

March 1, 2015



**ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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*PASTOR: Father Anthony Gonsalves*

**TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS**

DATE	TIME	MASS FOR
Saturday, Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 p.m.	+Andrew Ferrone
Sunday, Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 a.m.	+Maria Theresa Amaral
Monday, Mar. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00 p.m.	+Maria and Ignacy Kubow
Tuesday, Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Horace and Margaret
Wednesday, Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	+Dorothy Harrington
Thursday, Mar. 5 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Fiona
Friday, Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Evelyn Snigen
Saturday, Mar. 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Fiona
Saturday, Mar. 7 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 p.m.	+Rosemary Kyrie
Sunday, Mar. 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Monday, Mar. 9 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	+Lily Chau
Tuesday, Mar. 10 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	+The Kubow Family
Wednesday, Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	+Basil Harrington
Thursday, Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Fiona
Friday, Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	+Lily Chau
Saturday, Mar. 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+Evelyn Snigen

**Rosary:** 20 minutes prior to weekday and Saturday morning Masses

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Please Pray For: Deb McCabe, Gord Winette, Alanna Ramsden, Angela Gonsalves, Flavia Barros,  
Maria Dias and Maria Sousa

Kindly let us know when the sick are blessed with healing.

**Parish Council**

Kathy O'Donnell 705-484-5742

**Liturgy Committee** Choir:

Joan Dunbar 705-484-5287  
Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors  
Diane Conway 705-484-5925

**Catholic Women's League**

Donna Page 705-484-0057

**Finance Committee**

Herb Phillipps 705-484-0547

**Cemetery Board**

Ruth Windatt 705-426-7117

**Maintenance Committee**

Dave McCarthy 705-426-7868

**Fundraising Committee**

Mary Jane Whalen 705-484-0063

**Foley Catholic School**

705-484-5940  
Pat Shannon Principal

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Date	Offertory	Restoration
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	\$1548.00	\$ 475.75
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	\$1191.00	\$ 395.80
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	\$1583.00	\$1986.00
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	\$1191.50	\$ 488.20

THANK YOU to all parishioners for your generous contributions!

### SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

*Lent* is a solemn religious observance in the *liturgical* calendar of many Christian denominations that begins on *Ash Wednesday* and covers a period of approximately six weeks before *Easter Sunday*. The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through *prayer, penance, and repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement and self-denial*. Its institutional purpose is heightened in the annual commemoration of Holy Week, marking the death, burial and *resurrection* of Jesus, further climaxing on Jesus' *crucifixion on Good Friday*, which ultimately culminates in the joyful celebration of *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ*. Lent is traditionally described as lasting for forty days in commemoration of the *forty days* which, according to the Gospels of *Mar, Matthew and Luke*, Jesus spent, before beginning His *public ministry*, fasting in the desert, where He endured temptation by the *Devil*.

### SPIRITUAL MATTERS

During Lent, many Christians commit to *fasting* or giving up certain types of *luxuries* as a form of penitence. Many Christians also add a Lenten Spiritual discipline, such as reading a *daily devotional*, to draw themselves near to God. The *Stations of the Cross*, a devotional commemoration of *Christ's carrying the Cross* and of *His execution* are often observed. Many *Roman Catholic* and some *Protestant* churches remove flowers from their sanctuaries, while *crucifixes, religious statues, and other* elaborate religious symbols are often veiled in violet fabric in solemn observance of the event. Throughout *Christendom*, some adherents mark the season with the traditional abstention from the consumption of meat, most notably among Roman Catholics. For us, the abstinence from meat is to be observed on all Fridays during Lent. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on *Ash Wednesday & Good Friday*. *The law of Abstinence* binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. *The Law of fasting* binds those who have attained their majority, until the beginning of their sixtieth year.

### SPIRITUAL WISDOM

The Jewish notables in Jesus' day did lots of good works. Many of them were in the good-works business primarily to earn the praise of others. In doing so, they missed out on another kind of reward—a reward than can be ours, too, with the right heart attitude—praise from God. Jesus probably stunned His audience when He said that if they were doing in exchange for applause from others, they shouldn't count on a reward from God. He acknowledged that good works are good works no matter what the intent. When we do good works, we should enjoy the good feeling we get. If we receive the praise of others, we need to relish that too. But we always need to keep our focus on the people we're helping and not on what we hope to gain. We ought to seek our emotional reward from helping a child, doing a good turn to our neighbour, lending a helping hand to a local missions group, visiting older folks whose children may live in another province. We'll get an even greater reward someday from God, which is surely something to look forward to.

*Truly in Christ,*

*Fr. Anthony Gonsalves*