

February 28 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, February 27th

4:30 Catherine and Nicholas Myronick by Maureen and Ron Blizchuk

Sunday, February 28th

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10:30 Germaine and Leonard Mallette by Ann & Louis Mallette

Monday, March 1st

9:00 Francis Branagan by Father MacEachen

Tuesday, March 2nd

9:00 Return to Health for Robert Eric Tan by the Family

Wednesday, March 3rd

9:00 Ughella Decio by Angela Sacconaghi

Thursday, March 4th No Mass

St. Casimir

Friday, March 5th

World Day of Prayer

9:00 Special Intention of Teresa Doyle

Saturday, March 6th

4:30 Patsy Rochon by Teresa Rochon

*This week the Sanctuary lamp
will burn in memory of*

Daniel C. Lopez

by the Family

REFLECTION

Today's readings are a powerful testimony to God's profound love for each one of us. It is a reminder for us, as Christian stewards, to surrender all that we have to the Gracious Giver.

The First Reading from Genesis is the infamous story of God putting Abraham to the test. God commands Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, to the Lord as a sacrifice. Abraham obeys the Lord. Yet, a messenger of the Lord cries out at the last moment to stop him. Because of Abraham's faithfulness and surrender to the Lord, he is blessed abundantly.

We can only imagine how Abraham felt, offering the life of his son, not understanding why, but blindly obeying. Yet, Abraham's response of total surrender to God's plan is a testament to trust in God's deep love for us. As Christian stewards, we are called to surrender all to the Lord — our time, our talents and even our material possessions. We should willingly give God our entire lives with the confidence that He will take care of us.

St. Paul echoes this message so beautifully in our Second Reading. He says, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son who suffered, died and rose for us. He has given us His very best. Can we not entrust our entire lives to Him knowing He will continue to pour out His love on us?

As we continue our journey through Lent, let us reflect on God's profound love for us.

www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

2020 Tax Receipts

Your 2020 Donation Tax Receipts have been prepared and were mailed out to you. For any queries email: ascensionparish375@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

Weekly Donation Envelope Boxes

Parishioners who use the envelope system for their parish contribution will find the 2021 boxes available at the main entrance of the church. Please be sure to pick up only the box that has your name and number on it. Boxes are in alphabetical order. If you are currently not able to attend Mass in person or if you don't have a donation envelope box—but would like to make your weekly donations to the parish using this method, or if you have any questions please contact the parish office. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

A SELECTION OF ONLINE LENT RESOURCES

1. <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>
Everyday Lent Resources including a Lenten Online Retreat.
Eight Weeks of Retreat -From Ash Wednesday Week to the Second Week of Easter

2. [IgnatianSpirituality.com](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com) <http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/>
Online Retreats and Prayers includes:

An Ignatian Prayer Adventure Join in an adapted version of the Spiritual Exercises, perfectly timed as a Lent and Easter retreat. Materials are based on The Ignatian Adventure, and Loyola

Press bloggers will offer weekly reflections during the season. Use as much or as little of the material as helps you in your Ignatian adventure

3. Living Lent Daily <http://www.loyolapress.com/living-lent-daily.htm>

Living Lent Daily features prayers, thoughts and more each day to inspire you throughout your Lenten journey. A new article will become available daily throughout Lent.

4. <http://www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year-lent.htm>

Take advantage of Lent as a wonderful time for spiritual renewal. You will find a variety of articles, activities, and other resources that will aid you in this special time of prayer and preparation .

5. **From the Archdiocese: New Resource Page dedicated to the Season of Lent**

To help you prepare for Easter, different liturgical and community resources will be made available on this page, including Gospel reflections for each Sunday during Lent, online retreats, and more to come.

<https://diocesemontreal.org/en/lent-season>

Week 2: 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. Discover more activities and join Catholics across Canada on a journey of love and solidarity throughout the Lenten period. For inspiration, information, to follow our solidarity calendar and to donate, visit devp.org/lent.

Pillars Trust Fund February “The Heart of Giving!” month

What do Valentine and Lent have in common? LOVE! Why? Both express love for one another. “Be my Love!” and “God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son” are closer in meaning than we think. We are sharing God’s love for us when we share that love with those who need our help.

Pillars Trust can help you help others. By sharing your love through Pillars, you will be helping Ascension parish to reach out to your shut-in parishioners, young seminarians for the priesthood, social services . As we make our personal sacrifices for Lent perhaps, perhaps we can add a small donation to Pillars Trust that will be used for the benefit of the English Catholic Community. All donations \$10 and more are eligible for a tax receipt.

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Wishing you a Happy Valentines Day and a blessed and fruitful Lent!

We invite you to watch the following short video message:

<https://www.pillarstrust.org/2021/02/february-heart-of-giving-month/>