

# St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral

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## March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9am & 11am

**Daily Mass:** Monday-Friday 5:30 p.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Wednesdays from 1pm until 5pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Priest available ½ hour before each Mass or by appointment

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 9:00am–3:30pm (closed for lunch)

### Pastoral Team

#### Pastor

Father Mick Fleming, C.Ss.R.

#### Parish Assistant

Eileen Ouillette

### Parish Directory:

**Parish Hall Bookings** – ..... please contact the office

**Vinnies Thrift Store** - Betty Curtis..... 920-4961 Tues-Sat 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults/RCIA** ..... contact the office

**Adoration** – Barb McDonald..... [barbmcd@theedge.ca](mailto:barbmcd@theedge.ca)

**Catholic Women's League** – Mary Ann Dayagbil (President)... [stpatykcwlcommunication@gmail.com](mailto:stpatykcwlcommunication@gmail.com)

**Knights of Columbus** – Lex Lovatt (Grand Knight)..... [lexlovatt@gmail.com](mailto:lexlovatt@gmail.com)

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**..... 446-1934 (leave a message)

**Development & Peace** - ..... please contact the office

**Finance Commission** - ..... please contact the office

**Parish Pastoral Council** – Susan Waddell (Chair)..... [susan.waddell@ycs.nt.ca](mailto:susan.waddell@ycs.nt.ca)

### Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the Parish Priest to set up an initial interview for Marriage as early as possible and prior to setting a wedding date. Marriage preparation is required. Next session is March 21 and 28, 2026

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact the parish office to pick up a Baptism Preparation Package (also in the church bulletin board). Next preparation class will be after Easter on April 19 at 3:30pm.

**Sacraments of 1st Eucharist/Reconciliation** Children in grade 3-7 are welcome to register for the preparation classes beginning every Fall. Interested families can contact the parish office for more information.

**CWL Prayer Line:** Prayer requests can be emailed to Theresa Hickey at [theresary@icloud.com](mailto:theresary@icloud.com) The rosary is prayed every Monday evening for these requests.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Sunday Readings:** Mar 15 1 Samuel 16.1b,6-7,10-13; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41

**Daily Readings for Mar 16 - 22**

**Monday:** Isaiah 65.17-21; John 4.43-54

**Tuesday: Feast of St. Patrick** Ezekiel 47.1-9,12; John 5.1-16

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 49.8-15; John 5.16-30

**Thursday: SOLEMNITY of St. Joseph – Principal Patron of Canada and Patron of the Universal Church**

2 Samuel 7.4-5a,12-14a,16; Romans 4.13,16-18,22; Matthew 1.16,18-21,24a

**Friday:** Wisdom 2.1a,12-22; John 7.1-2,10,25-30

**Saturday Vigil/Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Ezekiel 37.12-14; Romans 8.8-11; John 11.1-45



### Pope's Prayer Intention for March:

*For disarmament and peace – Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.*

**Stations of the Cross:** After 5:30pm Mass on Fridays during Lent

Animators are scheduled as follows:

**March 20:** Knights of Columbus

**March 27:** Youth Confirmation class



**During the season of Lent, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting non-perishable food items for their "Food for Families" project. Please give generously, as there are many families in need.**

<b>Offertory Collection: Mar 8, 2026</b>	<b>\$ 3,715</b>
<b>Vinnie's</b>	<b>3,190</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,905</b>
<b>Cost to operate Parish per week</b>	<b>6,400</b>
<b>Surplus/(Shortage) for the week</b>	<b>505</b>

## The Chrism Mass – March 22 at 9am



The Chrism Mass is a solemn liturgy during Holy Week in which the bishop blesses the sacred oils used in sacraments throughout the diocese, symbolizing unity and the call to service.

The Chrism Mass is traditionally celebrated in Holy Thursday morning, though in some dioceses it may occur on another day during Holy Week or even earlier in Lent for pastoral reasons. It is held at the Cathedral and presided over by the local bishop, with all the priests of the diocese concelebrating. This Mass emphasizes the unity of the priests with their bishop and the broader diocesan community.

During the Mass, the bishop blesses three types of oils:

**Sacred Chrism:** A mixture of olive oil and balsam, consecrated only by the bishop. It is used to anoint the newly baptized, confirm the faithful, ordain priests and bishops, and dedicate churches and altars. The fragrant balsam symbolizes the “aroma of Christ” and the call to holiness.

**Oil of Catechumens:** Blessed to strengthen those preparing for baptism, helping them renounce sin and embrace the Christian life.

**Oil of the Sick:** Blessed for use in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, offering healing, comfort, and spiritual strength to the ill.

The oils are brought forward in a procession during the Mass, accompanied by hymns such as *O Redemptor*, and the bishop may bless them either individually or together following the Liturgy of the Word.

**Liturgical and Spiritual Significance:** The Chrism Mass is a manifestation of the bishop’s priesthood and the close bond between him and his priests. It also serves as a moment for priests to renew their commitment to their ministry. The use of oils in the Mass has deep biblical roots, symbolizing healing, consecration, and the presence of the Holy Spirit (e.g., Psalm 23:5; Isaiah 1:6; Luke 10:34). Pope Benedict XVI highlighted that the Mass expresses the Church’s unity and points to Christ as the true shepherd of souls.

**Connection to the Sacraments:** The oils blessed at the Chrism Mass are used throughout the year in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick, making this Mass central to the sacramental life of the Church. Anointing with these oils signifies the faithful’s participation in Christ’s priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission. It is a Mass that is richly symbolic and a unifying celebration that strengthens the bonds with a diocese.

## St Patrick’s Day – March 17

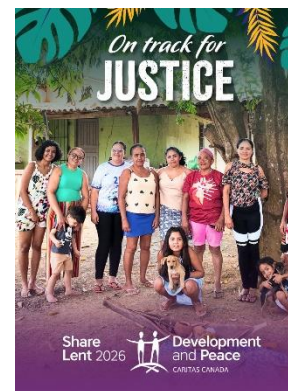
**St. Patrick’s Prayer:** *Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.*

One of the most famous stories about St Patrick is his use of the shamrock to explain the doctrine of the Holy Trinity – one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This simple yet profound explanation helped the Irish understand the Christian faith. Today, the shamrock is a well-known symbol associated with St Patrick and Ireland.

*From Catholic Answers (catholic.com)*

**Family Prayer Night:** The Knights of Columbus invite all families of our parish to join on Friday, March 20 for an evening of Prayer and Hospitality. Beginning at 5:30pm Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross, there will be snacks and socializing afterwards. Please feel free to bring a dessert to share.

**Lenten Lunches** – This Wednesday, March 18, Father Luca will be giving the spiritual reflection for the Lenten Lunch at Holy Trinity Anglican Church beginning at 12pm.



## Development and Peace

Next week is Solidarity Sunday. That’s the most important weekend of the year for Development and Peace. It’s the kick-off of the annual Lenten fundraising campaign. This year’s campaign is called **On Track for Justice**. It’s about protecting the environmental rights of people in the Global South. The money you give will help those people defend themselves against powerful industrial polluters. Donation envelopes are available in the church foyer starting this weekend. Please take one and bring it to Mass for a special collection next weekend (March 21 and 22). Bishop Jon is one of the national leaders of

Development and Peace and he will be with us next weekend to talk about the importance of Development and Peace which is the official Development Arm of the Canadian Catholic Church.