

**St. Agnes Parish**  
1019 Brown Street  
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**Parish Office**  
Open Tues. to Thurs.  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Weekend Mass**  
Sat. at 5 p.m.  
Sun. at 9 a.m.  
11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

**Weekday Mass**  
Tues. at 7 p.m.  
Wed.-Fri. 12:10 p.m.  
Reconciliation: Sat. 4-4:30pm & on request.

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## March 1, 2026 – Second Sunday of Lent

**Focus:** *The Transfiguration is a sign of hope.*

The Transfiguration is a sign of hope. When Jesus was transfigured before his disciples, they had a glimpse of the glorified future that awaits the faithful. Through the power of Jesus Christ, we can be transformed, leading the holy lives to which he calls us. Filled with his light and goodness, we will shine with his glory in this life and in the world to come.

### **In Our Parish This Week**

#### **Monday, March 2**

~ 1:30pm Bind Us Together Prayer Group (MR)  
~ 2pm Praise & Worship Rehearsal (Church)  
~ 7pm Life Group 3 (Zoom)

#### **Tuesday, March 3**

~ 5pm North Star Youth Group (Hall)  
~ 7pm Healing Mass (Prayer Team available)  
~ 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### **Wednesday, March 4**

~ 6:30pm Wild Goose (MR)  
~ 7pm Life Group 1 (Zoom)

#### **Thursday, March 5**

~ 10:15am Women's Bible Study (MR)  
~ 6:30pm Choir Practice

#### **Friday, March 6**

~ 9am St. Vincent de Paul Hampers  
~ 11:30am Stations of the Cross

#### **Saturday, March 7**

~ 9am Life Group 4 (MR)

#### **Sunday, March 8**

~ 12pm RCIA (MR)  
~ 7:45pm Youth (Hall)

### **Sunday Collection:**

February 22: **\$3428.50**

Thank you for your continued financial support of our parish.

### **Mass Intentions This Week**

#### **Tuesday, March 3**

~ Patrick Courtney req. The Coursolle Family  
~ Intentions of Maner Winning req. A Friend

#### **Wednesday, March 4**

~ Lynda Pontisso req. St. Agnes CWL

#### **Thursday, March 5**

~ Prito Biscocho req. Rollie & Solita Catalan

#### **Friday, March 6**

~ Antony Ekeh req. Francis Ekeh

#### **Saturday, March 7**

~ Lynda Pontisso req. Flo Yarzab  
~ Intentions of Armando & Arminda Magbanua req. Rollie & Solita Catalan  
~ Elisabeth Battiston req. Maria Pedulla & Family  
~ Intentions of Clementine Petchenuk req. Lydia Mork

#### **Sunday, March 8      Third Sunday of Lent**

**9am:** ~ Doris Hill req. St. Agnes CWL

~ Ferruccio Agostino req. Joyce Ilkka

**11am:** ~ Elisabeth Battiston req. Irena Elms

~ Intentions of the Sdao Family req. Gerri Jessiman

~ Romano Taddeo req. Ron & Pat Pearson

**7pm:** The People of the Parish

### **Readings March 8**

First Reading: Exodus 17.3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5.1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4.5-42

As we read these passages we ask ourselves, "What is the Good News here for me?" "What is the challenge here for me" and, "How will this help me celebrate at the table of the Lord this Sunday?" This will enrich our celebration at Mass each week.

## **Catholic Women's League News**



The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

At this time our membership & parishioners join with the family and friends to mourn our league



sister Doris Hill who died on February 18th. For over 50 years she has been a faithful and devoted member of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, generously sharing her time, talents and unwavering commitment to our sisterhood. Her quiet leadership, enduring faith and spirit of service have been a blessing to us all. We celebrate her life for God and Canada. She is listed in our National Book of Life and to be remembered in daily Mass and Prayers.

**World Day of Prayer 2026** will be held at St. Dominic's Church on Friday, March 6 at 10am. The service this year is prepared by the women of Nigeria and the theme is "I will give you rest: come". Join them for prayer, music, food and fellowship!

**Penitential Service:** St. Agnes will have a Lenten Penitential Service with General Absolution on Thursday, March 19 at 7pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent is a vital, transformative practice for spiritual renewal, purification, and preparation for Easter. It offers a tangible encounter with God's mercy, allowing us to repent of sins, restore our relationship with God and the Church, and receive grace to overcome future temptations.

**Women's Bible Study:** All women are invited to attend Bible Study, bi-weekly, Thursday mornings from 10:15-11:30. Childcare is provided. Invite your friends to join you for the next meeting on March 5 in the Mary Room.

**Development and Peace** Dignity, participation, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor and integrity. These are the values at the heart of the work of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Since 1967, we've been walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South to promote justice, peace and dignity. Guided by Catholic Social Teaching, we support partner-led projects that reach over 7 million people in more than 30 countries around the world.

## **Knights of Columbus**



### **Council 8602 News:**

A reflection from our Supreme Chaplain: "The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen." (Gospel Mt 4:16)

Why would anyone sit in darkness? When it is dark, we ordinarily seek a source of light so that we may see—and be seen. Unless asleep, one who remains in the dark typically wishes not to be noticed. When we immerse ourselves in unrepented sin, we effectively enter into darkness. Like Adam and Eve after the fall, we hide from God. But Jesus calls us forth into the light, inviting us to repent of our sins, so that we might embrace Christ, the light of the world, who leads us to everlasting life.

### **Upcoming Events**

Spaghetti Take Out— Thursday, March 5th at the Columbus Centre. Pickup from 2:00pm to 5:30pm.

**Lenten Reflection:** As we enter the second week of Lent, may we walk through this season with humble hearts, renewed focus, and a deep desire to draw closer to God through prayer and reflection. Let us empty ourselves to create more space for Jesus. Come Holy Spirit!

**Anniversaries of the Deceased:** Please remember in your prayers Margaret Sgambelluri, Francesco Sgambelluri, William Kelso, Diane Barron and Emerita Kasstan whose anniversaries occur this week.

**Children's Altar Server Training:** St. Agnes Parish is holding a children's altar server training session Sunday, March 22, 2026 after the 11am mass. Beverages and snacks will be served afterwards. All children who have received their First Communion are invited to attend. If you and your child are interested, contact the Parish office or phone or text (807) 632-2251 to register. Deadline to register is March 18, 2026.

**"LIGHT FROM THE TOMB – LUCE DAL SEPOLCRO"** Fr. Luigi will be hosting a video presentation as an Easter reflection in the St. Anthony's Church Hall on Tuesday, March 3rd, Tuesday, March 10th, and Tuesday, March 17th beginning at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome.