



ST. DENNIS PARISH 2017 LENT CALENDAR

Living Lent with Love



Excerpt from His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2017: “The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ’s victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God “*with all their hearts*” (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016).
Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which, during this season, we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply.

March

1 **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Mass & Ashes: 8:15 am & 7:00 pm. Ashes only: 12 Noon.

3 Stations of the Cross @ 6:00 pm. CCW hosting Soup Supper @ 6:30 pm

5 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ *Love for All***

“Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another. Each is responsible for the care of this family.”

Care Pantry Food Collection. One can per household or donate gift cards to Bread of Life.

Alive in Faith Youth Parish Mission (grades 8-12): ValLimar Jansen 7 pm in Church

6 *Alive in Faith Parish Mission:* ValLimar Jansen 7 pm in Church. “The Woman at the Well.”

7 *Alive in Faith Parish Mission:* ValLimar Jansen 7 pm in Church. “The Man Born Blind.”

8 *Alive in Faith Parish Mission:* ValLimar Jansen 7 pm in Church. “The Raising of Lazarus.”

10 Stations of the Cross @ 3:00 pm

12 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ *Love Without Measure***

“What is the measure of God? Without Measure! The measure of God is without measure. Everything! Everything! It’s impossible to measure the love of God: it is without measure!”

14 Reconciliation Prayer Service at 7 pm

17 Stations of the Cross @ 6:00 pm

Music Ministry Hosting Lenten Soup Supper at 6:30 pm, Fracaro Hall

19 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ *Holy, Loving Families***

“On the Cross Jesus “loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

Each one of us can say: “he loved me and gave himself for me.” Each one can say this “for me.”

24 Stations of the Cross @ 3:00 pm

Daily Mass will change to Mon-Tues-Thurs at 8:00am.

Wednesday school Mass at 8:15 am, on Fridays Communion Service at 8:00 am during Lent.

Stations of Cross and Soup Suppers, Fridays in Lent:

4 dates for Stations at 6 pm followed by soup supper at 6:30 pm after in Fracaro Hall.

On other dates where church is busy in evening, Stations *only at 3 pm.*



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26 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ *Hope in Eternal Life***

"All of us are journeying towards the heavenly Jerusalem...then happy day when we will see the Lord's face- that marvelous face, the most beautiful face of the Lord Jesus- and be with him forever, in his love. "

- 31 Stations of the Cross @ 6:00 pm
Healing Ministry Hosting Lenten Soup Supper @ 6:30 pm

April

2 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT~ *Renewed in His Love***

"Today Christ is knocking at the door of your heart, of my heart. He calls you and me to rise, to be wide awake and alert, and to see the things in life that really matter."

Walk with Faith Cross Shoe collection final drop off.
Care Pantry Food Collection. One can per household or donate gift cards to Bread of Life.

- 7 Stations of the Cross @ 6:00 pm
Arts & Environment Hosting Lenten Soup Supper @ 6:30 pm

9 **PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION ~ *A Cross of Love***

"What has the Cross given to those who have gazed upon it or touched it? What has it left in each one of us? It gives us a treasure that no one else can give the certainty of the unshakable love which God has for us. "

- 12 School Triduum Prayer Service at 10:30 a.m.

13 **HOLY THURSDAY**

(No morning Mass)

Mass at 7:00 pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

14 **GOOD FRIDAY**

(No morning Mass)

7:00 pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

15 **HOLY SATURDAY**

(No 4:30 pm Mass)

EASTER VIGIL MASS at 7:30 pm in Church. Bring a bell to ring during Gloria.

16 **EASTER SUNDAY Masses at 7:30 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am**

All Easter Sunday Masses will be celebrated in the Church.

"Loving God, how fitting that the Easter story opens in a garden in full bloom. A garden where the words, "Do not be afraid!" steady our hearts, take on fresh meaning. A garden that trumpets the message that sin and death will not have the last word. The tomb is empty, Jesus is alive.

It is love that endures, now and forever. Alleluia!