

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2022



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 26 TO MARCH 6

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Saturday	Feb 26	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
Sunday	Feb 27	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Guy & Mary Taillon	Becket's Knights of Columbus
11:00 am	Afebu Arther-Samugana (L)	Elizabeth Arthur-Samugana & family
Monday	Feb 28	
8:30 am	Margaret Keoughan-Guimond	Lisa Guimond & Allan Murgita
Tuesday	Mar 1	
8:30 am	Albanese Family	
Wednesday	Mar 2	Ash Wednesday
8:30 am	Alf & Chris Kolodnicki	The Family
7:00 pm	Maddalena Nitti Saluzzi	Mary Saluzzi & family
Thursday	Mar 3	
8:30 am	Rosalie Beasley	The Family
Friday	Mar 4	
8:30 am	Elikutty Joseph	Rose Martins
Saturday	Mar 5	
	Douglas Floreani & Daniel Bagshaw	Their families
Sunday	Mar 6	First Sunday on Lent
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Fede De Palma	Anna & family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

February 27: Alf & Chris Kolodnicki, requested by Rina Callard

March 6: Clayton Demers (L) The Demers family

ASH WEDNESDAY: Ashes will be distributed to the faithful at two Masses on Ash Wednesday, March 2, at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Confessions will be available at these Masses.

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

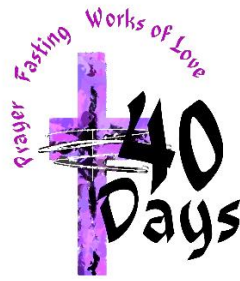
Articedez Perez, sister of Aurora Soriano.

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 20

Offerings: \$5835.00

ALL ABOUT LENT: Yes, it begins this week!



Lent is the 40-day period before Easter, excluding Sundays (the day Jesus arose), from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday before the Lord's Supper. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, the day the faithful receive ashes, and is also a day of fast and abstinence, as is Good Friday. A day of fast is one on which Catholics who are 18 to 59 years old may eat one full meal and have two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. (Those with medical conditions requiring a greater or more regular food intake

are exempt from this limited fast.) A day of abstinence: one on which Catholics 14 years or older must abstain from meat: Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Jesus died for our sins on Friday. (In fact, all Fridays of the year are still days of abstinence from meat, although we now have the option on those days of substituting the abstinence by making another act of penance, charity or religious devotion.)

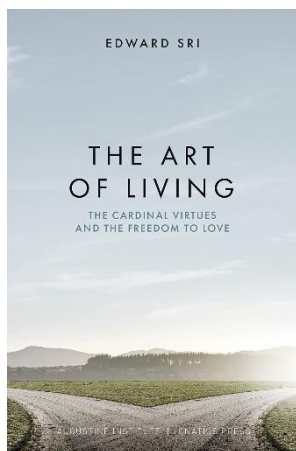
Acts of repentance for ordinary days during Lent, as we reflect that Our Lord died for our sins: it is appropriate to give up something we enjoy for Lent, doing physical or spiritual acts of mercy for others, prayer, going to confession, and other similar acts of repentance. Giving up something for Lent is a salutary custom, because by denying ourselves something we enjoy, we discipline our wills so that we are not slaves to our pleasures. By training ourselves to resist temptations when they are not sinful, we train ourselves to reject temptations when they are sinful. We also express our sorrow over having failed to resist sinful temptations in the past.

SHROVE TUESDAY In some countries the day preceding Ash Wednesday is popularly known as Shrove Tuesday. It is also frequently called Pancake Tuesday or Fat Tuesday as well as by its Latin name, Mardi Gras, which when translated from the French also means "Fat Tuesday." But it is the name "Shrove" that shows its religious origins. Shrove is the past tense of the English verb "Shrive" which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and by doing penance. With



Shrove Tuesday taking place before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, it was the day when Christians were encouraged to go to confession in preparation for the penitential season that would end 40 days and 40 nights later with Easter Sunday. Dating back to 1000 AD, over the years Shrove Tuesday not only became a day for Confession but a time for Catholics to feast on eggs, sugar and dairy which are traditionally restricted during the Lenten fast. Not only was Shrove Tuesday a last chance to gorge on such foods but it was also a way to use them up before the fast began. In Britain the feast of these foods would become pancakes, hence the name Pancake Tuesday. Germany's Fastnacht is the traditional food of Shrove Tuesday when cakes of fried potato dough are created, covered in rich corn syrup and served up to family and friends. Fastnacht is not only the name of the cakes but gives the day its name which literally means Fast Night in English. Although Shrove Tuesday had been a holiday in France since the Middle Ages it wasn't until 1699 in French-colonial New Orleans that Mardi Gras expanded from being a day for eating prior to the Lenten Fast and became an all-out carnival celebrated with street dancers, parades and music. But the idea of dressing up in outlandish costumes as part of the carnival did not eventuate until 1827 when, rumour has it, a group of students recently returned from school in Paris donned strange costumes and danced their way through New Orleans' streets. By 1833 New Orleans Mardi Gras had become so elaborate they included a grand masked ball and by the twentieth Century was no longer limited to a party on Shrove Tuesday. But while Shrove Tuesday remains an important day of observance for Catholics and Christians to prepare for Lent and the Lenten fast, Mardi Gras carnivals have become secular free-for-alls and have little to do with the liturgical calendar or the Christian faith.

WORTHWHILE READING



The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love by Edward Sri.

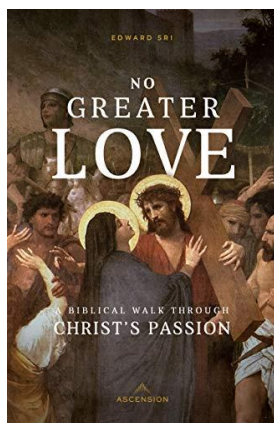
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TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK

"To love one's enemies and to turn the other cheek seems impossible, but Jesus Christ's love gives Christians this strength that can save even those who hate them," Pope Francis said Sunday. "Turning the other cheek is not the loser's fallback, but the action of those who have greater inner strength. Turning the other cheek is to overcome evil with good, which opens a breach in the heart of the enemy, unmasking the absurdity of his hatred. And this attitude, this turning the other cheek, is not dictated by calculation or hatred, but by love. Dear brothers and sisters, it is the gratuitous and undeserved love that we receive from Jesus that generates in the heart a way of acting similar to his, which rejects all revenge."

WILL YOU FOLLOW JESUS TO CALVARY?



Our Lenten program begins March 3, running on Zoom every Thursday evening until April 7. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, "No Greater Love" is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus

than you ever have before. Authored and presented by Edward Sri, No Greater Love also features Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Elizabeth Sri.

Join us in this wonderful preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Sign up for free on the parish website: www.becket.ca