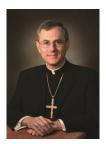


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## **RE-OPENING... AGAIN!**

With the government announcements over the past week and London-Middlesex moving into the Red Zone, places of worship may now re-open our doors for in-person worship at 30% capacity. Bishop Fabbro has directed that all churches across the Diocese will return to in-person worship.

Our re-opening will take place:

February 27/28 Second Sunday of Lent Mass: Sat: 5pm Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Reservations are required for all weekend masses by phone or online each Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

For those unable to return to in-person worship, Bishop Fabbro has extended the dispensation from Sunday obligation until the end of the Easter Season, Pentecost Sunday May 22/23, 2021.

Daily Mass will return beginning: Wednesday March 3, 12:00 p.m. Reservations are not required.

With our return to in-person worship, we remain at 30% capacity with physical distancing of six feet at all times. All of the directives and guidelines set-out by our government and Diocese, and updated over the last seven months must continue to be strictly adhered to, to provide a safe environment. Some enhanced restrictions have taken place over the last few months for our churches.

**Pre-screening** at home is required: If you have any of the following: Fever, Cough, Fatigue, Runny Nose, Chills involving shakes, Muscle aches, Shortness of breath, Loss of appetite, Been in contact with someone who has COVID-19, loss of sense of taste or smell, or Travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 day you must not attend.

Masks: Masks are mandatory by provincial law in all public buildings, including churches. The exemptions remain in place for those who have a medical condition and children under the age of 2. Those seeking a medical exemption from wearing a mask in our churches must bring their pastor, evidence from their physician, nurse practitioner, social worker, psychologist or occupational / respiratory physical therapist attesting to their condition. Special arrangement of seating will be followed. Those refusing to wear without a proper exemption will not be admitted to our church. (COVID 19 Update#13)

**Reception of Communion:** The dialogue at communion is spoken 6 feet from the communion minister. The communicant steps forward to receive communion in the hand only, steps to the side 6 feet, then removes the mask to consume, places the mask back on, and then returns to their seat.

Once again we thank our many volunteers who have engaged in assisting to safely reopen our churches. Please follow their directions at all times for the health and safety of all.

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#### St. Peter's Cathedral Goes "Live"

Beginning this weekend Feb. 20/21, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent we will livestream the Saturday 5pm Mass and subsequent Saturdays.

We began livestreaming Wed. Feb. 17, Ash Wednesday at noon, and will continue to livestream subsequent Wednesday Daily Masses at noon.

The Cathedral has a YouTube channel which mass will be livestreamed on. You may wish to subscribe to get reminder notices of upcoming celebrations.

Here is the link to our YouTube channel.

## **LIVING LENT**

## Family Resources for Lent 2021

The Diocese of London has prepared resources for Lent including: Tips for Family Prayer, a Lenten Reflection video with Bishop Fabbro (French transcript is available) and a Family Prayer Challenge. To access printable versions in English and French languages, click <a href="here.">here.</a>

# Veritas Lecture Series for Faith and Culture March 4

The next Veritas Lecture features Ann Garrido, whose lecture is entitled, "Allowing God to fill in the Blanks: Praying with the Women of the New Testament." This lecture will take place on Thursday, March 4 at 7:00 pm. More information is on the poster found <a href="here.">here.</a> To register for this free lecture click here.

## **New Interpretations of the Holy Week Stories**

This series, presented by Fr. Scott Lewis, SJ, of the Jesuits Canada and New Testament professor at Regis College, Toronto, will examine the Holy Week texts in light of recent theological trends and issues. Topics such as How to Read the Bible, difficult passages, violence and the meaning of the resurrection will be explored. Click here for the poster and registration information.

### World Day for Social Justice - February 20

To mark the United Nations World Day for Social Justice, you are invited to participate in a conversation between Most Rev. Pierre Goudreault, Bishop of Ste.-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, Quebec and members of the Development and Peace National Council executive committee. More information on this United Nations initiative can be found <a href="https://executive.com/here">here</a>. The webinar will begin at 1 p.m. on February 20. To register, click <a href="here">here</a>.



### **Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday at noon. This virtual service will feature our Cathedral's stations in still images accompanied by prayer and reflection. The service will be available each week on our YouTube channel.

## Journey Through Lent-CCCB Video Series for Lent

The Canadian Conference of Catholic have released a new video series for Lent 2021. Journey through Lent will offer an introduction to the Season and reflections on Gospel readings of each Sunday in Lent by Bishop Gerard Bergie and Archbishop Marcel Damphousse . The short videos will be posted on the CCCB website. Each Monday, the link for the upcoming Sunday celebration will be released in English and in French. Click <a href="here">here</a> to access.

## World Day of Prayer 2021 March 5, 2021

Please join us virtually, since we cannot meet together in a church for this World Day of Prayer service. It is a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Vanuatu. Vanuatu is a small country of islands located in the South Pacific Ocean. The World Day of Prayer Service video, prepared by the WICC, can be accessed here: <a href="WICC.org">WICC.org</a> and clicking on the One Hour Service Video <a href="button">button</a>.



## From the Desk of the Rector

Lent has always been a time of intense preparation of candidates who were to be baptized at Easter. As well, during the season, those already baptized renew their baptismal commitment. That purpose remains constant. How will Lent unfold for us this year? As always, it is a time of conversion and repentance. Many of us take time out to consider what items we will give up as a penance. Such practises are clearly beneficial. However, this year we can enlarge our perspective from only giving up things. We may find it profitable and challenging to visit by phone call or email those who are homebound. We may also seek out those who are distraught and discouraged and offer them hope which really captures the spirit of Lent and challenges us to look beyond ourselves to the hurting members of God's extended family. Along with our Lenten activity what if we were to work on developing a listening spirit? Jesus is always, but especially during Lent, inviting us to simple honesty, to become humble, to just be there and sense his grace and strength, to be quiet enough and still enough to feel the way in which Jesus wants to bring us to a newness of life. He invites us to give up obstacles to the growth of a treasured relationship, to finding a few moments to read the Word of God, to let go of our own plans and trust him in quiet prayer. During Lent we are encouraged to create a time and a space to nurture our spiritual lives. As we hear in Sunday's Gospel, the Holy Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert where he encountered the temptations of the devil. Like Jesus, we should let the Holy Spirit lead us out into the desert this Lent where we can confront the devils that haunt our lives, and like him too, triumph over

them. That is the freedom, dignity, and gift that is offered in the gospel - to find ways to bring a bit of the desert into our lives. We can try to achieve some space for solitude, where the noise is at least muted where we can hear God speaking. Lent is for listening. Lent is for searching for God – to listen through the usual ways of prayer, the sacraments and the events of life and reflect on what we are being taught by them. If we listen we'll probably hear two voices: the continuing voice of temptation trying to seduce us away from letting the gospel touch my life and my society and the strong but gentle voice of Jesus saying what he wants of you and me, how he would like us to live each day the faith that brings us here.

Fr. Thomas Merton summed it up this way: "To allow oneself to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many projects, to want to help everyone in everything, is to succumb to violence. The frenzy of our activism neutralizes our work of peace. It destroys our inner capacity for peace. It destroys the fruitfulness of our own work."

The call on the first Sunday of Lent is to figure out where I go to listen.

What God is going to do to us throughout this Lenten journey will surprise us so let's expect it instead of Lent being my focus let's let it be God's focus for us. That way, our prayer will become a daily practice of friendship with God; our almsgiving will rid us of clutter as we share not to be praised as generous but to imitate God's generosity to us; our fasting and voluntary self-denial will sharpen our appetite for God.

## REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS

February 24—Wednesday 12 PM (Livestream Only)

Janet Anderson; Ric Baker; Ivan Holmes; Harry T. Rouse; David Evans; Eugene McCaffrey

## February 27—Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

Leela Kvesic; Jennifer Kryworcho; Mary Melba Alexander; Eve Penaranda; Doris Nish; Maria Paino

February 28—Sunday 8:30 AM

For the intentions of St. Peter's Cathedral parishioners

February 28—Sunday 10:30 AM

Linda Zakhria; Julianna Rozsa; Darren Chesworth; Rolland De Sousa; Missy-Jo Ronecny; Living & Deceased Members of CWL

February 28—Sunday 12:30 PM

Jimmy Graves; Carolino Lobmeier; Pauline Goff; Mgsr Joseph Mary Tran; Antonio Iormetti; Edward Brunton

Readings: February 28, 2021-Second Sunday of Lent Click here.

*We remember in prayer* all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died; and comfort those who mourn.

Fr. Jam Mockler

We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:

Rev. Mark Maloney; Deacon Larry Lamphier; Chrisandra Skipper, Campus Minister; Rev. Ronaldo (Ronnie) Tagnines; Kim Bornais, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Maria Mollica, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Rev. Pio D'Oria

# Duc in Altum - A New Priestly Discernment Group for Men ages 17 to 45

Vocations London, in collaboration with St. Peter's Seminary Vocation Committee is beginning a virtual once-a-month event that includes prayer, a talk, and an opportunity for discerners to spend time with our seminarians. The first event is Saturday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. For more information and to register click here.



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