

Parish Week † Sunday, 2 March 2025

Saturday, 1 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ann Stafford (Alice Larkin)
- 4.00 pm 1st Communion Family Instruction #1
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Esme D'Mello (friends)

SUNDAY, 2 MAR. / 8-C

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving on her Birthday (Evelyn Calicdan)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Edwin Tauro (Annie)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Rodolfo Ruiz (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 3 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Edwin Tauro (Marilyn)
- 6.00 pm 1st Communion Family Instruction #1
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Pascoal Fernandes (family)
- 7.30 pm Infant Baptism Parent – Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 4 Mar. / St. Casimir

- 8.00 am Mass: † Edwin Tauro (Ilene)
- 6.00 pm Memorial Mass: + Assuntina Bruno
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Wednesday, 5 Mar. / ASH WEDNESDAY

- Lent begins; Day of Fast and Abstinence
- All Ash Wednesday Masses include distribution of blessed ashes

- 8.00 am Mass: † Edwin Tauro (Mary Anne)
- 9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School A.W. Liturgy
- 1.00 pm ► St. Albert School A.W. Liturgy
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Edwin Tauro (Audrey)

Thursday, 6 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Edwin Tauro (Jenny)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (family)

Friday, 7 Mar. / Ss. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jim Harvey (Wife)
- 6.00 pm Holy Hour
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Mom Evelyn)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (CWL)
- 8.15 pm Lenten Movie Night: *Chosen* (Vestibule)

Saturday, 8 Mar. / St. John of God, religious

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving, Claire Francis on her 3rd Birthday (Family)
- 1.00 pm World Day of Prayer
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Esme D'Mello)

SUNDAY, 9 MAR. / LENT 1-C

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Rodolfo Ruiz (family)
- 2.30 pm ► RCIA Rite of Election (St. Barnabas Church)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

8th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C

Sirach 27.4-7; Corinthians 15.54-58; Luke 6.39-45

Grand us, O Lord, we pray that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Margaret Breedon, Bella D'Sa, Leocadio Lumbre, Francisco Udare Jr.,
The **20 victims** of the winter storm in the **US Southeast in January**



Chalice

Our Parish will welcome **Deacon Thomas Aquino** to represent *Chalice* at our Masses on: 1 & 2 March 2025.

Chalice is an entirely Canadian, Catholic sponsorship group which supports vulnerable children in developing countries to complete their education. It had its in 1992 roots in Springhill, Nova Scotia. We have helped thousands of children grow up happy, healthy, and on their way to a hopeful future.



Lenten Masses

During Lent, there will be an evening Mass at 7.00 pm Monday to Friday, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, the *Stations of the Cross* will be prayed congregationally after the 7.00 pm Mass.

For private use, the parish *Stations* booklet may be obtained at the office for \$2.

The Facilitators for 2025 will be:

- Mar. 7 **Catholic Women's League**
- 14 **Youth Ministry**
- 21 **Altar Servers**
- 28 **St. Vincent de Paul**
- Apr. 4 **Greeters & Euch. Ministers**
- 11 **Knights of Columbus**
- 18 **Lectors**



Calling all Palms

Bring in your *old blessed palms* by the Sunday before Holy Week (6 April). Kindly place them in the *palm box* in the Vestibule.

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- 19 Mar. ► St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am)
- 23 Mar. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
- 29 Mar. Wedding: Barkhodaee & Alon (1:00 pm)
- 30 Mar. 2nd Collection: **ShareLife**
- 5 Apr. Wedding: Murcus & Girish (1:00 pm)
- 7 Apr. Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent meeting (7:40 pm)
- 12 Apr. Wedding: Amo & Nagales (1.00 pm)



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is a day of FASTING AND ABSTINENCE. Ashes will be distributed at all our liturgies that day.

FASTING (one full meal and two smaller meals, no snacking) applies to those 18-60 years. This does not apply to those who are pregnant, sick or elderly.

ABSTINENCE from meat applies to those 13 and older.

During Lent, the **faithful** PREPARE FOR EASTER through:

Prayer Penance and Works of Charity or Mercy.

During the Lenten season, we see some changes to the Liturgy:

The “*Alleluia*” is not sung, and is omitted in prayers.

Musical instruments are used sparingly, only as necessary accompaniment for singing;

Flowers are not placed in the Sanctuary, from the Baptistry to the Tabernacle. Any donations (e.g., from funerals) must be placed in the Blessed Virgin Shrine area.

In the RCIA, **Catechumens** present themselves to the regional **Bishop** at the *Rite of Election*, to prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery through the various stages of Christian Initiation.

World Day of Prayer 2025 8 March Theme: “I made you wonderful.”

The 2025 World Day of Prayer will be held in our Parish at 1.00 pm on Saturday, 8 March.

Our sisters from the Cook Islands have spent the last few years reflecting on this year’s theme.



RCIA Rite of Election

2.30 pm, 9 March, St. Barnabas Church
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



On Sunday, 9 March, RCIA & RCIC candidates completing the *Catechumenate* period will celebrate the Rite of ELECTION.

The Rite be conducted by **Bishop Vincent Nguyen** at 2.30 pm at St. Barnabas Church, 1148 Finch Avenue, Pickering.

Sacramental Preparation

1st Communion Confirmation

Remember in your prayers our parish youth who are preparing for their *First Holy Communion* and *Confirmation*:

1 & 2 March: **1st Holy Communion Instruction #1**
SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

22 & 24 March: **1st Holy Communion Instruction #2**
SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

4 & 6 March: **Confirmation Instructions,**
St. Albert School (1.10 pm, at the school)

6, 20 & 27 March: **Confirmation Instructions,**
St. Maria Goretti School (9.10 am, at the school)

Experiencing Lent

Here is a real 12-Step Program for your Lenten renewal.

At home

1. **Prayer:** Make sure to pray Grace together at family meals; pray the Rosary daily – offer the Sorrowful Mysteries on Friday. Read Psalms 27 and 146 at Morning and Evening Prayer. Include the *Divine Mercy* devotion in your daily prayer. Meditate on the *Stations of the Cross* daily (booklets at the parish office, \$2). On Sunday, share *Evening Prayer*: gather as a family, or with friends, using the script provided in the *Living with Christ* daily missalette.

2. **Peace Time:** Note the references to the Sunday Readings (under “Focus on the Word” in the second column), and read them in your Bible at home at a quiet time during the week. Let the Word of God permeate your life and bring you healing and peace.

Prayer and Church Community

3. **Weekday Eucharist:** Participate in daily Mass as per the schedule in the 1st column in the bulletin.

4. **Stations of the Cross:** Pray the Stations after daily Mass; join as a family in the weekly parish Stations, every Friday at 7:30 pm, following the 7.00 pm Mass.

5. **Prayer and Action:** Offer the *St. Vincent de Paul Society* your time & talent to help the poor. In addition to the hour’s wage as the weekly Sunday Offering, sacrifice a day’s wages for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, to help people to help themselves.

Concern for One Another

6. **Ghost:** Be helpful to people anonymously, without revealing who you are in order to take credit.

7. **Threads:** Got any good clothes to spare? Set them aside for the St. Vincent de Paul’s *Bundle Sunday*.

8. **Lift:** Spend time with someone who is hurting and really needs encouragement. Set aside your own problems for a moment, and pray with that person for God’s peace.

Forgiveness: Self-Concern and Others

9. **Reconciliation:** Have a good Confession early in Lent; make up with God; open up – every Saturday, 4:00 pm. This is the Sacrament that keeps our hearts from getting clogged by sin; instead of growing cold, warm up!

10. **Family Forgiving Time:** Take time to reflect upon the past year, and talk about your relationships at home. Pray to God for help in discerning areas that need renewal, forgiveness and healing and then take action.

Fasting and Almsgiving

11. **Shrink:** Remember that both *Ash Wednesday* and *Good Friday* are days of Fast and Abstinence. In Lent, observe abstinence every Friday. This is a spiritual exercise. Choose a time in your period of fasting when you can concentrate, and pray for a spirit of solidarity between our own poverty, and that of the poor in our city and in the developing nations.

12. **Grow:** Ask God for help to get into spiritual self-renewal. Select appropriate acts of self-denial during Lent, and follow through! Cut out smoking; cap the alcohol; bypass favourite foods; limit your time on the internet; and skip the mindless TV. Instead, pick programs on Catholic stations that highlight life’s positive values. Give “The Screen” a rest & clear your head 1 day a week.

Jubilee Mass, 19 February 2025,
with Cardinal Francis Leo and
Bishop Vincent Nguyen.
St Barnabas Church







Jejociny Consalas receives the Ontario Volunteer Service Award, presented June 2024 by Dolly Begum.

Altar for St. Albert School Mass. Students regularly contribute to the liturgical decoration of their gym for sacred liturgies.





Amalia Haddad receives her *Employee Award* from **Cardinal Leo** at St. Augustine Seminary, 20 Feb. 2025, for 10 years of service.



Amalia (in white top) with **Lillian D'Souza** and **Bishop John Boissonneau** at St. Augustine Seminary, 20 Feb. 2025.



Amalia, Racquel and Corine with a photo of their dear friend **Carla Go Tan**, after her funeral Mass on 22 February 2025.



