

# St. John of the Cross Catholic Cluster

## NOTRE DAME du MONT CARMEL

St. David  
St. Gerard-Mt. Carmel  
St. Thomas Aquinas

## OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

St. Agatha  
St. Luce  
St. Joseph (Sinclair)  
St. Michael (Summer Months)

## ST. PETER CHANEL

St. Bruno - St. Remi  
St. Joseph (Hamlin)



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**MARCH 13, 2022**

### **PASTOR**

Fr. Kent Ouellette

### **DEACONS**

Rev. Mr. Donald R. Clavette

Rev. Mr. Rodney Deschaine

### **CLUSTER 2 BUSINESS COORDINATOR**

Greg Cyr

### **Cluster 2 Website**

[www.sjvcatholics.org](http://www.sjvcatholics.org)

### **Cluster 2 Facebook Site**

St John Valley Catholics

### **SACRAMENTAL & PASTORAL CARE**

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Please call your parish office for appointment.

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday before 4pm Mass or by appointment.

#### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Please call your parish office at least 6 months prior to date.

#### **SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please call your parish office.

#### **FUNERALS**

Please contact the Cluster 2 business office.

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

If you are new to the parish or have an address or phone number change, please contact your parish office.

### **NOTRE DAME DU MONT CARMEL**

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## Notre Dame du Mont Carmel Mass Schedule

**Saturday, March 12**      **St. Gregory the Great, Pope**  
 4:00pm **ST: (LS)** Roger Ayotte by Jeanine Daigle  
 6:00pm **SG:** Claire Cote by Barbara Roy

**Sunday, March 13**      **2nd Sunday of Lent**  
 8:30am **ST:** Aline Landry Viel by Bertha Viel Bosse & Regina Viel Lagace  
 11:00am **SD:** Jerry Soucy, Jerry Labbe & Conrad Daigle by Bob & Leola Cyr

**Monday, March 14**      **St. Mathilda**  
 8:30am **ST:** Aline Corriveau by Lee St. Onge

**Tuesday, March 15**      **St. Clement Mary Hofbauer**  
 6:00pm **ST: (LS)** Laurie Madore by Jan Violette

**Wednesday, March 16**      **Sts. Abraham & Solitary**  
 8:30am **ST:** Fortunat & Phoebe Lavoie by Elsie Raymond

**Thursday, March 17**      **NO MASS / St. Patrick**

**Friday, March 18**      **St. Cyril of Jerusalem**  
 6:00pm **SD:** Richard G. Coltart by Family

**Saturday, March 19**      **St. Joseph**  
 4:00pm **ST: (LS)** Pius & Irene St. Onge by Lee St. Onge  
 6:00pm **SG:** Joanne Deschaine (1st Ann) by husband Carroll

**Sunday, March 20**      **3rd Sunday of Lent**  
 8:30am **ST:** Lucien Lizotte by Elsie Raymond  
 11:00am **SD:** Scott B. Cyr by Conrad & Rachelle Beaulieu

**\*\* (LS) Livestream**

## Our Lady of the Valley Mass Schedule

**Saturday, March 12**      **St. Gregory the Great, Pope**  
 6:00pm **SA:** James Chamberland by Muriel McGlaughlin

**Sunday, March 13**      **2nd Sunday of Lent**  
 10:30am **SL:** Prescille Dumais by daughter, Maxine  
 4:00pm **SJ:** Roger Boucher by Joan, Michael & Karen

**Monday, March 14**      **St. Mathilda**  
 6:00pm **SA:** Rose Marie Lavoie by Pierre & Donna Chamberland

**Tuesday, March 15**      **St. Clement Mary Hofbauer**  
 8:30am **SJ:** Marie Louise Raymond by Gary & Donna Boucher

**Wednesday, March 16**      **NO MASS / Sts. Abraham & Solitary**

**Thursday, March 17**      **St. Patrick**  
 6:00pm **SL:** Deceased relatives of Diane Landry

**Friday, March 18**      **NO MASS / St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

**Saturday, March 19**      **St. Joseph**  
 6:00pm **SA:** Philip Fongemie by Roland & Arlene Albert

**Sunday, March 20**      **3rd Sunday of Lent**  
 10:30am **SL:** Clovis Daigle by Paul & Helen Nadeau  
 4:00pm **SJ:** Abel Caron by Caron Family

## St. Peter Chanel Mass Schedule

**Saturday, March 12**      **St. Gregory the Great, Pope**  
 4:00pm **SB/SR:** Dan Marquis by Steve & Marilyn Lajoie

**Sunday, March 13**      **2nd Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00am **SJ:** Louise & Gladys Gorey by Patricia Guillerault  
 9:15am **SB/SR:** Luc Gagnon by his grandmother, Aurella & Family

**Monday, March 14**      **St. Mathilda**  
 6:00pm **SB/SR:** Sr. Yvette Raymond by Deacon Rodney Deschaine

**Tuesday, March 15**      **NO MASS / St. Clement Mary Hofbauer**

**Wednesday, March 16**      **Sts. Abraham & Solitary**  
 5:00-6:00pm **SB/SR:** Adoration/Confession  
 6:00pm **SB/SR:** Joan Thibodeau by John & Noreen Pelletier

**Thursday, March 17**      **NO MASS / St. Patrick**

**Friday, March 18**      **NO MASS / St. Cyril of Jerusalem**  
 5:30pm **SB/SR:** Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 19**      **St. Joseph**  
 4:00pm **SB/SR:** Juliette Soucy by Vern & Elaine Ouellette

**Sunday, March 20**      **3rd Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00am **SJ:** Dan Marquis by Mike & Marie Lajoie  
 9:15am **SB/SR:** Raymonde Guy (1st Ann 3/23) by her husband, Roland Ayotte

## EUCHARIST ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE

	EUCHARIST ADORATION	CONFESSIONS	MASS
ST. BRUNO/ST REMI	MONDAY 5:00 TO 6:00	5:00 TO 6:00	6:00PM
ST. AGATHA	MONDAY 5:00 TO 6:00	5:00 TO 6:00	6:00PM
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS	TUESDAY 1:00 TO 5:45	4:30 TO 5:30	6:00PM
ST. BRUNO/ST. REMI	WEDNESDAY 5:00 TO 6:00	5:00 TO 6:00	6:00PM
ST. LUCE	THURSDAY 5:00 TO 6:00	5:00 TO 6:00	6:00PM
ST. DAVID	FRIDAY 5:00 TO 6:00	5:00 TO 6:00	6:00PM



# Dieu Nous Attend



# NOTRE DAME DU MONT CARMEL PARISH CORNER

St. David, St. Gerard-Mt. Carmel/Grand Isle, St. Thomas Aquinas/Madawaska

## Worship & Spirituality

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Quinn Soucy, Debra Levesque, Donna Neill, Rachel Boisvert and Carol Roy. FMI please call 728-7135. \*\*Please note that after 1 month on the list we will remove the name. You must call back if you want to be put back on.

### LAMP FOR THE UNBORN BURNS FOR:

St. David - for the Unborn by a Parishioner

St. Gerard - for Declah by Nancy Michaud



### ST. GERARD SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN MARCH FOR:

Herman J. Fortin by Aldrie & Marietta Fortin & Family

Addis, Norma & John Beaupre by Helen Beaupre

### ST. DAVID SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN MARCH FOR:

Rachel Boisvert by Ron & Rena Chasse

Charles Gendreau & Adrien Pelletier by Therese & Ronaldo Gendreau

### ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN

MARCH FOR: Sr. Margaret McPeak, DW by Angela Houghton



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Tuesday, March 15th / 1pm-5:45pm**  
at St. Thomas Aquinas Church



**INTENTION:** Vocations to priesthood, religious life & seminaries in our Diocese and for our area businesses and their workforces.

### Please Pray for our Military Service Members



"Lord hold our Troops in your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families

for the selfless acts

they perform for us in our time of need."



**If you would like to have a Service Member listed,**

**Contact Charlie at 207-316-3382.**

### ††REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died and for their families:

† **Reginald Hebert, 84**, who passed away on March 5. He was a member of St. David Parish.

† **Clayton J. Martin, 86**, who passed away on March 5. He was the husband to Dorina of St. Thomas Parish.



**FATIMA ROSARY:** Recited every 13th of each month at 12pm (noon) at St. Gerard Church. All are welcomed.

Notre Dame du Monte Carmel has an immediate opening for a

### Custodial Associate

This part time position will be responsible for maintaining sanitation in and around the parish buildings. Inquiries can be made at the cluster Business Office or by calling 728-7531



## Finance & Administration

### Notre Dame du Mont Carmel Financial Update

**Offertory:** July 1, 2021 to February 27, 2022

**Budget:** \$230,865 **Actual:** \$237,924 **Over Anticipated:** \$7,059

	Amount given	Weekly goal
St. David	\$1,387	\$1,745
St. Gerard	\$1,195	\$1,032
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$3,194	\$3,819
Weekly Totals	\$5,775	\$6,596

**WeShare Online Giving:** \$397

### Second Collection

**March 20 - Heating Fund**

**March 27 - Catholic Relief Services**

*The strong recommendation for wearing masks has been removed. Those wishing to continue wearing a mask are welcome to do so!!*

## Parish Life

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA PRAYER LINE:** If you are in need of prayers for you or a loved one, the Daughters of Isabella can help through the Prayer Line. This is open to anyone – not only for members. To add a name to the prayer line, call **Lucy Cyr at 436-9673.**

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA MEETING:** Monday, March 14 rosary at 5pm, meal at 5:15pm followed by meeting. Please bring items for hope and justice. FMI call Rose at 728-6388.

**ST. DAVID LADIES OF ST. ANNE MEETING:** Tuesday, March 15 at 2:30pm in the St. David Rectory downstairs.

## Community Events

### YOUR ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY IS HERE FOR YOU:

If you are struggling and need food in these difficult times, we are here for you. Applications available at Frenchville and Madawaska Town Offices. You can also pick one up when you come pick up a box. Drive by St Thomas Aquinas Church parking lot, wear mask & open trunk of your car. **Food boxes will be available on March 16th from 8-10am. Senior boxes will be available on March 28 from 8-10am 8-10am.** FMI call pantry at 728-7531.

**GRAND ISLE SENIOR LUNCHEON:** Thursday, March 17th at the Community Center. Until further notice the meals will be **TAKE OUT ONLY!!** **MENU:** Turkey Dinner

**GRAND ISLE KC BREAKFAST:** Sunday, March 20, 7:30 to 10:30am at the Grand Isle Community Center. Eat in or take out. Tickets \$8 in advance or \$9 at the door. Masks & social distancing recommended inside. Mill delivery at 7:30am. Advance tickets available from Gerald 895-6949; Bob 895-2287; George 227-1177; Gary 316-6060 or Grand Isle General Store.

**GRAND ISLE SPEGHETTI DINNER & MUSIC:** Sunday, April 10, 11am to 12:30pm. Tickets \$8 in advance or \$9 at the door. Tickets available from Angela 895-6949, George 227-1177 or Rita 895-2215. Eat in or take out available. **Music by Hervin & Ed.** Fund raiser sponsored by Greater Grand Isle Committee for summer events & Sunday music.

**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PARISH CORNER**  
 St. Agatha, St. Joseph/Sinclair, St. Luce/Frenchville, St. Michael Chapel

**Worship & Spirituality**

PRAYER LINE CONTACTS

St. Joseph: Cecile Ouellette 543-6073

SANCTUARY LAMP: Burns for:

**St. Agatha:** Jos B. & Annie Chamberland & Family  
 by Angela Houghton  
**St. Luce:** Allen & Judy Richard by Aunt Jackie  
**St. Joseph:**



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday's 5:00-6:00pm with Mass at 6:00pm at St. Agatha  
 Thursday's 5:00-6:00pm with Mass at 6:00pm at St. Luce

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Council Meeting

**When:** March 15 at 6:30pm  
**Where:** Basement of St. Agatha Church  
 (members & officers)



**St. Patrick | March 17**

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, **St. Patrick (415-493)** is a well-known saint around the world. St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family. His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of Martyrdom. He continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.

***St. Patrick, Pray for us!!***



**St. Matilda**

*Pray for us*



**Finance & Administration**

Our Lady of the Valley Financial Updates

**Offertory:** July 1, 2021 to February 27, 2022

**Budget:** \$124,519 **Actual:** \$122,283 **Under Anticipated:** -\$2,237

	Amount Given	Weekly Goal
Weekly Totals	\$2,337	\$4,167
	This Year	Last Year
Average Collections	\$3,494	\$3,352

**WeShare Online Giving:** \$180

Second Collection

**March 20 - Heating Fund**  
**March 27 - Catholic Relief Services**



**SAINT JOSEPH**  
 SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*Prayer to St. Joseph*

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
 To you God entrusted His Only Son;  
 In you Mary placed her trust;  
 With you Christ became man.  
 Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
 show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.  
 Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
 and defend us from every evil.**

*Amen*

**ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY IN SINCLAIR**

*Serving St. Agatha, Sinclair and Cross Lake*

If you are in need of food in these difficult times, we are here for you. If you are a senior you may qualify for a senior box and food box every month.

Food is given every **first Tuesday** of every month also senior box and this is a drive thru pick up, just open trunk and we will load the box of food for you. Pick up time is 1-3pm.

Please wear a mask!

FMI call Cecile Ouellette @ 543-6073 or 543-5057

Monday thru Friday from 1-4pm

Application will be completed over the phone due to COVID-19

# ST. PETER CHANEL PARISH CORNER

St. Bruno-St. Remi Church/Van Buren, St. Joseph Church/Hamlin & Borderview Nursing Home

## ST. BRUNO-ST. REMI CHURCH SPONSORS

### BREAD & WINE SPONSOR / IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Patrick Pelletier (Birthday 3/17) by John & Noreen

### SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSOR / IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Joey R. Ouellette by Johanne & Reno Levesque

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SPONSORS

### SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSOR / IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

NORMAN PORTER BY WARREN & JO MARIE AYOTTE

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### Bread & Wine & Sanctuary Lamp Sponsors:

There are currently available dates for the 2022 new year for Bread & Wine (\$25) and Sanctuary Lamp (\$15) sponsors. Please consider coming into or calling the office to reserve your dates to memorialize a family member while helping to defer Parish costs.

**Thank you for your consideration. God Bless.**

**TAX TIME:** Collection envelope users; If you're in need of a donation report for taxes contact the office asap to get on the mailing list.

### PARISH NEEDS / IN LOVING MEMORY:

John Lajoie by Mike & Marie Lajoie  
 John Lajoie by Gary & Diane Vaillancourt  
 John Lajoie by Phil & Susan Lajoie  
 Philip Ouellette by Jim & Nancy Ouellette

### KC PARISH NEEDS / IN LOVING MEMORY:

John Lajoie by Rudy & Dinah Parent

## ††REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died and for their families:

† **Norman L. Powers, 81**, who passed away on February 24. He is the brother to Diane Porter & Bea Dumais.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS / MARCH

12/13 EASTER FLOWERS

19/20 ENERGY NEEDS

26/27 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

### Come to the Well Women's Group

**When:** Monday Evenings @ 6:30pm

immediately following the 6pm Mass

**Where:** Meeting Room downstairs at St Peter Chanel Parish

### Cup of Joe Men's Group

**When:** Saturday morning from 7:15—8:30am

**Where:** Meeting room in the Parish Hall

**All are welcome!!**

## Finance & Administration

### St. Peter Chanel Parish Financial Updates

**Offertory:** July 1, 2021 to February 27, 2022

**Budget:** \$94,231 **Actual:** \$98,979 **Over Anticipated:** \$4,749

Amt. Given \$2,276 Weekly Goal \$2,692

This year \$2,828 Last year \$2,708

**WeShare: Online Giving: \$77**



## Bulletin Memorials In Loving Memory of:



Marquis & Cyr Families by Ray & Judy Marquis	Love you Aunt Mildred by your Nephew	Gilman Grandmason by his Family
Madore & Rossignol Families by Carlene & Sheila	Claudette Rossignol by Joan & Richard	Patrick Thibodeau by Yolande & Family
Tardif, Parent & Young Families by Ron & June & Family	Simone Vaillancourt by her Family & Friends	Gerald Morrow by Diane, Dan, Megan & Tiffany
Darold Pelletier by his wife, Gloria & Family	Antoine Levesque by his wife, Irene	Lajoie & Marquis Families by Mike & Marie Lajoie
Deceased Members of The Class of 1949 by The Class of 1949	St. Pierre & Marquis Families by Paul & Helen St. Pierre	<b>AVAILABLE</b>
Gervaise Lapierre by Bob & Family	Joey R. Ouellette by Jamie Parent	Leonhard Adam by Ella & Sharon
Martin & Deveau Families by Ron & Della Martin	John Lajoie by Ron & Della Martin	Betty Paradis by her Family
Cyr & Gagnon Families by Joyce & Phil	Joseph Sytulek Love, his wife, Eileen & sons Jeffrey & Gary	Gilman Grandmason by Esther, Rachel, Edna, Karen & Boy

## St. Peter Chanel Outreach Committee News

### Food Pantry News:

Thank you to our community for working with us through the winter! At this time we are looking for some heavy duty shelving, either on wheels or to be adapted. Will refurbish if necessary. Keep the boxes coming. Still near 200 families served each month. Thanks to ACAP for totes to use this month.

**Next Curbside Distribution Thurs, Mar 31, 1-3 pm.**

We are on call the rest of the month.

**On call for extras and emergencies: Nancy 868-5324,**

**Norm 498-9570, Bob 868-5623, Harvey 868-5679**

Please do NOT HESITATE to call when you have or see a need. **Next**

**Curbside Distribution:** February 24th, 1-2:30pm

### People Helping People Thrift Store:

**Note New Hours on Tuesday**

**HOURS:** Tuesday 12-3:30pm & Wed-Friday 12-4pm.

**Clothing is \$8/bag** unless specially marked. **NOTE NEW PRICE**

**DROP OFF OF CLOTHING SHOULD BE DONE ONLY DURING STORE HOURS. PLEASE.** Thank You!!

The Ladies of the People helping People thrift shop would like to invite the community to come in to see the new collection of all occasion dresses for first communion, Easter, mother of the bride, bridesmaids, gala/formal, pageant & proms. There is also a small size wedding dress (ask for private viewing). **SPECIAL** on Nurses uniforms buy 2 pieces & get 2 free.

Come check out our men's 3-piece suits.

**A sincere thanks to the community for all your donations and support... we could not do this without you!**

**Matt 25:40 "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."**

**Pastor's Corner**



The reading for this weekend's second reading can be one of two options. The second option contains an expression of great admiration. He calls them those, "whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved." He urges them to live faithfully in Christ and reminds them of the great promise of life. "Our citizenship is in heaven." That promise of life will mean that we will be transformed into something glorious by God's power. As Jesus was transformed by the Father's gaze, so shall we be changed. With this kind of faith our lives are transformed already. Even now, while practicing the trials of Lent, we live the life of the risen Lord. And by our faith we can change the face of the earth. Certainly, that was the goal of Paul's life, as he traveled the roads of the world. He know how a wretched life can be changed. His own life is one such story. At first a mean and vicious persecutor of the church, Paul came face to face with the light of Christ on that Damascus road, and was changed into a person who would willingly give his life for others. The light of Christ shines on us today. We are the transfigured people. It is in being loved that we are changed and brought fully alive. This love of God for us now becomes our mission to the world. Wretchedness can be turned into glory by the power of love. So, let the light of Christ, which shines on us today, shine on others, too, and transfigure all our lives.

With my prayers,

*Fr. Kent*



**Local Knights of Columbus  
to Sponsor Pilgrim Icon  
Prayer Service  
in Honor of St. Joseph**



The prayer service, flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis in 2021, and inspired by his apostolic letter "Patris Corde" is sponsored by all K of C Councils and Assemblies in District 1. We will pray for his intercession in preserving, cultivating and passing on the Catholic faith to future generations.

**Sponsored by Council #2638 & Assembly #0366**

**St. Thomas:** Saturday, March 12 at 4:00pm Mass

**St. David:** Sunday, March 13 at 11:00am Mass

**Sponsored by Council #8414**

**St. Gerard:** Saturday, March 19 at 6:00pm Mass

**Sponsored by Council #1635 & Assembly #0349**

**St. Bruno:** Sunday, March 27 at 9:15am Mass

"Turn in prayer to St. Joseph, give thanks to God for the gift of fatherly example, and ask St. Joseph to be a father to us as we seek to grow in our own imitation for St. Joseph's quiet strength, integrity and fidelity.

**ST. THOMAS GIFT SHOP**

*St. Thomas Aquinas Church Basement*

**HOURS:** Mon. - Thurs. 9am - 3pm & Friday 10am - 3pm  
or by appt., Call 728-4346/316-8062 Lee

"With faith, you can move mountains. With doubt, you create them."

**BOOKLET: "SERENITY MEDITATIONS"** Includes 30 days of meditations and prayers based on the 12 Steps to help readers on the path of serenity and recovery from addictions and anxiety. \$4.95

**GREETING CARDS: WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** with special ones for 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 60th, & 70th!! **BIRTHDAY:** Special ones for 75th, 80th, 85th, 90th, 95th, & 100th!! **Plus others!** Many of our cards are \$1 and our most expensive card (Specialty card) is \$2.79!

**CRUCIFIX:** 5-1/4" Genuine Olive Wood with metal Corpus, Standing Crucifix Only \$19.95 (JC810)

**NEW: KEY RING W/CLIP:** Can also be used for a zipper pull - St. Michael/Guardian Angel Medal with metal tag which reads: "I am a Catholic, in case of emergency please call a priest". Only \$2.00 (G4232)

**NIGHTLIGHTS: Blue Madonna** - Our Lady lit up in your room or your child's room, a wonderful soft light to remind you to take a few seconds to ask her for her intercession with her Son, for the welfare of your family, your business, & our world!! Reg. price \$15.95  
ON SALE ONLY \$12.00 (#14700)

**STATUE: 4" ST. PEREGRINE:** Sold in a window box, features the story of the Saint along with a prayer especially for cancer patients. Only \$14.95 (PC952)

**DVD: "NO TURNING BACK OR EXTREME MERCY II"** Both the conversion story of Fr. Donald Calloway. He will take you from giggles to tears as he recounts how God called him to a drastic life change!! A wonderful time to be spent in Lent!! \$16.95

**BOOKS: "10 WONDERS OF THE ROSARY"**

by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC

The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the rosary is the rose of all devotions and it is therefore the most important one. It would hardly be possible for me to put into words how much Our Lady thinks of the holy rosary and of how she vastly prefers it to all other devotions.

St. Louis de Montfort \$9.95

**KIDS: "Praying the Rosary with MARY"** Hard-covered book by the WORD among us. **For Children!**

"I am Mary, the mother of Jesus, and I love hearing children pray the rosary! I'm so happy that you are going to pray it with me now. Together we will be thinking about my Son, Jesus." Mary accompanies children through all twenty mysteries of the rosary as she explains to them what happened and why. Her loving words and the beautiful illustrations bring each mystery to life. What a wonderful way to introduce children to the depth and richness of the rosary! For ages seven to eleven. A wonderful gift for a grandchild or niece/nephew!! Only \$12.95

THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CHILD IS READ ALOUD TO HIM/HER!

Also, Gift Certificates are always available!!

**PUBLIC ROSARY GROUP**

*(America Needs Fatima)*

We meet every **Wednesday & Friday at 3:00pm** at the

St. Thomas Church for the winter months & at Joan

Quellette's house at 11 Green Point Road. We begin with

Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Rosary. Pray for pandemic situation and for the restoration of our country facing evil forces that is prevalent right now.

## March 13, 2022 2nd Sunday of Lent

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose. Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly.

**Question:** Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

**Answer:**

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

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**Art & Different Media with Lulu Pelletier:** Tuesday, March 22 at 10:00am at Lulu's Art Studio, 28 Market St., Fort Kent.

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## The Resurrection and Spiritual Hangriness

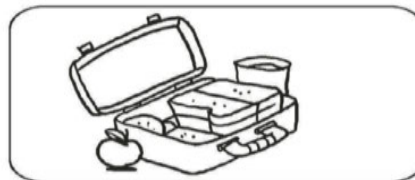
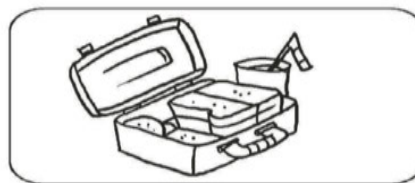
I want to talk about being *hangry*. I'll give you a quick description of *hangriness*, though I warn you, it doesn't come from the Oxford English Dictionary. *Hangriness* is when you're so hungry you get angry. You turn into a real piece of work. You can't get anything done and you're probably not a joy to be around, at least until you grab a snack. Everybody gets this way sometimes. We can be this way in our souls, too. It's so easy to get distracted by the hungers of this world: greed, pride, anxiety. We can become ruled by the needs of our bodies and the desires of our mind and, in doing so, neglect the needs and the desires of our souls.

Everyday stewardship calls us to a constant reflection on the truth that we are not made for this world, as Christ clearly shows us in his Transfiguration. He reveals himself in his heavenly glory, just before he is going to be deprived of all earthly needs and wants — even his very life. He shows us that this is what we were meant for. This is what we are striving for.

Lent exists to remind us that we are not made for this world. When you become spiritually hangry — or as Scripture more eloquently puts it this week, when your mind is "occupied with earthly things" — turn your thoughts to the Transfiguration. I promise you, it's even better than grabbing an energy bar.



## Children's Corner



I will not whine and beg when my parents say "No."

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