

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

Mon., Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	12:10 pm	Lenten Weekday Mass ( <i>Chair of St. Peter</i> )
Tues., Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am	Lenten Weekday Mass
	6:00 pm	R.C.I.A. ( <i>in Rectory Meeting Room</i> )
Wed., Feb. 24 <sup>h</sup>	9:00 am	Lenten Weekday Mass
Thurs., Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Lenten Weekday Mass
Fri., Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Lenten Weekday Mass
Sat., Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Lord's Day Mass ( <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> )
Sun., Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>		Masses of the Second Sunday of Lent at 8:30 am & 10:30 am

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR  
CATECHUMEN AND CANDIDATES!**



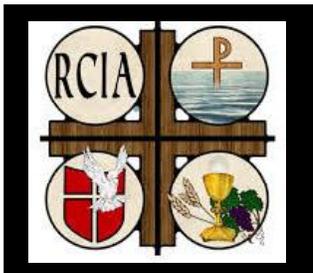
**Bishop Colli's Schedule**  
March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>  
Cathedral Masses

On Saturday evening this weekend, Bishop Colli will officially welcome three individuals who have been journeying in this year's R.C.I.A Process in preparation to receive their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. We congratulate:

**Our Catechumen:**  
Kaleigh Caputo Holy Family Parish. Her Godparent is Janice Caputo. Kaleigh will Baptized and Confirmed and receive her First Eucharist at Easter.

**Our Two Candidates**  
Elizabeth Schefee: Corpus Christi Parish. Her Sponsor is George Melo. Matthew Coulombe: St. Agnes Parish. His Sponsor is David Gibb. At Easter, both Elizabeth and Matthew will be fully received into the Catholic Church, be Confirmed and receive First Eucharist.

**Our R.C.I.A. Team:** Judy Stankus: Director; Deacon Derek and Linda West and Wanda Major.



**NEW OFFICE HOURS**

Our Office is open once again for visits and telephone calls, next Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> on a new schedule of hours. In-person meetings with Msgr. Stilla are still not permitted until restrictions are lifted.

**New Temporary Office Hours**  
**Monday and Friday: Closed**  
**Tues., Wed. and Thurs.:**  
**9:00 am to 12 noon**

**RE-SCHEDULED INTENTIONS**

Mass intentions that were originally scheduled to take place in January and early February have been re-scheduled. We apologize if, due to the lock down situation, these dates may not be the ones that you had requested.

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: 2021**

If you haven't already registered at school for these upcoming Sacraments, you can still do so by printing and completing the forms on the "Bulletins/Schedules/Forms" page on this website and mailing them or delivering them to the Parish Office or to the Church.



**DONATIONS TO THE PARISH DURING THIS PAST WEEK**

Donations ( <i>mailed or delivered to the Office</i> ) .....	\$ 735.00
Online Donations ( <i>Feb. 7 to Feb. 14</i> ) .....	820.00
Monthly Renovations Collection ( <i>more</i> ) .....	65.00
H.S.T. 50% Parish Rebate .....	4, 278.03
<b><u>We thank all of you for generously supporting our Parish during this period of lock down.</u></b>	

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

- \* Donations to the Parish receipts will be mailed directly to your address this week.
- \* The Bishop's Campaign donation receipts are issued by the Diocese.
- \* Online donors can print their receipts from the webpage: [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org).

## YOU WERE ASKING . . . by Msgr. P. Stilla

Since the 2021 R.C.I.A. group is celebrating the 'Rite of Election' this weekend, I have re-printed an older column about the R.C.I.A. Process to again review the different steps involved in it. *P.Stilla*

What does the Acronym mean?

R.C.I.A. is the acronym which stands for "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults". It is the 6 to 7 month process in Catholic Parishes around the world which is entered into by adults who wish to receive Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at Easter. It is also the Process used by adults who are already baptized Christians but who wish to become full members of the Catholic Church.

Catechumens or Candidates?

*Catechumens* are adults who have not been baptized. *Candidates* are those who were already validly baptized in another Faith and who now wish to become Catholics. The R.C.I.A. Process includes these 5 steps:

• The Inquiry Period

During this first step, those who register for the Process and their sponsors gather as a group with the R.C.I.A. Leadership Team for a few weeks or months. By discussing basic Catholic teachings and by asking questions, they use this time to discern whether they are being called to Baptism and/or to full membership in the Catholic Church.

• The 'Rite of Acceptance'

This Liturgical Rite takes place near the beginning of the Advent Season or early in the new Year. During the celebration, those who now feel that they would like to continue on their Faith journey request that the Parish Community officially *accept* them

as *Catechumens* or *Candidates*. At the "Rite of Acceptance" celebration, which usually takes place during Mass, the Parish Rector or Pastor and the Sponsors ritually sign them with the sign of the Cross. God's Word is also entrusted to them to 'light' their Faith journey.

• The 'Rite of Election'

On the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of Lent, usually in his Cathedral, the Diocesan Bishop "*elects*" those who wish, to continue in the Process. He "*enrols*" the names of the Catechumens and acknowledges the Candidates from every Parish in the Diocese. He then sends them forth to prepare for the quickly approaching Easter celebrations.

• The Three 'Scrutinies'  
This brief period of 'purification and enlightenment' takes place on 3 consecutive Sundays in Lent. During Mass on these days, the Catechumens and Candidates make for the first time, or renew their Baptismal vows, renouncing sin and expressing their belief in God.

• The Period of Mystagogy

This last step takes place after Baptism and/or Reception into the Church at Easter. During these few weeks, the newly initiated celebrate their Faith life and begin to deepen their relationship with Christ and their now fellow Catholics by attending Sunday Mass.



Catholic Women's League

Recent Diocesan & Provincial Newsletters: Online

You can access these most recent monthly newsletters on our Parish website: [www.stpatrickscathedral.ca](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ca)

and click on:  
("C.W.L./K.C./Men's Group")



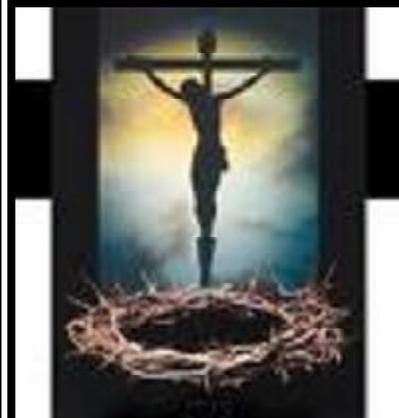
Knights of Columbus



K.C. Membership Drive & Columbus Centre Announcements

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CATHEDRAL WEEKDAY MASSES IN LENT

Monday: 12:10 pm  
Tuesday to Friday  
9:00 am

WAY OF THE CROSS  
Prayed Privately  
this year