord.
R Lord, hear our prayer.
- 5) That the departed may taste and see the eternal goodness of God. Let us pray to the Lord.
R Lord, hear our prayer.
- 6) For the personal intentions we hold in our hearts. Let us pray to the Lord.
R Lord, hear our prayer.



*Nathaniel Figueiredo
will receive his
First Holy Communion on Sunday,
April 3, 2022.*

*Let us pray for Nathaniel as he
prepares for this very special occasion.*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK March 27 – April 2, 2022

Sunday, March 27

1st Reading – Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Responsorial Psalm – **Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel – Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday, March 28

1st Reading – Isaiah 65:17-21

Responsorial Psalm – **I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

Gospel – John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 29

1st Reading – Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12

Responsorial Psalm – **The mighty Lord is our refuge.**

Gospel – John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 30

1st Reading – Isaiah 49:8-15

Responsorial Psalm – **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Gospel – John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 31

1st Reading – Exodus 32:7-14

Responsorial Psalm – **Lord, remember us, for the love you bear your people.**

Gospel – John 5:18, 31-47++

Friday, April 1

1st Reading – Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22

Responsorial Psalm – **Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

Gospel – John 7:1-2, 20, 25-30

Saturday, April 2

1st Reading – Jeremiah 11:18-20

Responsorial Psalm – **Lord, my God, I take shelter in you.**

Gospel – John 7:40-53

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Mass Intentions March 28 – April 2, 2022



Monday, March 28

- ✠ Special Intention of John O'Sullivan by sister Colleen
- ✠ Andja Jelinic by Ankica Penavic
- ✠ Special Intention of Mike & Sandy Kilbreath by Patti Johnson
- ✠ Special Intention of Justin Johnson by Patti Johnson
- ✠ Special Intention of Jennie & Jason Ladd by Patti Johnson

Tuesday, March 29

- ✠ Special Intention of John O'Sullivan by sister Colleen
- ✠ Special Intention of Ernie Pineo by Dan Labbé
- ✠ Andja Jelinic by Ankica Penavic
- ✠ Special Intention for the birthday of Jessica Handyman by Andrew & Kelly Cleveland

Wednesday, March 30

- ✠ Wayne Rice by Ken & Eveleen Taylor and Family
- ✠ All Souls in Purgatory especially deceased members of F.O.S.S. by Carol Renaud
- ✠ Special Intention of John O'Sullivan by sister Colleen
- ✠ Andja Jelinic by Ankica Penavic

Thursday, March 31

- ✠ Special Intention of John O'Sullivan by sister Colleen
- ✠ Andja Jelinic by Ankica Penavic
- ✠ All Souls in Purgatory especially deceased members of F.O.S.S.

Friday, April 1

- ✠ All Souls in Purgatory especially deceased members of F.O.S.S.
- ✠ Special Intention of John O'Sullivan by sister Colleen
- ✠ Andja Jelinic by Ankica Penavic
- ✠ Special Intention of Josh Mills by Dan Labbé

Saturday, April 2

- ✠ All Souls in Purgatory especially deceased members of F.O.S.S.
- ✠ Special Intention of Ernie & Marietta Comartin by Tim & Marg Raaymakers
- ✠ Adolfe Meriano

**So a burglar
broke into the
house...I put
the red dot on
his chest and
the cat did the
rest...**



NEWS FROM THE CWL



On March 28 – April 1, 2022 an Indigenous delegation from Canada will be meeting with Pope Francis in Rome. The Pope will be meeting individually with each of the 3 distinct group of delegates – FIRST NATIONS, METIS and INUIT with a final audience with all delegates together.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle (OLGC) is a Catholic Coalition of indigenous people, Bishops, clergy, lay movements and institutes of consecrated life engaged in renewing and fostering relationships between the Catholic Church and Indigenous people in Canada. They have asked all organizations including the CWL to share this with as many people as possible.

The Catholic faithful have an opportunity to be in spiritual solidarity with the delegation in Rome by educating ourselves on the history of residential schools in Canada and by praying that Spirit may guide these grace filled encounters. Working groups facilitated by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have developed education reflection and prayer material that can be found on the CCCB website <https://www.cccb.ca>.

The OLGC has asked that on March 28th across the country we each light a candle in solidarity with the spirituality of the Indigenous Fire Keepers as they light the Sacred Fire at the opening of this historic meeting.

The OLGC has sent out this prayer:

*O Blessed Virgin, Our Lady of Guadalupe intercede
for us with your Son
That we who live in this land indigenous
and non-indigenous
together may experience healing and reconciliation
on a renewed journey
For justice and peace for our children.
Mother of the Church, Pray for us*



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March 2022 – Season of Lent

April 2022 - Month Dedicated to The Holy Eucharist

*Refer to the second attachment for the Prayer of the Day.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Prayer for a Sick Person # 4	28 Prayer to Serve God Well	29 Prayer for the Sick	30 Prayer for a Holy Church and Priests	31 Prayer for the Home	April 1 Guardian Angel Prayer #1	April 2 Prayer for Acceptance of Death

The Eucharist also known as Holy Communion and the Lord's Supper, among other names, is a Christian rite that is considered a sacrament in most churches, and as an ordinance in others. According to the New Testament, the rite was instituted by Jesus Christ during the Last Supper; giving his disciples bread and wine during a Passover meal, he commanded them to "do this in memory of me" while referring to the bread as "my body" and the cup of wine as "the blood of my covenant, which is poured out for many".



The month of April is dedicated both to devotion to the Eucharist and devotion to the Holy Spirit. This tradition has developed because Easter Sunday often falls in April, and when it does fall in March, the Easter season continues on through all of April. In essence, April is a month of Easter, and during the Easter celebration we remember the Eucharistic sacrifice Christ gave us and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, which would come after Jesus's resurrection.



Camp Vincent in Bothwell, owned by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Kent Deanery is opening again this summer. Weekly sessions for fully vaccinated campers ages 6 – 15 and staff begin July 10 and end August 26. August 2 -5 is a shorter week for younger campers.

For more information/registration:

- go to www.campvincent.ca or Facebook or Instagram.
- email ssvpchathamkent@gmail.com
- call year-round 519-354- 1885

Camp Vincent can use volunteers to help at the camp on April 30 and May 4.

Open house at the camp is June 4 from 11 – 2.

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Daily Prayers
March 27 – April 2, 2022

Sunday, March 27 - Prayer for a Sick Person # 4

Dear Jesus,
Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick,
we turn to You in this time of illness.
O dearest Comforter of the Troubled,
alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your
gentle love, and grant us the grace and
strength to accept this burden.
Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands.
We ask that You restore Your servant to health
again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge
Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do,
You do for the love of us. Amen.

Monday, March 28 - Prayer to Serve God Well

Father of Mercy,
forgive my failings,
keep me in Your Grace,
and lead me in the way of salvation.
Give me strength in serving You
as a follower of Christ.
May the Eucharist bring me Your Forgiveness
and give me freedom to serve You all my life.
May it help me to remain faithful
and give me the grace I need in Your service.
May it teach me the way to eternal life.

Tuesday, March 29 - Prayer for the Sick

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick,
we turn to you in this time of illness.
O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our
worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant
us the grace and strength to accept this burden.
Dear God, we place our worries in your hands.
We place our sick under your care and humbly ask
that you restore your servant to health again.
Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your
will and know that whatever you do, you do for the
love of us. Amen.

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Wednesday, March 30 - Prayer for a Holy Church and Priests

O my Jesus,
I beg You on behalf of the whole Church:
Grant it love and the light of Your Spirit
and give power to the words of priests
so that hardened hearts might be brought to
repentance and return to You, O Lord.

Lord, give us holy priests;
You Yourself maintain them in holiness.
O Divine and Great High Priest,
may the power of Your mercy accompany them
everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps

and snares which are continually being set for the
souls of priests.

May the power of Your mercy, O Lord,
shatter and bring to naught
all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests,
for You can do all things.

I ask You, Jesus,
for a special blessing
and for light for the priests
before whom I will make my confessions
throughout my lifetime. Amen.

Thursday, March 31 - Prayer for the Home

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this dwelling, and
drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let Thy holy
Angels dwell herein, to preserve us in peace; and let
Thy blessing be upon us forever. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday, April 1 - Guardian Angel Prayer #1

Angel of God,
My Guardian Dear,
to whom His love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and to guard,
to rule and guide. Amen.

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Saturday, April 2 - Prayer for Acceptance of Death

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I accept from Your hands whatever kind of death
it may please You to send me this day (night)
with all its pains, penalties and sorrows;
in reparation for all of my sins,
for the souls in Purgatory,
for all those who will die today
and for Your greater glory. Amen.
