

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



## MASSSES OF THE WEEK

### Sunday, March 5

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.  
10:30 a.m. For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

### Monday, March 6

9:00 a.m. -----

### Tuesday, March 7

9:00 a.m. For the Simon Julien family.

### Wednesday, March 8

9:00 a.m. For the souls in purgatory.

### Thursday, March 9

9:00 a.m. For the repose of the soul of Hans Koeck.

### Friday, March 10

9:00 a.m. For Giovanna Scopelliti by her son and family.

### Saturday, March 11

9:00 a.m. **NO 9:00 a.m. MASS.**  
4:30 p.m. For Jim Scopelliti by his brother and family.

## PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Monique Beaudry, Bernice Noonan, Erin Burnett, Louis Morissette, Sara Hernandez Arias, Marcelo Pimentel, Franco Azua Arias and Moli Coletti.



## Lectors & Commentators

### Saturday, March 11

4:30 p.m. Cathy Major  
*Commentator: Jerra Kosick*

### Sunday, March 12

9:00 a.m. Jane Arbour  
*Commentator: George Hack*  
10:30 a.m. Maria Gillis  
*Commentator: Marie Comisso*

## ✱ EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ✱

### Saturday, March 11

4:30 p.m. Sheila McGlynn

### Sunday, March 12

9:00 a.m. Jill Boyce  
10:30 a.m. Angela Bowen  
*Chalice: Angèle Bassolé & Kathy McVean*

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

**For Evangelization:** That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Monthly General meeting on **Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. All members are welcome.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Our semi-annual Anointing of the Sick during the Mass will take place on **Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.** A light lunch will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome.

## MARRIGE PREPARATION COURSE

St. Theresa Parish will host a marriage preparation course on **Frid. evening, April 28<sup>th</sup> and all day Sat., April 29<sup>th</sup>.** Call the parish office for details & registration.

## SHAMROCKS FOR ST. PAT'S HOME

are available at the back of the church. Good will offerings are exclusively for the residents.

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – CARITAS CANADA

was founded in 1967 by the Canadian Catholic Bishops as a means of inspiring Canadians to act in solidarity with their sisters and brothers in the Global South suffering from the injustice of poverty.

The 2017 Share Lent campaign focuses on Women at the Heart of Change. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada has chosen to put women at the forefront of the Campaign, not just to highlight their role and special importance in development, but also to unearth the deep roots of inequality that persists in all spheres of our societies.

### PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to make Pre-Authorized Donations. Everyone is encouraged to consider these options for Sunday donations. You will find a form on our website ([sttheresa@rogers.com](mailto:sttheresa@rogers.com)) that, when completed will allow the parish to either make automatic withdrawals from your bank account or charge your credit card. For more information, contact the office at 613-235-5119.



Sunday Collection February 26: \$ 3,421.

We sincerely thank you for your generosity.

### IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA MOVIE- OTTAWA PREMIERE

A full-length feature film about St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus. **Fri., Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.** Ottawa Family Cinema, 710 Broadview Ave. Tickets: [www.familycinema.ca/shows/3215html/](http://www.familycinema.ca/shows/3215html/).

### CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR LIFE & FAMILY

**Seminar: Sex, Gender and Ideology. March 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>** in Gatineau. Simultaneous translation. Details, registration, questions: (613-241-9461 x161); ([colf@colf.ca](mailto:colf@colf.ca)).

Love transforms one into what one loves –  
St. Catherine of Siena.

### Protection of Conscience RIGHTS

The following sample letter is for your consideration when writing to your MPP in regards to the lack of conscience protection in Bill 84.

Dear Member of Provincial Parliament:

As your constituent, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding conscience rights. I understand that the Ontario government has introduced Bill 84, *Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) Statute Law Amendment Act* which, at present, does not provide conscience protection for doctors and health care providers who conscientiously object to taking part in MAID.

Despite conscience protection in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and language in federal Bill C-14 that no health care professional should be compelled to provide or assist in providing these procedures, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) requires an “effective referral” for “Medical Assistance in Dying”. For doctors or health care workers who are unable to participate, an effective referral is akin to performing the procedure. Doctors may have an objection for any number of reasons: conscience, ethics, moral convictions or the Hippocratic Oath.

Ontario now has an opportunity to offer the same conscience protection that is in place in every other country worldwide where medical assistance in dying has been legalized. Why won't Ontario respect these fundamental rights?

To protect conscience rights and prevent the thousands of objecting physicians and health care providers from being forced out of their practice, I ask you to support the following:

- 1) An amendment to Bill 84 that would provide robust conscience protection: health care workers should not be forced to refer for, perform or assist in MAID against their will and should not be discriminated against for taking this stand.
- 2) Creation of a Care Coordination Service consistent with the approach of Alberta, which protects both patients and health care workers.

I respectfully request that you make every effort to raise this issue with your colleagues as soon as possible. Know that I very much appreciate the important work you do each day on behalf of your constituents.

Thank you,

Name:

Email:

Postal Code: