



JUBILEE HOLY YEAR 2025
+ *We are Pilgrims of Hope* +



PATRON OF OUR CATHEDRAL



THE PATRON OF CANADA

OUR PATRON SAINTS' SUNDAY and SOLIDARITY SUNDAY
March 16, 2025

Sun., Mar. 16 th	-----	Reception (after last Mass)
Mon, Mar. 17 th	12:10 pm	Feastday Mass of St. Patrick
Tues., Mar. 18 th	9:00 am	Weekday Lenten Mass
	6:00 pm	R.C.I.A. (in Rectory Mtg. Rm.)
Wed., Mar. 19 th	9:00 am	Feastday Mass of St. Joseph
Thurs. Mar. 20 th	9:00 am	Weekday Lenten Mass
Fri., Mar. 21 st	9:00 am	Weekday Lenten Mass
Sat., Mar. 22 nd	10:00 am	1 st Communion Church Tour
	5:00 pm	VIGIL: 3 rd Sunday of Lent
Sun., Mar. 23 rd		MASSSES: 3 rd Sunday of Lent
	10:30 am	R.C.I.A. First Scrutiny Mass
	11:30 am	D. & P. Soup & Bun Luncheon



Our Parish Council invites everyone to our reception in the Auditorium after the 10:30 am Mass this Sunday to celebrate our Patrons. Souvenirs/colouring pages for the children, too.

THIS SUNDAY'S SHARE LENT SYMBOLS OF SOLIDARITY

These Four Symbols Illustrate this year's Share Lent Campaign Theme, "TURN DEBT INTO HOPE"

- A Walking Stick - speaks of the pilgrimage we have undertaken in this Jubilee year as 'Pilgrims of Hope';
- A Pencil & Debt Reduction Graph - invites people to sign a petition calling for debt cancellation and ending the cycle of debt crises by tackling the root causes of indebtedness. Sign the petition at our luncheon or, online at devp.org;
- A Weighing Scale - demonstrates inequity in which countries of the Global South are burdened with debt while the ecological debt owed to them is not acknowledged;
- A Large Dollar Sign - represents the weight of ruinous debt regularly placed on the shoulders of our sisters and brothers in the Global South. *Your D. & P. Parish Team*

WE ARE IN NEED OF YOUR BAKING FOR NEXT WEEKEND

To serve for dessert at next weekend's D. & P. "Soup and Bun" Lunch after the 10:30 am Mass, we ask the bakers among us for baked loaves this year. Please bring them to the Church to any Mass next weekend and leave them on the designated tables at the Cathedral entrance.



CHURCH TOUR

The 1st Communion Children & Parents will be led on a tour of our Cathedral next Saturday with Msgr. Pat at 10 am.

PLEASE PICK UP INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Please remember to take home your donation tax receipts this Sunday. They are at the Church's main entrance

DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 4,166.35
Online/Other Donations	303.00
Missals/Calendars	5.00
Votive Candles	256.00
St. Anthony Poor Fund	114.10

"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK

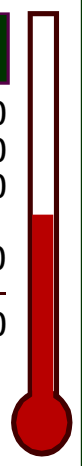
Special Donation	\$ 1,000.00
Free-will & Online Donations	385.00
'Friends' of the Cathedral Donation.....	300.00
In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Meader & Nesplak Families	1,500.00



Donation Totals this Week \$ 3,185.00

TOTAL PLEDGED/COLLECTED TO DATE

*** \$ 1,385,494.00 ***



Q. Where does the word, 'Lent' come from and how long has it been observed in the Church's history? Why does it last for 40 days and why is the R.C.I.A. Process so closely connected to this Penitential Season?

A. In many languages, the word used for this time of the year is a variation of the Latin word, 'quadragesima' ('fortieth'), referring to its duration. However, in our English speaking countries, the season

is called, 'Lent', a term which is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word, 'lencten', which means 'Springtime'.

Why 40 Days?

The number 40 has a special spiritual significance for Jews and Christians, alike. We know that:

- ◆ 'Moses stayed on Mt. Sinai' for 40 days before receiving the 10 Commandments from God. (*Ex 34*);
- ◆ Elijah walked for '40 days' to the Lord's mountain (*1 Kgs 19*), and;
- ◆ Jesus fasted and prayed for '40 days in the desert' before He began His public ministry (*Mt 4*).

'46' Minus Six

It's easy to calculate that there are

actually 46 calendar days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday.

The rea-

son is that for all Christians, Sundays are joyful anniversaries and celebrations of Christ's Resurrection Day and so they can never be part of a penitential season. Once we omit those six Sundays, Lent does, in fact, last for 40 days.

The 'Change of Heart' Season

We are encouraged to heed the wise words of the Prophet, Joel who reminds his contemporaries

to 'rend their hearts and not their garments'. In his day, the Jews tore their clothes during a penitential period as a sign of repentance. Instead, Joel says, forget this dramatic symbolic gesture and instead, embrace a true inner change of heart!

A Long History

Although Lent, as we know it today, became a worldwide annual observance after the legalization of Christianity in 313 A.D., there is evidence that a shorter version of this season was observed by some Church groups as early as 150 A.D.

The R.C.I.A. Link

Lent's connection to our 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' (R.C.I.A.) goes as far back as the end of the 4th century. It was then that this period of 40 days was primarily designated as "a time for catechetical preparation for 'Catechumens' who were preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. It was some time later that this "preparation" season was also extended to those already bap-



Catholic Women's League

FOR OUR CONVENTION ...

1. Our next Convention planning meetings will be held on: Sunday, April 6th after the 10:30 am Mass, and at 10:30 am on Friday, April 18th (Good Friday).
2. The setting up days for the Convention are: Wednesday April 23rd and Thursday, April 24th. Meet both days at 6 pm.
3. Blitzes for in kind and food supplies for Convention coffee breaks and lunches are set for the weekends of March 29/30 and April 5/6. Stay tuned.

CONVENTION WEEKEND

April 25th and 26th

Go online to our Parish website under the League page tab for the revised Convention Registration Form and watch the website and emails for updates.



Knights of Columbus



COR MEETING

Saturday, March 22nd at 9 am at the Columbus Centre

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: 2025

1st Communion Day:
May 4, 2025: 1:00 pm
Confirmation Day
June 8, 2025: 10:30 am



Our Soup & Bun Luncheon tickets are free and are available at the Church's Main Entrance this weekend.