

SANCTUARY LAMP- For the week of February 15th – 21st the Tabernacle Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the special intention G.H. If you would like to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for a deceased relative or friend or for a special intention, contact the parish office. The cost is \$5.00.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK - Lord hear our prayer for those who are sick, recovering from surgery, aging and in need of our prayers, and for those who care for them, may they find strength and courage through their faith. We pray for John Power, Michael Grace, Ashley White, Lorraine Hearn, Brendan Grace, Jenny Hickey, Delores Smith, Tony & Linda Grace, John Tucker, Greg & Madonna Connolly, Steven Gibbons, Ronald Hickey, Rose Mackey, Pat Neville, Frank Walsh, Bernadette Hobbs, Darrell Hearn & William Power. If you would like to have your loved ones prayed for please call the parish office.

Beginning of Lent

Dear Parishioners, Lent begins this year on Wednesday, Feb. 18th. This is a special time of preparation for adults being baptized into the Church and for all the baptized, through penance and prayer, to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. Some things you will note during the Mass in Lent is that the altar is typically not adorned with flowers, except for Laetare Sunday, Solemnities, and special feasts; the Alleluia is not sung; and the Gloria is omitted except for certain days.

Fasting and Abstinence - With Lent approaching it is fitting to recall our Catholic practices of fasting and abstinence, both during Lent and throughout the year.

Fasting: The law of fasting requires Catholic from the beginning of their 18th year through the end of their 59th year to reduce the amount of food eaten on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church defines this as one meatless meal each day. If necessary, two smaller meals are permitted, which if added together would not exceed the main meal.

Abstinence: The law of abstinence requires all Catholics age 14 and older to abstain from meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. All Fridays of the year are days of abstinence; however, Catholics in Canada are permitted to substitute a special act of charity or piety in place of abstaining from meat. *those who are sick, pregnant or nursing infants, or who are unable for other serious reasons are excused from fasting and abstinence.

The Eucharistic Fast: In addition to fasting and abstinence, the Church requires all Catholics to fast for one hour from all food and drink (except water and necessary medicine) before receiving Holy Communion. *The sick and their caregivers are not obliged to observe the full one-hour Eucharistic Fast.

While the above laws are the bare minimum, we are encouraged to freely take on additional penitential practices, especially during Lent. May God bless us all as we begin preparing for the holy season of Lent and Easter.

SPECIAL SEMINARIAN STUDIES COLLECTION: February 14th & 15th -We are blessed to have a young man, Evan Chafe, studying for the priesthood at St. Augustine’s Seminary in Toronto, and to have several other men seeking to discern whether God may be calling them to a priestly vocation. The collection will be taken up this weekend, donations can also be made online at www.rcsj.org (click on the “donate” header and in completing the donation form; indicate that your donation is to “Seminarian Studies”). Your financial assistance in paying the costs of preparing men for the priesthood in our Archdiocese is greatly appreciated.

ALPHA PROGRAM OF FAITH FORMATION - St. Edward’s Parish is exploring the possibility of offering the Alpha Program of Faith Formation. Website: alphacanada.org/catholic-context/ A popular 11 week series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith in a relaxed, open environment, it is perfect for anyone curious about life, God, and Jesus, regardless of their background or beliefs. It is also open to non-parishioners. For one evening a week participants gather for a meal, a video, small group discussions, and some social time in a safe space. The Alpha Program has proven its effectiveness over the last 50 years. It does, however, require a significant number of leaders, who will be trained in how to offer the Program. We would like to gauge your interest in involvement either as a leader, or participant. If you would like to be involved please contact the office at stedwardsparish@rcsj.org or phone (709) 834-9481, or email – Tony Tilley - tonytilley865@gmail.com.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Each Friday during Lent, the stations of the Cross will be prayed in the church following the 7pm Mass.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS - Please be advised that the Parish has a new email address – stedwardsparish@rcsj.org. For those who etransfer funds please continue to use the old email address, the new address will come into effect on **March 1st** for banking.

MASS SCHEDULE:	February 17 - 22	INTENTION
Tues. Feb. 17	10am	+Ellen Murphy - +John Connors - +Dr. Robert Furlong
Ash Wed. Feb. 18	10am	+Gordon Walsh -+David McCarthy -+Michael Meaney
	7pm	+Patrick & Mary Browne -+Burton/Farrell family- +Margaret Moore
Thurs. Feb. 19	10am	SI – Paul Ford – SI – Bernadette & Glen Kolonel SI – Lou Salvador
Fri. Feb. 20	7pm	+Edward Plowman -+Jennifer Power - +Raymond Kenny
Sat. Feb.21	4pm	+Flora Baker -+Sarah Reid -+Amanda Doyle
Sun. Feb. 22	10:30am	All Parishioners
(1st Sunday of Lent)		

Note: + = Deceased S.I. = Special Intentions

Confession times will be as follows:

Wednesdays 10:30am – 11:30 am Saturdays: 2:15pm–3:45pm

Sundays: 9:30am–10:00am

Adoration every Wednesday – 10:30 – 11:30 am 1st Wednesday each month 10:30 -8pm

PARISH COLLECTIONS	/February 7th & 8th		
Fund	Amount	Loose	Total
Sunday offering env.	\$3,341.00	\$365.85	\$3,706.85
Initial offering env.	\$ 25.00		
Ash Wed. env.	\$ 10.00		
New Year's env.	\$ 20.00		
Maintenance off. env.	\$ 145.00		
Dues	\$ 175.00		
Rosaries	\$ 85.00		
Food bank env.	\$ 20.00		
Seminarian Studies	\$ 240.00		
Totals	\$4,061.00	\$365.85	\$4,426.85
Received with deep appreciation and gratitude.			

There are still a few collection envelopes to be picked up in the Quiet Room.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Blessed Trinity K of C will hold their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, February 25th @ 7pm** in the Parish Hall. All members are urged to attend.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Will be held **Thursday, March 5th @ 7pm** hosted by Salvation Army, Long Pond. Prepared by WDP of Nigeria. All parishioners are invited to attend.

MINISTRIES:

Ash Wed. Feb. 18 - 10AM	Ash Wed. Feb. 18 - 7PM
1st R - Carol Barron	1st R - Cheryl Donovan-White
2nd R - Dave Kenny	2nd R - Mona Morrow
	Usher - Jim Woodrow
	OFF - Tony & Mary Tilley

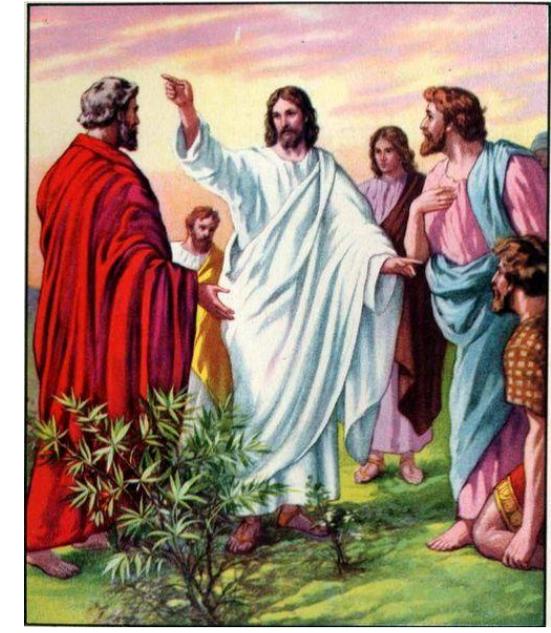
Saturday, February 21 - 4:00PM

1st R - Cheryl Donovan-White
2nd R & IP - Lorna Clark
Usher - Daisy Carroll – Jennifer Hutchings
OFF - Jim & Bertha Woodrow
EM - Mary Ryan
S - Melissa Wong

Sunday, February 22 - 10:30AM

1st R - Ann Marie Vatcher
2nd R & IP - Tony Tilley
Usher - Gary Penney – Dana Decker
OFF - Mildred Skiffington
EM - Pat Burton
S - Steve Dray

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 15, 2026**



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OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Closed daily 12 -1pm