



"He was transfigured before them"
(Mark 9: 2-10)

February 28, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

~~Mon., Mar. 1st 12:10 pm Lenton Weekday Mass~~
~~Tues., Mar. 2nd 9:00 am Lenton Weekday Mass~~
 Tues., Mar. 2nd 6:00 pm R.C.I.A. (in Rectory Meeting Room)

**Due to the Ontario "grey zone" guidelines,
 all Masses are cancelled as of March 1, 2021
 and until further notice**

THE OFFICE WILL REMAIN OPEN
Monday & Friday: Closed
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:
9:00 am to 12 noon



~~Bishop Colli's Schedule
 March 6th & 7th
 Cathedral Masses~~

LAST WEEKEND'S R.C.I.A. RITE OF ELECTION MASS



Kaleigh Caputo, (Catechumen)
 Godparent: Janice Caputo.
Elizabeth Schefee: (Candidate)
 Sponsor: George Melo.
Matt Coulombe (Candidate)
 Sponsor : David Gibb.



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www.stpatrickscathedral.ca
 Click on: "Recent Events"



Development and Peace
 CARITAS CANADA
WEEK 2: Share Lent
 Development & Peace provides humanitarian aid to communities coping with climate change, conflict and natural disasters. This week, the 'Share Love, Share Lent' campaign looks at how your solidarity is meaningful for Rohingya refugees and their host communities in Bangladesh. Please pray for communities affected by crises and help by contributing to the collection on the Fifth Sunday of Lent.
devp.org/lent



PARISH DONATIONS DURING THIS PAST WEEK

Donations (mailed or placed in the Collection in Church) ..	\$ 9,963.50
Online Donations (Feb. 14 to Feb. 21)	460.00
Monthly Renovations Collection (more)	530.00
Fuel Collection (more)	330.00
Votive Candles	239.75
St. Anthony's Poor Fund	96.65

Q. A copy of Rembrandt's *'The Return of the Prodigal Son'*, hangs in one of our Cathedral Reconciliation Chapels. Please explain again the significance of the father's two hands on his repentant son's shoulders.

A. Painted in 1669 by the great Dutch Master, Rembrandt van Rijn, this world renowned painting depicts not only the narrative of Jesus' well known parable found in the

Gospel of Luke (15: 11-32) but, it also subtly reveals to us two different aspects of God's infinite mercy. As you mention, these aspects are shown to us by the way the artist has painted the father's two hands placed on his son's shoulders.

THE PARABLE

As we know, the parable's narrative is about two sons. The younger of the two takes his rightful inheritance, abandons his family and foolishly squanders everything he has on a life of debauchery. The older son remains at home and is faithful to his father. Later, when all his money runs out, the younger son returns home and repents of his sinful behaviour. The father forgives him but his older brother never does. Of course, the Father represents God; the younger son, any sinner who repents and; the older son, any self righteous person who despises both the sin and the sinner!



THE 2 SUBTLY DIFFERENT HANDS Looking closely at the painting, we see that the artist has depicted the father's left hand as stereo-typically masculine (*sinewy and stout*) and his right hand as feminine (*agile and gentle*). In this way he reminds us that God possesses both traditionally male and female attributes in Himself because God is neither male nor female. God is just and compassionate.

TWO OTHERS

Unlike the forgiving father, the two gentlemen on the right seem to be condemning the younger boy. Standing upright (and rigid) is the older brother with his hands folded in judgement. Sitting beside him, is a smug looking business associate of the father who wonders how his associate could be so foolish as to forgive his son for such disreputable conduct. Of course we are to imitate the father and not the other two.



Catholic Women's League

1. World Day of Prayer
2. March 7th CWL Gathering : Both on Zoom

For more information about these two special events and how to access them, go to our Parish website: www.stpatrickscathedral.ca and click on: ("C.W.L./K.C./Men's Group")



Knights of Columbus

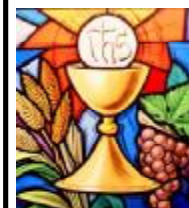


Council 1447

Easter Magnets Available To acquire these "He is Risen" magnets please call:

Louis Romito: 767-6533 or Mike Posmituk: 768-8333.

FIRST COMMUNION



1. This year, our First Communion Teaching Team will prepare the children for this Sacrament, via Zoom. More details to follow.
2. A date for First Communion will be set soon.
3. If you haven't already registered at school call our Parish Office at 622-5389.

CONFIRMATION DATE SET

Bishop Colli announced that Confirmation this year will take place on Sunday, May 23rd at 1 pm in the Cathedral. If you haven't registered, call 622-5389

