

March 10, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mon. Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	'Consoling the Heart of Jesus' Retreat continues
Tue., Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 pm	Seniors' Group Gathering (in Rectory Meeting Room)
	6:00 pm	R.C.I.A. (in Rectory Meeting Room)
Wed., Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Baptism Preparation Class (in the Auditorium)
	7:00 pm	10:30 am Mass Choir rehearsal
Thur., Mar. 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	8:30 am Mass Choir rehearsal



Bishop Colli's  
Schedule  
Mar. 16/17  
Weekend

Celebration of all Masses in the Cathedral  
Celebrating our Patrons: Next Weekend



Our annual observance of St. Patrick & St. Joseph will include a reception in our Auditorium after the 10:30 am Sunday Mass.



Cake, coffee and souvenirs for the children.



**SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR OUR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We invite all our Eucharistic Ministers to a workshop to be held in the Cathedral Auditorium on Sat., Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until noon. Come and learn more about your ministry and to re-connect with your fellow lay ministers. A mandating ceremony will take place at the 5:00pm Mass on the same day. Please plan to attend!



Msgr. Stilla will be away from the Parish from March 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.



At our March Men's Breakfast, Bishop Colli explained the concrete policies and protocols the Diocese has in place to address the Church's current abusive behaviour crisis.

**~ WANTED ~  
Ministry Help!**

We need Parish Ministers for all of our weekend Masses. If you feel called to a particular ministry, please notify the Parish Office at 622-5389 and share your gifts with us. Training is provided. We need your help!

**40 AT THE 'HEART OF JESUS' RETREAT**



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**OVER 20 CHILDREN ARE PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION**



## YOU WERE ASKING by Msgr. P. Stilla

**Q.** Our family went to a Catholic Church for Mass on a Sunday while on vacation. To my surprise, instead of Mass, a Communion Service was celebrated by a Permanent Deacon. Did we fulfil our Sunday obligation by attending this service?

**A.** Yes, you and your family did fulfil your Sunday obligation because the situation you mention is presumably an exceptional one. Catholics know that we have an obligation to attend Mass each week,

either on Sunday or else, on the Sunday vigil, which is Saturday evening.

**Exceptions**

We know that exceptional situations

sometimes arise which make it difficult or impossible to observe some obligations. For example, serious illness excuses us from Sunday Mass.

**Your Experience**

The Church also makes an exception to the Sunday obligation norm in other possible circumstances such as your's. The following is the actual text of the Church's Mass obligation on Sunday guideline:

*"If it is impossible to assist at the Sunday Eucharist, either because no priest is available or for some other grave reason, the faithful are strongly recommended to take part in a Liturgy of the Word, if there is one in the Parish Church or in some other sacred place".*

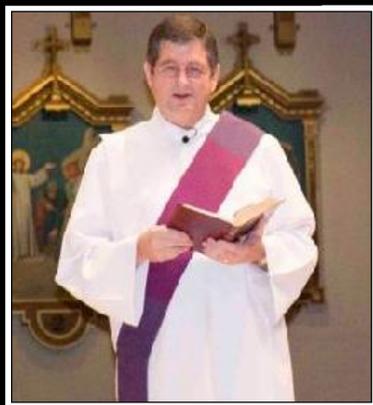
This exceptional Service without Mass is usually led by either a Permanent Deacon, a Diocesan Minister of Service or laypersons specifically designated to do so. Most Liturgy of the Word Services may also include the distribution of Holy Communion (if previously consecrated Hosts are available from the Tabernacle).

**Two Required Conditions**  
For this Service to replace Sunday Mass, it is required

that the Service is celebrated in accordance with the norms set down by the Bishop for his Diocese and that he has granted his prior consent. It is the Bishop who must decide whether exceptional

circumstances warrant the occasional or regular celebration of these Liturgies in lieu of Mass. It is also his obligation to appoint those who will preside (officiate) at them. Of

course, in the unforeseen absence of the priest at the last minute, Deacons or Liturgical Ministers can spontaneously preside at such Liturgies without the prior official permission of the Bishop.



## Catholic Women's League

**Our Meeting: This Sunday**  
Our gathering which will take place in the Auditorium after the 10:30 am Mass includes:

- ◆ Sister Dolores' Presentation on the need for Communion volunteers for the Regional and St. Joseph's Hospitals;
- ◆ the Unveiling of our Project: 'Care for Our Common Home';
- ◆ Information on the Diocesan Convention, and;
- ◆ A fun time for sharing and fellowship. All are welcome!

**A Gift for Family and Friends**  
You can honour a family member or close friend who is no longer able to attend church Mass by paying for her annual dues of \$25? In this way, her years of service would continue and she would receive all the benefits of belonging to the C.W.L. There are Membership envelopes at all entrances to the church. Why not think about it? It's a priceless gift!

**It's Not Too Late**  
There's still time to pay your 2019 dues of \$25. Envelopes are at all entrances to the church. Place them in the collection basket. Your Membership Card will be available for pick up the following week.

P.S.- Membership Cards are available at the Main Entrance



**Knights of Columbus**



K.C. Calendars of Events are found online on our website:  
[www.stpatrickscathedral.ca](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ca)

Click: CWL/KC/Men's Groups