

# St. Anthony of Padua Cathedral Parish

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time March 2, 2025

Monday	03	9:00 A.M.	Louise Gamache by Bill & Marg Columbus
Tuesday	04	4:00 P.M.	Mass at Sacred Heart Parish
Wednesday	05		<b>Ash Wednesday</b> (day of fasting & abstaining)
		12:10 P.M.	Jim Kelly by Florence Kelly & Family
		7:00 P.M.	Mass at Sacred Heart Parish
Thursday	06	12:10 P.M.	Int of Margaret Vaillancourt by the Family
		4:00 P.M.	Mass at Sacred Heart Parish
Friday	07	12:10 P.M.	Fred & June Salvador by Eileen Meunier
		7:00 P.M.	Mass at Sacred Heart Parish
Saturday	08	6:00 P.M.	Jeff Stefanic by George & Karen Stefanic
			Julie Fortin by Darrell & Lucille Martin
Sunday	09		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>
		9:00 A.M.	For the needs of our parishioners

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Please contact Fr. John for any office needs. The office email is st.anthonys@fibreop.ca

**PERMANENT DEACONS:** Deacon Jacob Gregorcic and Deacon David Smith

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Fr. John or Fr. Jijimon is usually available thirty minutes before weekday Mass to celebrate reconciliation or by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** Call the Parish Office for further info. Preparation course for parents takes place at St. Anthony's Cathedral. The next course will take place on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PRIESTHOOD:** If you would like further information about becoming a priest, brother, or sister contact Fr. John or visit [www.vocations.ca](http://www.vocations.ca)

**MARRIAGE:** Contact Fr. John at least six months before your anticipated date of marriage.

**SICK CALLS:** If you know of a parishioner who is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion please call the Parish Office.



**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION:** For the special intentions of Richard Girard from a friend.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** Each week we invite you to light the sanctuary lamp in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The cost is \$20.00 and you may drop the donation off at the rectory or place it in the collection with the information enclosed.

**VOTIVE CANDLES** are available to be lit at the entrance of the Church. Please see the minister of hospitality for one. Cost is \$5.00 per candle.

**SUPPORTING THE FOOD BANK:** Please continue to remember to bring your can goods each week to Mass to help support the Timmins Food Bank. Your generosity will help make the difference in the lives of others who do not have as much as we do.

**COLLECTION UPDATE:** \$2088.00. Weekly Budget: \$3730.00. Difference: -\$1642.00. Month to Date: \$13158.00. Monthly Budget: \$16166.00. Difference: -\$3008.00.



**HOW TO E-TRANSFER:** For those who wish to donate to the Parish by e-transfer, use the email "st.anthonys@fibreop.ca" No password is required. Thank you for your support.

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:** "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (Luke 6:43) Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name. (Saint Louis Archdiocese Stewardship Office)

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** takes place **this Friday at 2:00 P.M.** at St. Anthony's Cathedral. The year's service is written by a group from Cook Islands and the theme is "I Made You Wonderful". Following the ecumenical prayer service there will be a time of fellowship in the hall. All are welcome!



**NEW TO THE PARISH:** If you are new to the Parish, we extend a warm welcome to our Parish Family. If you are not yet registered with the Parish, please contact the office to do so. Parish registration is important as it helps us stay in contact with our parishioners and better serve their pastoral needs. If you are not a regular Sunday offering envelope user and would like a box, please contact us and a set will be prepared for you.



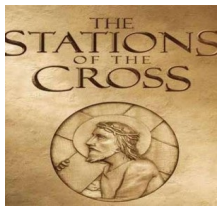
**COUNTDOWN TO LENT:** Ash Wednesday is coming! Lent begins this Wednesday! What is the meaning of this season and our preparations?

The Church prepares us to enter into the celebration of Easter (the supreme solemnity of the liturgical year) by six weeks of conversion and renewal. Lent is a time when Jesus wants to renew all members of the people of God. Two words describe the Lenten Season clearly: it is baptismal and penitential.

Lent is centred on Baptism. For us who have been baptized into Christ, it is a time for renewing our baptismal covenant. We are to continue to die with Christ to sin and to live with Him for God. This renewal (which is an all-year and lifelong task) is emphasized in a special way during Lent.

Lent is also a period of repenting and doing penance. It is a time when Jesus calls us to be serious in living out our baptismal promises. We are called to root out sin from our lives and to turn back to the ways of Jesus Christ. We are invited to fast and do penance as part of our daily carrying of the cross. Finally, we are encouraged to build up God's kingdom by placing God's will at the centre of our lives.

How will Lent be different this year in your life? Now is the time to begin planning your personal lenten program of prayer, repentance and change of heart.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Each Friday during the Season of Lent, Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Parish at 7:00 P.M. followed by praying the Stations of the Cross. This is a beautiful Lenten devotion and a great way to enter into this sacred season. As well, St. Anthony's will have the Stations of the Cross on Thursdays after the 12:10 P.M. Mass.

**DAILY MASS DURING LENT:** The Cathedral will have daily Mass, Monday to Friday at 12:10 P.M. during Lent. In addition, Sacred Heart will have Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 P.M. and Fridays at 7:00 P.M. during Lent. This year, **ASH WEDNESDAY** is on March 5<sup>th</sup>. On that day, there will be Mass at 12:10 P.M. at the Cathedral and 7:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Parish.



**SPRING SAUSAGE PROJECT:** The Holy Name Society of Sacred Heart Parish will be making homemade hot & mild sausage (\$7 per lb & available as linked or loose) on **April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you were a previous customer, callers will be reaching out to take your order. If you're a new customer and want to order, please call Glenn at 705-365-6590 or Sacred Heart Office at 705-268-3053. **Deadline for orders is March 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**POPE FRANCIS' MARCH PRAYER INTENTION:** Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



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