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FEBRUARY 18TH: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



He was in the wilderness forty days



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Office Hours: Wednesday 8:30AM—4:30PM

Holy Mass Schedule:
The Day of the Lord begins Saturday: Vigil 4:00PM
Sunday: 9:00AM & 10:30 AM
Weekdays: 8:00AM or as announced

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
Tuesday—Saturday: 7:00 AM –7:45 AM
Saturday: 3:00-3:45PM
Sunday: 8:00-8:45AM
By appointment

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:
Please contact the parish priest during serious illness or before surgery.

Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:
Please contact the parish priest as soon as possible. Pre-marriage classes are mandatory.

Eucharistic Adoration:
First Friday of the Month: 8:30—9:30
First Saturday of the Month: 8:30—9:30

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18th, 2024 – Year B

Mass Schedule & Intentions: Feb. 10th– 18th

Saturday	Feb. 17th
8:00AM	†Delia & Patricio Mattiazzo by Aldo Bonomi
4:00PM	Vigil of 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	† Maria & Emanuel Abela by C & G Burrison
Sunday	Feb. 18th—First Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM	All Parishioners
10:30 AM	†Delia Mattiazzo by Alba Farkas
Monday	Feb. 19th: First Lenten Week
8:00 am	
Tuesday	Feb. 20th: First Lenten Week
8:00AM	†Alfozo DiGabriele by Nella Ottaviano
Wednesday	Feb. 21st: First Lenten Week
8:00AM	†All Souls in Purgatory by Lynn Dyson
Thursday	Feb. 22nd First Lenten Week
8:00AM	For Holy Priests by A.S.
Friday	Feb. 23rd First Lenten Week
8:00AM	All Souls in Purgatory by A.S.
Saturday	Feb. 24th
8:00 AM	†People in Adictions by A.S.
4:00PM	Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent
	† Argilio Lametti by wife Melvina & family
Sunday	Feb. 25th—Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM	†Kiesha Embrey by Lynn & Pat Dyson
10:30 AM	†Dave & Irene Stepanchuk by family



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Diocesan Lenten Retreat: Wednesday February 21

Place: Monastery of Mount Carmel
 Cost: \$50.00 (CWL members \$25.00)
 Guest Speaker: Father Michael Basque.

CWL Meeting: March 5th at 1:00 p.m.

Soup Sunday: March 10th following 10:30 a.m. Mass

Apple pie sale: March 23 & 24
 following Sat. 4 p.m. & Sun. 9 a.m. Masses

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of February

For the terminally ill: Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Changes in the Office

After two and a half years, our faithful and exceptionally kind secretary, Agnes Sekutowski, has decided to shift her focus to her primary accounting responsibilities, leading her to step down from her role as parish secretary. We extend our heartfelt wishes for her success in her future endeavors and express our gratitude for her outstanding service. Welcoming Carol Shevlin as the new Parish Secretary, we are confident that her skills and dedication will contribute positively to our community. May God bless both of them in their respective journeys

From Sunday 18 February to Easter Day (Sunday March 31st) There will be two masses on Sunday:



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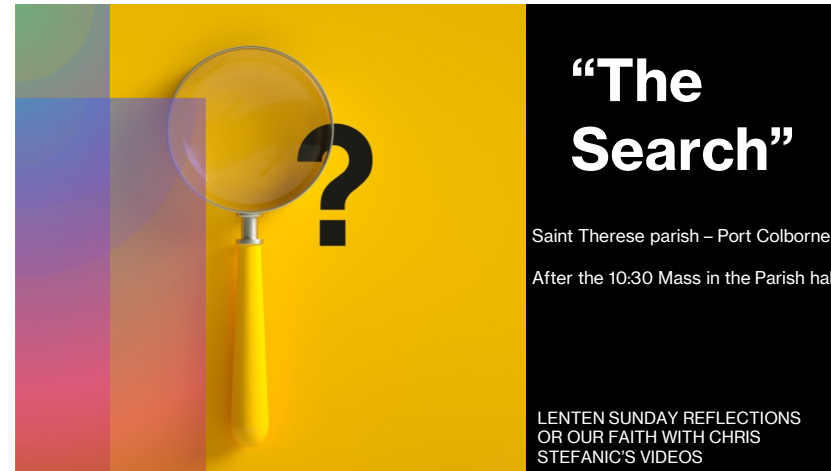
The Vineyard, our diocesan newspaper has gone digital. If any of our parishioners, would like a free online subscription, send an e-mail to vineyard@saintcd.com

Every Lenten Friday:



Noon— 3:00 p.m. Eucharistic adoration

6:00 p.m. Way of the Cross



“The Search”

Saint Therese parish – Port Colborne
 After the 10:30 Mass in the Parish hall

LENTEN SUNDAY REFLECTIONS
 OR OUR FAITH WITH CHRIS
 STEFANIC'S VIDEOS

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE



On Saturday, March 16, 2024 in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available from 10:00am to 2:00pm to hear individual confessions. In our church there will be Eucharistic Adoration during this time. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.



We are looking for volunteers available to donate a few hours to clean the Church building. Please contact Mary Nan for more details! **(905-834-9520)**

The first reading, taken from the account of the universal flood, presents two fundamental concepts: evil and its consequences, such as violence towards humans and nature, are completely rejected by God, who acts through inner purification (symbolized by the water of the flood). This divine action invites us to build a relationship with Him, a covenant that involves ourselves, our souls, the human environment, and nature. Peter's letter, addressed to the Christian communities of Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey), urges believers to persevere in faith and to proceed despite difficulties, thanks to Baptism originating from the redeeming death of Christ. He suffered and even died for us, the unjust, so his suffering has a meaningful and redemptive purpose. Physical death is less significant than the victory in the Spirit, a victory that profoundly influences our being and soul. Only Jesus' salvific action can give us the strength to imitate Noah's example, who chose to follow the path indicated by God despite common opinions and customs. We live in a world that often does not understand the meaning of certain religious practices, where spirituality is deemed unnecessary by many. However, we should not fear! Faith has always been a challenging journey in every era; there have always been those who opposed it. Every believer can only strive, following Christ's example, to leave a consistent and courageous testimony, ready to face misunderstandings. The challenges encountered can become opportunities to strengthen our faith and salvation.

During baptism, the Spirit descended on Jesus like a dove, and now the same Spirit propels Him into the desert, where the Messiah faces temptation and experiences God's presence. The two actions of the Spirit may seem contradictory: on one hand, it exalts Jesus, and on the other, it puts Him in danger of breaking the filial relationship with the Father, clearly expressed in the waters of the Jordan. Let's try to understand the meaning of these actions. In the book of Deuteronomy, Israel wanders in the desert for forty years to obtain redemption from its sins. For Jesus, the desert is not a place to atone for sins but to deepen His relationship with the Father in complete fidelity. In this context, He faces the difficulties of the mission entrusted to Him at the moment of baptism, not giving up but reaffirming the proclamation of the Gospel. Jesus confronts Satan and the "beasts" of the desert but also finds comfort in the angels. This shows that our mission to testify to Christ in the world, involving all baptized individuals, can take place even in hostile environments. In such times, we must look around and seek the angels, those sent to help and comfort us. This teaches us that faith is strengthened in trials, as we experience God's caring presence, which, as announced by Jesus, is with us through His love and action. (Fr.D)

SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday Feb. 11 Offerings:
 Sunday Collection \$1,740.00
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