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*My soul magnifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God
my Savior;
because He has regarded the lowliness
of His handmaid;
for behold, henceforth all generations
shall call me blessed;
because He who is mighty has done
great things for me, and holy is His
name;
and His mercy is from generation to
generation on those who fear Him.
He has shown might with His arm,
He has scattered the proud in the
conceit of their heart.
He has put down the mighty from
their thrones, and has
exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good
things, and the rich
He has sent away empty.
He has given help to Israel, his serv-
ant, mindful of His mercy
even as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his posterity
forever. Amen*



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Development and Peace (*The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace*) is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis. Development and Peace is a membership led organization supported by parish collections, individual donations and government grants, principally from Global Affairs Canada.

Our mission: Support partners in the Global South who promote alternatives to unfair social, political and economic structures, and educate the Canadian population about the causes of poverty and mobilize Canadians towards actions for change. In the struggle for human dignity, the organization forms alliances with northern and southern groups working for social change. It also supports women in their search for social and economic justice.

Our action: For over 50 years, Development and Peace has supported 15,200 local initiatives in fields such as agriculture, education, community action as well as the consolidation of peace and advocacy for human rights in 70 countries.

Our objectives: Inspired by Gospel values and in particular the preferential option for the poor, our objectives are to support the actions of people in the Global South so that they can take control of their destiny and educate Canadians on issues related to North-South imbalance.

Our belief: We believe that Canadians of all religious beliefs have a responsibility to help the world's poor and disadvantaged, either by urging governments, corporations and others to implement change, or by donating time or money to support development efforts. Populations in the Global South have access to a better life provided they have the necessary economic and social instruments.

In his recent encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis calls upon us to live the love that would make us "one great family, where all of us can feel at home"; a love that "exudes compassion and dignity." (*Fratelli Tutti*, 62.)

With the entire human family suffering from COVID-19, the *Share Lent* campaign invites us to **share love and express solidarity** with our sisters and brothers in the Global South, **whose vulnerabilities are being exacerbated** by the pandemic. Remembering the inherent dignity of all human beings, let us heed the Pope's reminder that "justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day." (*Fratelli Tutti*, 11.) During this Season of Lent, we will be providing you with information about this years campaign, "**Share Love, Share Lent**", and how we can all come together as one global community to ensure and promote the common good, peace and good will for all.

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They were able to collect at the Monthly Food Drive 768 lbs. of food. Thank you again for your generosity



February 21, 2021

First Sunday in LENT

Mass Schedule Week of February 22nd - 28th

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| Monday 9:00AM | February 22nd +Lawrence Downey |
| Tuesday 9:00AM | February 23rd SI Adessa MacDonald (Birthday) |
| Wednesday 11:00AM 12:00Noon | February 24th Exposition /Adoration +William Roberts |
| Thursday 9:00AM | February 25th +Dave Phillips |
| Friday 6:16PM 7:00PM Mass | February 26th Stations of the Cross SI For Those Kept Apart From Loved Ones Due To COVID19 |
| Saturday 4:00PM | February 27th +David Phillips |
| Sunday, 9:00AM 9:00AM | February 28th +Johann Ertler 57th Wedding Anniversary of Barb & Jack Ataman |
| 11:00AM (B) (B) Baysville | People of the Parish |

Confessions Sat. 3:15pm - 3:45pm

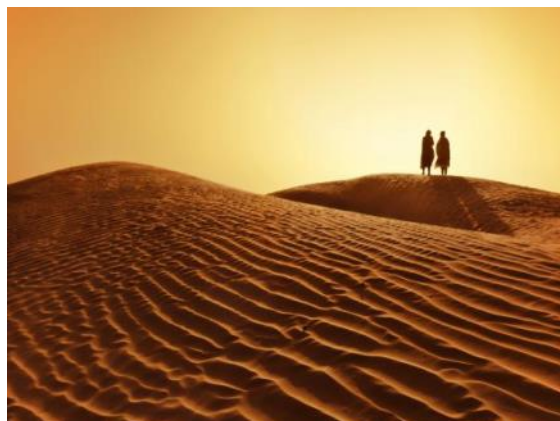
Let us pray for our loved ones who have died

And join our prayers with those who are in need ...

Rebecca Muzzi, Ian Bruce, Sam Muzzi, Joe Hanrath, Pamela Festing, Connie Gregory, John Schreurs, Robert Foley, Steven Knox, Claudette Mainville, Ruth Anne Foley, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Patricia Quinn, Brian Haywood, Ed Quinn, Peter Tompkin, Alana Murphy, Brian Dittmar, Peter Gos, Ben Boivin, Pauline Pilon, Vano Mauro, William Hanrath, Sharon Boivin, John MacInnis & Jim Poling

~ And those for whom we hold in the silence of our hearts ~

If there is someone you would like to have added to our prayer list, please contact the office. Thank you



Mark's Account of the Wilderness Experience / Mark 1.12 - 15

Mark is pithy in his account of Jesus' desert experience. It is almost reminiscent of a grocery list: He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the Angels waited on him (Mark 1.13). It is all 'matter of fact', it happened, now let us get on with what really matters, which is what happens after he leaves the wilderness (Mark 1.14-15). When we turn to the wilderness accounts found in Matthew (4.1-11) and Luke (4.1-12), it is here where we are given a few details as to what were the temptations facing Jesus, and will see that these temptations remain with him throughout his life, up to his crucifixion. But if I may suggest, that there is one small detail that we may unfortunately skip over in this brief gospel passage. It is Mark 1.12, 'the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness'.

In both Matthew and Luke we read, "Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness" (Mt. 4.1a) (Luke 4.1b). The imagery here is quite pastoral, gentle and unhurried. Mark on the other hand says that Jesus was 'driven by the Spirit into the wilderness'. This action of being driven by the Spirit is neither pastoral nor gentle. It is as the word suggests, to be full of having a compulsive or urgent quality to have something happen. This driving force is within God's Spirit. We are given the impression that God's Spirit has within it the determination to succeed with which it has set its mind upon bringing about. We see God's Spirit as a force highly energetic, powerful and motivated with one singular purpose and that is to push, propel Jesus into the wilderness. The Spirit wants Jesus to be in the wilderness, but there is no indication that this is where he wants to be.

When we consider what is meant by the 'wilderness' we may conjure up images of an uncultivated, uninhabited, and more importantly an 'inhospitable region'. It is not a place where one could easily live, but more likely, where one would certainly perish, unless of course you tame it, or domesticate it according to one's own design. People live in Arizona because they have brought the creature comforts with them into the wilderness. But then it is no longer the wilderness, is it? This however is not what happened with Jesus. He was driven into the wilderness and was confronted by the wilderness and everything in it. The question then is why would God's Spirit do this? Perhaps Jesus' entering the wilderness was not something random or inconsequential, but deemed to be urgent and purposeful. If Jesus had not entered the wilderness, who he would become, what he would say and do, might well have never happened. Mark therefore isn't glossing over this event, but perhaps is saying to us, it is essential that we are all be driven into the wilderness by God's Spirit, and there, we discern for ourselves what is to be so urgently awakened within us.

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Weekend of February 27/28, 2021

| | 4:00PM Mass | 9:00AM Mass | 11:00AM Mass |
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| Readers | Victoria Baumgart | Judith Gottschalk | Bob Lacroix |
| Ushers | Walter Grys, Tracy Shisko Marguerite Goodfellow Ben Boivin | Walter Grys Mary Kudryk Al Kudryk Lou Luvison | John MacInnis Jean MacInnis Linda Lacroix Hugh Knox |
| Counters | Tuesday March 2nd | Wanda Roberts | & Mary Kudryk |
| Sanitizers | Scheduled | Scheduled | |

"What makes the desert so beautiful is that somewhere it hides a well"

Antoine de Saint Exupery

"Here is good news: God is even more committed to your change, to your growth, to your transformation than you are" / *Kevin DeYoung*

"We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God"

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Parish Pastoral

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive - That took place this past **Tuesday, February 16th**, was again a huge success due to your generous giving. Through your food donations they were able to collect **768 lbs.** That is phenomenal and a great blessing. Thank you so much!

We have returned to Mass as of February 16th. Welcome BACK!

Hot Lunch Tuesday: Will be continuing this wonderful gesture of kindness in our community. Your helpful support will be greatly appreciated. You may drop off your donations to the office, during office hours. Thank you.



Purple Bells / Water Colour
By Jarmila Zacal

I find water colours so beautiful in that you are able to capture many effects, moods and layers. They are also extremely temperamental to work with and so require your full attention.

I find in this painting of Purple Bells to have an ethereal presence in that the flowers themselves tend to blend with both the foreground and background, but all the while remain in focus. This composition so gently plays with your sense of perspective and depth. The shadows that are cast, create this continuity beyond the flowers themselves.

I appreciate the choice of the colour yellow to best compliment the blue/purple, making the whole painting light and airy, a promise of freshness and newness. The subtle use of green gingerly sprinkled throughout the bouquet of flowers, gives it a Springtime quality that speaks to the vibrant and pouring forth of life. The flowers appear to be spilling out of the vase, as a flower opening up and out to the world.

The more you look at this painting, one cannot help but feel both a calmness and an openness to the subtly of life. Thank you Jarmila for sharing this gift with us all.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays during Lent at 6:15PM, followed with Mass at 7PM

2020 Charitable Donations: Your Tax Receipts are now available for pick up, either at the office, or at the back of the church, following Mass. Thank you.

Please Note: All mass intentions that were scheduled from December 26th and going forward, will be rebooked. They will be said when the lock down has ended (beginning February 16th) and you can be present. You will be notified of the date for the mass.

February - Black History Month Rosa Parks

Rosa Parks (1913 - 2005) helped initiate the civil rights movement in the United States when she refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama bus in 1955. Her actions inspired the leaders of the local Black community to organize the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Led by a young Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the boycott lasted more than a year - during which Parks not coincidentally lost her job - and ended only when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that bus segregation was unconstitutional.

Facing continued harassment and threats in the wake of the boycott, Parks, along with her husband and mother, eventually decided to move to Detroit, where Parks' brother resided

Over the next half-century, Parks became a nationally recognized symbol of dignity and strength in the struggle to end entrenched racial segregation. She traveled to lend her support to civil-rights events and causes and wrote an autobiography, "Rosa Parks: My Story." In 1999, Parks

was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor the United States bestows on a civilian. Other recipients have included George Washington, Thomas Edison, Betty Ford and Mother Teresa. When she died at age 92 on October 24, 2005, she became the first woman in the nation's history to lie in honor at the U.S. Capitol.

Here are a few of her words ...

"Stand for something or you will fall for anything. Today's mighty oak is yesterday's nut that held its ground."

"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right. I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear."

"Racism is still with us. But it is up to us to prepare our children for what they have to meet, and, hopefully, we shall overcome."

"People always say that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired, but that isn't true. I was not tired physically ... No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in."

Development and Peace

For over 50 years, Development and Peace has been organizing its Share Lent campaign, to raise awareness among parishioners on issues of international solidarity so as to assist our poorest sisters and brothers through over 100 projects in 30 countries in the global south.

This year's campaign theme, "Share Love, Share Lent", is inspired by the message of love and social fraternity in Pope Francis's encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti' - love of our neighbour.

Dear Parishioners,

Your continued support of your parish is very much appreciated and needed.

Let us continue to pray for both the good and wellbeing of ourselves and of one another, as we find ways to strengthen our bonds of friendship and kindness.

Praying unceasingly with hope and joy is its own reward.