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40 Varley Drive

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5115 Kanata Avenue



ST. ISIDORE

Roman Catholic Parish

Sunday Bulletin • First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2025

Pastor's Message



This Sunday – as is the practice on the First Sunday of Lent at Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Archbishop will welcome for the Rite of Election those who are journeying in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program in our diocese. By this Rite, those adults who are not baptized will become “catechumens”, officially members of our Catholic Church, as they begin the proximate preparation for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil. We are

informed by Diocesan Pastoral Services that there is a remarkable increase in the number of adults who are intending to be baptized this year – almost triple the average of recent years. Among the group are three adults from our parish who have been exploring, praying and discussing about our faith for some months. They will share their journey in a public way with us by the celebration of the Scrutinies on three of the coming Sundays of Lent. Their public expression of their faith journey is a blessing for our faith community who accompanies them. Please keep them in your prayers as we experience the solidarity of our Lenten pilgrimage.

During my 2016 sabbatical in Rome, I had the opportunity during Lent to participate in the daily pilgrimage to the Station Churches of Rome. Pope St. Gregory the Great standardized the Stational Churches in Rome around the year 600, and since that time, they have, with few exceptions, remained the same. The faithful observed the “stations” by first gathering at a specified church in the city. They walked in procession to the shrine of an apostle or martyr at the station church, the daily *statio* (“standing place”), designated for that day. The word *statio* derives from the Latin verb *sto*, “to stand” and signified how early Christians gathered and “stood with” the local clergy in this special procession and liturgy. One way to participate in this Lenten tradition of Rome is to use the book *Roman Pilgrimage: The Station Churches* of which George Weigel is the principal author. It is also a way to make a “virtual pilgrimage to Rome” during this Jubilee Year.

Our Parish Finance Council met last Tuesday. The members welcomed Anita Caputo who served on the Finance Council some years ago. The Council continues to review and clarify the Financial Report for 2024, prepare the 2025 Budget and consider ways to improve the financial reporting. With respect to a review of our facilities, the members took note of a number of repairs and replacements that will be necessary this year, including roof leaks in the church entrances and sacristy corridor; replacement of one of the heating units of the church HVAC system; and the installation of the attic windows in the rectory and of the related fascia. The Council will next meet on Tuesday March 25.

Fr. Kevin

Sunday Readings

Sunday, March 9th, First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26.4–10

This is how the chosen people are to confess their faith.

Psalms 91

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Romans 10.8–13

This is how believers in Christ profess their faith.

Luke 4.1–13

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness: there he was tempted.

Liturgies

Saturday, March 8th – 1st Sunday of Lent

Confessions – 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm

4:30 pm For the Intentions of the Living and Deceased members of St. Isidore Parish

Sunday, March 9th – 1st Sunday of Lent

9:00 am + John Sullivan by Joanne Williamson

+ Kenneth Laturnus by John and Germaine Gaudet

+ Joan Shaw by Larry and Jan LeSage

11:00 am + Germaine Kearns by Julia O'Neill

+ George Thomas Brothers by Mary Jane Donohue

Tuesday, March 11th

9:00 am + Leon Choffin by Mary Jane Donohue

Wednesday, March 12th

9:00 am Praying for the closure of the Bank Street abortion facility and the conversion of the staff by 40 Days for Life Ottawa

Thursday, March 13th

9:00 am + Sister Anna Chan, S.C. by Parishioners

7:00 pm Confessions and Adoration

Friday, February 21st

Confessions – 9:00 am to 9:45 am, and 7:00 to 8:00 pm

10:00 am For the Deceased members of the De Baets Family by Leonard and Monique De Baets

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Parish Announcements

❖ The **Saint Vincent de Paul Ottawa Central Council Multifairth Housing committee** would like to thank all parishioners of Saint Isidore's Parish who donated to their Affordable Housing project for Indigenous and homeless families. Your donations of \$6,940 will go a long way in helping us to achieve our goal to raise \$300,000. Thank you for your generosity.

❖ **Youth programmes:**

❖ **Faith and Fellowship Youth Night** this Saturday, March 8th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall for students in grades 6 to 12. Pre-register [here](#).

❖ **March Break Board Game and Chess club** for students grades 6 and up Monday March 10th, Tuesday March 11th and Wednesday March 12th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in the Gathering Room. Board games are provided but feel free to bring your own.

❖ **2024 Tax receipts are in the mail**

All remaining charitable tax receipts for 2024 donations, which weren't picked up in the vestibule last month, have been mailed out. Due to technical difficulties, receipts will not be sent by email. Thank you for your understanding and your ongoing support.

❖ On the weekends of March 8th and 9th, 15th and 16th, the Knights of Columbus will have **Shamrocks** available in the vestibule after the Masses **in support of the residents of Saint Patrick's Home**. A freewill offering would be very much appreciated. All proceeds from the sale of the shamrocks go to support social and leisure activities of the residents.

❖ **Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross Fridays**

Join us on **Lenten Fridays** (March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th; April 4th and 11th) for **Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross**. It combines nourishment for both the body and the soul. We will gather in the Parish Hall, starting at 6:00 pm, to enjoy soup prepared by the Catholic Women's League (free will offering) and then participate in the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

❖ **Would you like to share your Gifts of Time and Talent?**

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering in one of the Ministries below. Our Ministry leads will contact you. You may call Antonella at (613) 592-1961 ext. 1 or fill in [this form](#)

Lectors	Eric Funk
Ushers / Collectors	Dan Fischer
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Desjardins
High School Volunteers	Antonella del Papa
Welcome Hosts	Teresa Mallen
Sacristans	Jacques St. Denis
Altar Servers	Anne Seniuk
Pastoral Care	Dcn. Hugh O'Donnell

In our community

❖ **Lenten Talk: Mercy and the Mass.** Every celebration of the Eucharist is an instance of God's mercy made manifest in our world, our parish and our lives. Fr. Geoff Kerlake will give a talk on how God's mercy is invoked, implored and manifested in every celebration of the Mass. This Wednesday, March 12th, from 7 to 8:30 pm at Holy Spirit Parish (1489 Shea Rd.).

❖ **St. Patrick's Day Pilgrimage** (Monday, March 17th) Join the 9 am Mass at St. Patrick's Fallowfield and pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Basilica. The 28 km walk will take approximately 8 hours, leaving at 9:45am and concluding with a potluck reception in the Scavi of St. Patrick's Basilica. Click [here](#) for more information.