

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Be perfect...as your heavenly Father is perfect."

February 23, 2020

† Masses this week at St. Michael's Year A
Monday, February 24

12:05 pm Special Intentions of Audrey Glover

Tues. Feb. 25

12:05 pm † Maurice Dagenais -Larry

Ash Wednesday: † Feb. 26

12:05 pm † Deceased Members of Lachance & Andersen Family

7:00 pm Living and † Deceased Members of the Lees Family

Thurs. Feb. 27

12:05 pm † Stefania Krywionek
 -Lisa & Natlie

Friday, Feb. 28

10:00 am Mass at Extendicare

12:05 pm Special Intentions of Fr. Gerardus
 -Roberta

Saturday, February 29

5:00 pm Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, March 1

9:00 am † Cecelia Majdell
 -Joe Kennedy

11:00 am † Martha Prawecki -Family

Next Weekend's Readings: First Sunday of Lent

1st: Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7++

2nd: Romans 5.12, 17-19 Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

Prayer Life at St. Michael's

Tues. 25	7:30 am	Adoration/Prayer
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Double Bulletin: Keep for reference until February 29.



Feb. 26

Is the first day of the liturgical Season of Lent, we prepare ourselves to

celebrate the high point of our Christian life, Easter. Each year, the readings for Ash Wednesday are the same. They call us to a change of heart and teach us about the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These disciplines are to be part of the Christian life during every season, but during the season of Lent, we renew our commitment to them.

The meaning behind tracing a cross on our foreheads with ashes (the liturgical sign of Ash Wednesday) is a summary of our Christian life. On one level, the ashes remind us of our origin and our death. (*In the words of the prayer said when we receive ashes: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."*) The ashes are also the sign of our victory: the cross of Christ. In his death and resurrection, Christ conquered death. Our destiny as Christians is to receive the victory over death that Christ won for us. We acknowledge that victory when we "turn away from sin and (are) faithful to the gospel," words from the alternative prayer when we are signed with ashes. **NOTE 2 Masses are offer this day 12:05 & 7:00 pm in the Church.**

YOU'RE INVITED: The Knights are hosting "Shrove Tuesday" pancake supper on Feb. 25 from 4:30 -6:30 pm at the Columbus Community Centre. Adults \$8 Children (5-12) \$5

The Stations of the Cross

is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' passion and death. Every Friday during Lent you will



have the opportunity to come together with others to pray and follow the 'way of the cross'. **The CWL will assist Father on Friday, February 28 at 7:00 pm.**

Sacramental Preparation:

Confirmation: Session #7 February 24 or February 25, 7:00 pm in St. Michael's School.

Congratulations to those children who received Sacrament of First Reconciliation last week. They will now begin preparation for First Holy Communion.

Session #1 of First Eucharist will begin Feb. 18th or 22nd in St. Michael's School.

Villa St. Joseph Ecology & Spirituality Centre

Interfaith Prayer for Peace—Feb. 20 at 7:30pm. **Ash**

Wednesday Retreat Day Feb. 26 9am-4pm. **Lent Series:**

Intersecting our Lenten Tradition and Care of the Earth, Care of the Poor—5 Wed's: March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1 at 7pm.

Also, check out their '**winter nights at the movies**' Feb. 27, Mar 5 & 26, start 6pm to 9pm. Check their website for full schedule of events. www.villastjoseph.ca or call at 905-372-2741 for more details.