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The Magnificat

*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 - A Parish Address

A brief presentation was given at the end of Masses last weekend by Mr. Grant Mantha, Parish Coordinator of the Development and Peace Ministry. These words are worth repeating, and taking time to sit with and reflect upon ...

LENT is a time for three things ... Penance, Prayer, and Almsgiving. I am here to ask that you consider, as part of your Lenten Alms Giving, to support our Annual *SHARE LENT, SHARE LOVE* campaign. This year's campaign is appropriately called, **RECOVERING TOGETHER**.

This pandemic has put our human family in a global crisis. Severe malnutrition and extreme poverty are increasing around the world as people get sick and jobs are lost. Refugees, women and Indigenous peoples face the worst impacts of the pandemic, as the **challenges** of the virus add to their extremely vulnerable situation. The pandemic began while we were already facing another threat - the global climate crisis.

Both COVID-19 and climate change have **exposed the deepening inequalities** in our country and around the world. The people who were already living on the front lines of the climate crisis, especially in the Global South, are also **the most vulnerable** to the risks of the COVID-19 pandemic, and they have the fewest resources to recover.

The COVID-19 crisis / the climate crisis, have exposed the deep inequalities in the economic and social structures throughout the world. In order to rebuild in a way that ensures justice for all people and care for our common home, **we must address the basic needs of the most vulnerable and marginalized.** The virus has reminded us that we are all interconnected, and that we must ensure that **all of us are part of the solution.**

The response to the pandemic has also shown just how fast and powerfully governments can respond when there is an emergency. We know that it is possible to have a just recovery that will reduce global inequality, while respecting our planet's limits by dramatically reducing carbon emissions.

We are at a critical juncture for our common home.

The challenge is clear, *"to live the love that would make us one great family, where all of us can feel at home"* (Pope Francis). How we respond, **right now as one human family**, could determine the future of life on our planet. We must come together to support a global recovery to the pandemic that moves us towards a **more sustainable, and more equitable future for all.**

More information regarding our *SHARE LENT, SHARE LOVE - RECOVERING TOGETHER* campaign will be announced throughout this Lenten Season in our parish bulletin and at Masses.

Thank you / Grant Mantha

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The members of the St. Vincent de Paul group here in our parish, thank you for your continued **Food Pantry Donations!**

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



February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in
LENT

Mass Schedule Week of March 1st - 7th

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| Monday 9:00AM | March 1st SI 10th Wedding Anniversary of Kirsten & David MacDonald |
| Tuesday 9:00AM | March 2nd +Terry Watson |
| Wednesday 11:00AM 12:00Noon | March 3rd Exposition / Adoration +David Phillips |
| Thursday 9:00AM | March 4th +Ken MacLeod |
| Friday 6:16PM 7:00PM Mass | March 5th Stations of the Cross SI of those kept apart from loved ones due to COVID |

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| Saturday 4:00PM | March 6th +Louise Luvison |
| Sunday, 9:00AM | March 7th SI of the Spiritual Mothers and their priest's sons |
| Sunday, 11:00AM (B) (B) Baysville | March 7th +Eva Gungl |

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

Let us pray for our loved ones who have died,
Frances Morrison

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



"Of you my heart has spoken: Seek His face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me." / Psalm 26.8-9

"You can never cross the ocean unless you lose sight of the shore"
Anonymous

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased" / Hebrews 13.16

" ... everything is, as it were, a caress of God" / Pope Francis

Pope Francis' new encyclical "Laudato Si," meaning "Praise be to You," is the second one he has released during his two year pontificate. Laudato Si' takes its name from St. Francis of Assisi's medieval Italian prayer "Canticle of the Sun," which praises God through elements of creation like *Brother Sun, Sister Moon*, and "our sister Mother Earth." Here are but a few quotes from Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si"

"Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties?"

"Learning to accept our body, to care for it and to respect its fullest meaning, is an essential element of any genuine human ecology. Also, valuing one's own body in its femininity or masculinity is necessary if I am going to be able to recognize myself in an encounter with someone who is different."

"Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God."

"The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things."

"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents."

"Politics must not be subject to the economy, nor should the economy be subject to the dictates of an efficiency-driven paradigm of technocracy. Today, in view of the common good, there is urgent need for politics and economics to enter into a frank dialogue in the service of life, especially human life."

"Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another."

| Weekend of March 6/7, 2021 | | | |
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| | 4:00PM Mass | 9:00AM Mass | 11:00AM Mass |
| Readers | Michelle Haskin | Craig Martin | Bob Lacroix |
| Ushers | Walter Gryz Tracy Shisko Anna Maria Ertler Ben Boivin | Mary Kudryk Al Kudryk Lou Luvison Walter Gryz | John MacInnis Jean MacInnis Linda Lacroix Hugh Knox |
| Counters | Tuesday March 9th | Mary Kudryk | and Bob Moore |
| Sanitizers | Scheduled | Scheduled | |

Parish Pastoral News

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive - That took place **Tuesday, February 16th**, was again a huge success due to your generous giving. Through your food donations they were able to collect **768 lbs.** The **January and February Monetary donations at these food drives was, \$873.00 and \$1,270.00 respectively.** This is a phenomenal and a great blessing. Thank you so much!

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.



Red Rooster /
 By Michelle MacIsaac

In the words of the artist,
 "I took up painting in February of 2020, and this is one of my first acrylic paintings - Rooster. I was initially intimidated at the thought of painting, could not even begin to comprehend, but with some direction and encouragement, I tried ... I am particularly proud of this piece. It was a challenge, but fun. It gives me pleasure when I look at it and remember the process.
 Creativity truly is a gift.
 (This is best seen on the website in full colour)

Wisdom teaches us, that anything of true value, is able to weather the test of time, the harshness of adversity and the exhausting pains of defeat. As Gary Hamel reminds us, "A noble purpose inspires sacrifice, stimulates innovation and encourages perseverance". Let us look within ourselves to discern what is the seed of noble purpose that is to be planted. One day, after many trials and tribulations, through hope and faith, something new and wonderful arrives ... with the purpose to change everything. *pab*

**February - Black History Month
 Frederick Douglass**

Frederick Douglass was an escaped slave who became a prominent activist, author and public speaker. He became a leader in the abolitionist movement, which sought to end the practice of slavery, before and during the Civil War. After that conflict and the Emancipation Proclamation of 1862, he continued to push for equality and human rights until his death in 1895.

Douglass was invited to speak abroad. While in England, Douglass delivered what would later be viewed as one of his most famous speeches, the so-called "London Reception Speech." In the speech, he said,

"What is to be thought of a nation boasting of its liberty, boasting of its humanity, boasting of its Christianity boasting of its love of justice and purity, and yet having within its own borders three millions of persons denied by law the right of marriage?... I need not lift up the veil by giving you any experience of my own. Every one that can put two ideas together, must see the most fearful results from such a state of things..."

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| January / February Totals |
| Sunday Offertory / \$14,818.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul |
| January Food Drive / \$873.00 |
| February Food Drive / \$1,270.00 |
| Hot Lunch Tuesday / \$288.00 |
| Mass Intentions / \$330.00 |

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

2020 Charitable Donations: Any Tax Receipts that had not been picked up, have been mailed out to you, so as to meet the end of February deadline. Thank you for your contributions during 2020, your loving assistance has kept us going, strong and healthy.

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.

He would also be an advocate for women's rights, and specifically the right of women to vote, Douglass' legacy as an author and leader lives on. His work served as an inspiration to the civil rights movement of the 1960s and beyond.

Quotes by Frederick Douglass ...

"Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe."

"To suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights of the hearer as well as those of the speaker."

"Power concedes nothing without demand. It never has and never will. Show me the exact amount of wrong and injustices that are visited upon a person and I will show you the exact amount of words endured by these people."

"Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have the exact measure of the injustice and wrong which will be imposed on them."

A Prayer to the Creator

Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity: pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice and peace. Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war. May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth. May we recognize the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams. AMEN

Prayer by Pope Francis,
 2020 encyclical Fratelli Tutti