

From the Pastors Desk Cont.

St Vincent de Paul - During this Covid pandemic, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Grafton, has continued to provide services within our community for those requiring assistance. Food deliveries or pick-ups from the church were always part of our support with careful social distancing and wearing masks. Demands have remained constant with additional needs related to fire victims for clothing etc. Currently our cupboard could use donations of personal care products, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jam, instant coffee, canned meats, and cookies. Your generosity has always allowed us to fulfill our mission and for this we truly thank you. - Pat Westrope President, Grafton Conference

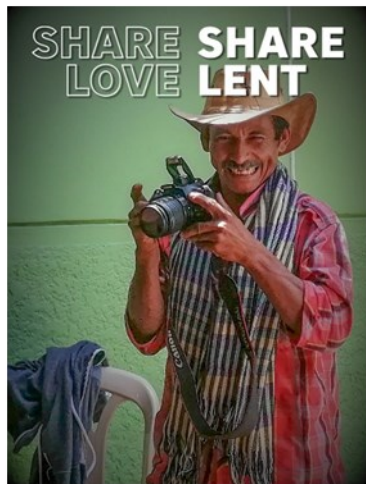
WHAT DOES THE WORD "LENT" MEAN?

The word Lent is apparently derived from the Old English Lencten, which means "lengthen." It refers to the lengthening of the daylight hours as spring approaches. In Latin, Lent is Quadragesima which means forty days. In Christianity, Lent is a time dedicated in a special way to conversion and renewal; to prayer, to fasting and to works of charity, a preparation for baptism or recollection of our baptism, and preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is a season that reminds us to repent and get our lives centered, our priorities straight, and our hearts clean. Lent is a time to journey with Jesus on the Cross, the total giving of his life even to dying on the cross for our salvation.

We go into our own deserts, our own disciplines, our own fast knowing that through the days and months of our lives we have added baggage to our load that is not helpful, is not life giving, and is in the same way an actual wall between us and our God. Lent is not only a time for giving things up. It is also an excellent opportunity for us to take on new practices. It is good not only to give up bad habits, but also to form positive ones. - May God Bless Our Parish Family!

WEEK 3: MARCH 1 TO 7, 2021

Share Love, Share Lent: Strengthening vulnerable communities.



Did you know that Development and Peace supports a school for peasant filmmakers in Colombia?

This week in the *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign, discover the creative ways in which we assist communities in speaking for and taking charge of their own development.

In keeping with the Catholic Social Teaching principle of participation, let your Lenten journey make a difference in the world. Learn about our work and consider giving to help sustain it.

Discern and donate at devp.org/lent.

VIRTUAL EVENT!

March 2 @ 7:00PM EST

Registration link : https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NC_TTvYySs-xTRvxxZmlHg

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*2nd Sunday
of Lent*

February 28th, 2021



**“THIS IS MY
SON, THE
BELOVED,
LISTEN TO
HIM.”**

Education:

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: 905 349-2504
St Mary Elementary School, Grafton:
Nicole McGill, Principal 905 349-2061
St Mary Secondary School, Cobourg:
Jason Roberts, Principal 905 372-4339
Catholic School Board www.pvnccdsb.on.ca

Parish Committees & Organisations:

Finance Committee:
Melissa Lilje, Secretary 905 349-2504
Knights of Columbus: 905 349-2504
Parish Pastoral Council
Fr. Asisclo Podelino Chairperson
Music at Mass:
Lorraine Schagen,
5 pm Mass on Sat 905 344-8310
Gay Stratford, Organist
10 am Mass on Sun 905 349-2861
Altar Servers
Parish Office 905-349-2504

St Mary's Catholic Women's League:
Pat Murphy, President 905 349-2847
Alta Vance, Religious Articles 905 344-7443
CWL Diocesan website:
www.peterboroughcwl.ca
St Mary's Cemetery Board:
Melissa Lilje, Secretary 905 349-2504
St Vincent de Paul Society 905 377-3263
Eucharistic Ministers
Bruce Lawson 905-349-2751
Ushers
Parish Office 905-349-2504
Lectors
Richard Holland 905-349-3710
Development and Peace
Suzanne Liptay 905-372-3031
Parish Library
Parish Office 905-349-2250

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 8:30 am & 4:30 pm, or anytime on request.

First Friday of the Month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9am

THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28TH AT THE ALTAR

Mar. 1, Mon., Feria - 9 am -

Mar. 2, Tues., Feria - 9 am -

Mar 3, Wed., Feria - 4:30 pm -

Mar 4, Thurs, Feria - 4:30 pm -

Mar 5, Fri., Feria - 4:30 pm -

Mar 6, Sat. Feria - 9 am

Mar 6, Sat., 3rd Sunday of Lent

5 pm - **Dorothy Ann Sheppard** [The Family]

Mar 7, Sun., 3rd Sunday of Lent

9 am - **For the people of the Parish**

11am - **Yvette Dénoimé** [Marcelle Rivard]

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Mar 6 & 7	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Lectors	Paula Blick	Michael Stephenson	Richard Holland
Eucharistic Ministers	Ian Manley	Bernadette Murray	Judith Goulin
Ushers/Greeters	Darrell Manley Noelle Manley	Ed Nemec Theo Mensen	Oledele Adebayo Joe Okane

Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and People of the Parish of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lindsay.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

PARISH NEWS PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$3,507.00	\$2,205.00
Building Maintenance	\$190.00	\$0.00
Heating	\$185.00	\$0.00

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Stations of the Cross - Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 7 pm during Lent.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support in sending in your donations!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES in March: Larry & Irene Flood (59 years on March 3rd), Vince & Diane Meekes (34 years on March 7th). God's Blessings on both of you!

OUR PARISH WEBSITE is now up and running. Please visit the website for Parish and Diocesan Information and the Weekly Bulletin.

During these pandemic days, dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues, that is, you are not obligated to attend Sunday mass at this time. Some parishioners may be afraid of catching the virus or there may not be any space in your local church to allow you to participate physically. It is not the law, but you are strongly advised to wear masks while in church. If you like, you can purchase one from the back of the church. They cost \$1.00 each, which is what we paid for them.

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Canadian Catholic Church since 1967. It supports communities in low-income countries in their struggles for justice and equality. It holds annual campaigns to educate us as Canadians about the root causes of global poverty and to mobilize us to act for change.

This Share Lent Campaign theme is *Share Love, Share Lent*, inspired by the message of social fraternity in Pope Francis' latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*.

For more information, go to the D&P website: devp.org

A weekly webinar on this year's theme is available on the website.