

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR A

## MARCH 1, 2026

### DIVINE INFANT PARISH

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#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the people of Divine Infant Parish, are called through Baptism to celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. In the spirit of faith, service, and community, we strive to bring everyone closer together and closer to God.*

*This we accomplish by:*

- *Shaping our lives in the image of Christ through worship and prayer.*
- *Contributing to the growth of our parish by being faithful stewards of the Gospel by word, witness, action and evangelization.*
- *Lending support to the parish leadership and working together to fulfill the mission.*

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	(meet 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month)	
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**Parish Caretaker:** Jeff Johnson ext 228

#### SACRAMENTS

**Infant Baptisms** Please call the parish office to set up a meeting with one of our priests to begin the process for baptisms.

#### **Marriage Preparation**

**Rita & Gerard McCarthy** marriagesformary@gmail.com  
At least six months notice required. No date can be set until a meeting with the couple has taken place.

#### **Adult Sacramental Preparation (RCIA)**

**Deacon Jeff Le Bane** 613-834-5039  
**Deacon Jim Schultz** 613-845-0027  
**Deacon Phil Richards** 613-301-6824

For adults seeking baptism or full communion with the Roman Catholic Church or adult Catholics seeking Confirmation. Meetings are weekly on Wednesday nights. We are always open to new inquiries.

#### **School Age Sacramental Preparation**

**Nathalie Desjardins** 613-824-6822 x229  
For ALL (both Catholic school and public school) baptized Catholic children. The parish registration for reception of the Sacraments of First Communion (grade 2) and Confirmation (grade 6+) will begin in the fall. (<http://www.divineinfant.on.ca/>).

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

Are you or someone you know in need of this sacrament of healing? Anyone who has been diagnosed with a severe illness, is going for surgery or has reached old age is eligible to receive this sacrament. Please call the parish office or speak to a priest.

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St. Peter High School 837-9377  
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Divine Infant School 824-1060  
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## Dear Friends in Christ,

Every Friday through the whole Season of Lent we all gather to celebrate the Stations of the Cross. Let me share with you some history of this devotion and how it became one of the most recognizable devotions in the Church.

Its history goes back to the days when pilgrims were first openly able to go to Jerusalem and walk in the footsteps of Jesus on Good Friday. The emperor Constantine permitted Christians to legally worship in the Roman Empire in 313 after 250 years of persecution. In 335, he erected the Church of the Holy Sepulcher at the site where Jesus' tomb was believed to have been. Processions of pilgrims to the church, especially during Holy Week, began soon after its completion. Pilgrimages eventually took a fixed route from the ruins of the Fortress Antonia, where Pilate had his judgment hall, to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. That route through Jerusalem's Old City gained acceptance as the way Jesus went to his death and remains unchanged today. It is known as the Via Dolorosa, Latin for the "Sorrowful Way."



Stops developed on the way to note specific events on the road to Calvary. In many cases, the pilgrims could only guess where some incidents took place because Jerusalem had been almost completely destroyed by Roman armies in 70 A.D. The pilgrims brought back oil from the lamps that burned around Jesus' tomb and relics from the holy places, and sometimes tried to recreate in Europe what they had seen in the Holy Land. The Muslim conquest of Palestine in the seventh century made such shrines more significant, since it made travel to the Holy Land dangerous.

Devotions to the Way of the Cross began in earnest after 1342, when the Franciscan friars were given custody of the holy sites in the Holy Land. The Franciscans have been closely identified with the devotion ever since; for years, Church regulations required a set of the stations to be blessed by a Franciscan when possible. The number of stations varied widely, with some manuals of devotion listing as many as 37. The term "stations" in describing the Way of the Cross was first used in the narrative of an English pilgrim, William Wey, who visited the Holy Land twice in the 15th century.

Depictions of the events described in the Stations did not start becoming common in churches until Pope Innocent XI permitted the Franciscans in 1686 to erect such displays in all their churches. He also declared that all indulgences given for visiting the sacred sites in the Holy Land would apply to any Franciscan or Franciscan lay affiliate visiting a set of stations in a church. Pope Benedict XIII extended that privilege to all the faithful in 1726. Five years later, Pope Clement XII allowed all churches to have stations and fixed the number at 14, where it has been ever since. Benedict XIV specifically urged every church in 1742 to enrich its sanctuary with stations.

On Good Friday in 1991 Pope John Paul II introduced the Scriptural Way of the Cross. Ever since, the Way of the Cross is celebrated in that form every year at the Colosseum in Rome.

Following suffering Christ on his way to the hill of Golgotha by celebrating the Stations of the Cross is for us a strong reminder of the great price that Christ paid for our redemption, but we know that it doesn't end there. There is that joyful Easter morning and Christ who comes in the glory of resurrection bringing us a wonderful news and promise of salvation and eternal life.

In Christ,  
Fr. Waldemar Podlasz SDS

# PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

*GO OUT... GO DEEP... GO TOGETHER...*

*Diving deep into the missionary nature of our Church  
with the Papal Encyclical*

**“REDEMPTORIS MISSIO”**

***March 9 - 11, 2026***

## **Day 1 – Monday, March 9**

**6:30PM** – Confessions

**7:00PM** – Mass

**7:40PM** – First talk by Fr. Tavis (*on the first four chapters of the Encyclical “Redemptoris Missio”*)

## **Day 2 – Tuesday, March 10**

**6:30PM** – Confessions

**7:00PM** – Mass

**7:40PM** – Second talk by Fr. Waldemar  
(*on the last four chapters of the  
Encyclical “Redemptoris Missio”*)



## **Day 3, Wednesday, March 11**

**6:30PM** – Confessions

**7:00PM** – Mass

**7:40PM** – Third talk by Michael Hall - Director of Mission & Pastoral Services,  
Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall and proud DI parishioner (*on our new Diocesan  
Vision Statement – “Go out... Go deep... Go together...”*)

We encourage you to read the Encyclical “Redemptoris Missio” in preparation for the Lenten retreat. This document can be found on our parish website, [www.divineinfant.on.ca/](http://www.divineinfant.on.ca/).

**INTENTIONS FOR  
Feb 28 ~ Mar 8  
2026**

**CONFESSIONS**  
Saturday and Sunday:  
4:15 - 4:45pm  
Weekdays: 1/2 hr before Mass  
Or by appt.

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Saturday, February 28**

5:00 pm †Patrick Kam by Alicia  
†Eddy Sabourin (47<sup>th</sup> anniv) by his family  
†Claire Belanger by Gregg Langill  
†Joanne Hunter by Linda Wright  
†Joan Hurry by Michael & Sandra Foran

**Sunday, March 1**

8:00 am †Elaine & Maurice St Jacques by the Drury family  
†Narciso Cardenas Sr. by Narciso Cardenas III  
†Gerry Roelofs by the Roelofs family  
†Paula Aird by Monique Sutherland  
†Helene Merritt by Liane McCraw  
9:30 am - For all Divine Infant Parishioners  
11:15 am - Intentions of Linda Epton by Martine Barney  
5:00 pm - Intentions of Anai Gracia Yuchra on her birthday

**Monday, March 2**

9:00 am †Narciso Cardenas Jr. by his son Narciso Cardenas III  
7:00 pm †Deceased & living members of the MacAulay family

**Tuesday, March 3**

9:00 am - In thanksgiving for blessings received  
9:30 am - 7:00 pm - All day Adoration  
7:00 pm - For a special intention by Chika Okye

**Wednesday, March 4**

9:00 am †Pierre Lessard by the CHEO CAC Team  
9:30 am - Holy Hour with Benediction  
7:00 pm †Emerson Curran by Katrina Curran & family

**Thursday, March 5**

9:00 am - Intentions of Caroline Cupido & family  
7:00 pm - For a special intention by Chika Okye

**Friday, March 6 *First Friday***

9:00 am †Souls in Purgatory by Brenda Roelofs  
9:30 am - Holy Hour with Benediction  
6:30 pm †Deceased & living members of the Trinidad & Gumabay by Elizabeth Trinidad  
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross led by The Mustard Seeds (Youth Group)

**Saturday, March 7 *First Saturday***

9:00 am - †Deceased members of the Madan & Gomes family

**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Saturday, March 7**

5:00 pm - For all Divine Infant Parishioners

**Sunday, March 8**

8:00 am †Deceased members of the Lake family  
9:30 am †Theresa Harps by Thomas Harps  
†Collette Savary by the Pineault family  
†Vince & Anne Marie Costello by Audrey & Tom Harps  
†Doreen Hogan (1<sup>st</sup> anniv) by Loretto Golding & family  
†Deceased members of the Feeley family by Patricia Feeley  
11:15 am †Victor Karwacki by the Scheidl family  
†Theresa White by Jennifer Goldstone  
†Blanche Begin by her husband Fred  
†Pierre Lessard by Iris Redmond  
†Maria Medina Dumali by Luz Medina-Agnes  
5:00 pm †Wendy Borsato by the Pusiak family

**COME WALK WITH US!  
Go Out, Go Deep, and Go Together!**

Celebrate the 9a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's Fallowfield and pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Basilica, Ottawa, then journey with pilgrims from across Ottawa's parishes in a day of prayer, fellowship, and reflection along the beautiful NCC trails. Together we will visit four churches, pray the Rosary and strengthen our bonds as disciples walking in the spirit of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall's vision. Go Out, Go Deep, and Go Together. The 28 km walk will take approximately 8 hours, leaving 9:45am and concluding with a potluck reception at the Basilica hall.

Check out pilgrimage details and sign up: route, shuttle need or volunteer to drive, optional start/finish points, potluck dish/volunteer cleanup here link: <https://tinyurl.com/m7uvhura>. Please note, all are welcome, even those who only want to walk a portion.

**TUESDAYS DURING LENT - 6:00AM**

**Young Adult  
Group**  
Every Tuesday  
during Lent



**Young Adults 18-29 yrs**  
- Silent Adoration  
- Talk + Q&A  
- Snack

**Join Us for a Lenten Supper**  
**Saturday, Mar 7 & 21**  
after 5pm Mass



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**USHERS NEEDED ~ Holy Week Liturgies**

Divine Infant Parish is seeking volunteers to usher at Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Masses. If you can help out, please print your name and contact information on the appropriate schedule in the foyer of the church.



Please pray for our brothers and sisters who are sick...Cynthia C., Colleen T., Carolyn S., Pierre POIRIER, Ken PEDERSON, Nuala LINTON, Lorna BAIER, Ron McGEE, Lesley BROTHERS, Abigail SCOTT, Sherry McMAHON, Irene SCHNARE, Jean-Luc ST-AMOUR, Tye PAEZER, Jean EAGLES, Lillian LANE, Olivia TRAFICANTI, Carolyn SPADONI, Nkem NWAINE, Johnny FERGUSON, Vera QUINN, Jeff TOOLE, Bill GRIMSHAW, Gilles, Hudson Guy BOIVIN, Bruno ROMANO, Rachel McGEE, Paula FLETCHER, Sarah WARD, Ali HEERINGA, Brandon PEEL, Stephen HOLT, Ron REYNOLDS, Danielle TOURANGEAU, Lissa ROBINSON, Blake BURDIS, Frances CHICOT, Nancy ROBINSON, Casey LALONDE, Linda POTVIN, Bertha FONSEKA, Jurica BALEN, Lucas, Frank DaCOSTA, Emily CORCORAN, Ida CARBONI, Jody KISH, Ethan LAVICTOIRE, the Residents of the Promenade, Queenswood Villa, Forest Valley Terrace and Symphony Senior Living and those whose names are entered in our Book of the Sick.

## LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Thursday - 9:00 am & 7:00pm

Friday - 9:00am & 6:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Stations of the Cross will follow 6:30 pm Mass on Fridays

## PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Good Friday is a day of **fasting and abstinence from meat**. Other Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday Nights During Lent

Please join us this Lent as we journey together meditating on the Stations of the Cross. This special devotion helps us to reflect and recall the last day of Jesus' life on earth as man.

**The Mustard Seeds (Youth Group) will lead the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 6 at 7:00 pm.**



## ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Exposition of the Blessed sacrament is every **Wednesday following the morning Mass**.

**During Lent**, Divine Infant Parish will also be having **a full day of Adoration:**

**Every Tuesday  
9:30am - 7:00pm**

There will be a solemn Benediction at 6:50 pm with regular Mass following at 7:00pm.



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight savings time is next weekend.

Please turn you clocks ahead 1 hour .

## MOMENTUM CATHOLIC SINGLE MOTHERS

Momentum Catholic Single Mothers will be holding their third gathering of the 2025-2026 season on **Saturday, March 7th from 1-3pm at St. Basil's Parish (940 Rex Ave, Ottawa)**. Light refreshments, tea and coffee and childcare will be provided. **Momentum's mission is to build a vibrant faith community for Catholic single mothers. Come gather with us for faith sharing and fellowship.**

For more information and to register, please visit [momentummothers.org](http://momentummothers.org). You do not need to have attended any previous sessions to come. All are welcome! If you are in need of a ride to the gathering, please indicate this on your registration. If you are not a single mom but would like to help out in any way (donating baked goods, fruit/veggie trays, your time for assistance with set up and take down, childcare etc.), please visit the website for contact information. Thank you!



## SHARE LENT DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

### Week 2: March 1

### Caritas Canada's work in a nutshell

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Watch this [one-minute video](#) for a glimpse of what this work of solidarity looks like. Share it widely; and join our efforts!



## EASTER FLOWER DECORATION PROGRAM

This lent, we invite you to decorate a small intention card (3"x2" or similar size) or create one from an Easter card you received in the past. Place it and your donation in an envelope identified as "Donations for Easter Flowers". When you come to Mass, please deposit this card in the collection box or mail slot beside the bulletin board outside our parish office. You may also mail it to our parish office (Divine Infant Parish, 6658 Bilberry Drive, Orleans ON K1C 2S9). These intention cards will be placed on the sanctuary and prayed for throughout the Easter season.

## THE MUSTARD SEEDS

**Calling All Youth grades 5-12  
Join Us each Friday!**

**7:30 PM – 8:15 PM**

**Parish Hall, Divine Infant Church**

Youths congregate in the Parish Hall 7:00 pm. Dismissal 9:00 pm.

Please contact Fiona, [youth@divineinfantparish.ca](mailto:youth@divineinfantparish.ca), to receive more information.

## THE DISCALCED CARMELITE SECULAR ORDER

The Discalced Carmelite Secular Order under the patronage of Our Lady of Mount Carmel offers a lay vocation to the faithful. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of Spirituality, teaches us how to pray. We meet once per month at St. Patrick's Basilica in Ottawa. For more information contact Carmel Farmer at 919-420-4125.

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER



## 2026 SCHEDULE

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### WE JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER

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PENITENTIAL SERVICE - Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm

CHRISM MASS AT NOTRE DAME BASILICA - Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>  
(There will be no evening Mass on Chrism Tuesday at Divine Infant Parish)

### EASTER TRIDUUM

#### Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30 pm  
11:30 pm— Liturgy of the Hours and  
Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Stations of the Cross led by the Divine Mercy Cenacle – 10:00 am  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3:00 pm  
The church will remain open for private veneration of the Cross  
Stations of the Cross led by the Clergy – 8:00 pm

#### Holy Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

Blessings of food baskets – 11:00 am  
Easter Vigil – 8:00 pm

#### Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Masses at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am and 2:00 pm

*There will be no Mass on Holy Saturday at 5:00pm or on Easter Sunday at 5:00pm  
There are no Confessions during Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday – Easter Sunday)*

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