

Year "A" *Isa 49.14-15; 1 Cor 4.1-5;*

*Matthew 6.24-34*

Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 17.19-20)

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.



<b>Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Sirach 17.24-27,29; Mark 10.17-27</i>	
8:30 a.m.	† Roshan Anandappa
<b>Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Sirach 35.1-12; Mark 10.28-31</i>	
8:30 a.m.	† Unannounced
<b>Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <i>Joel 2.12-18; 2 Cor 5.20-6.2; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18</i>	
7:30 p.m.	† Unannounced
<b>Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Luke 9.22-25</i>	
8:30 a.m.	† Unannounced
<b>Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>Isaiah 58.1-9a; Matthew 9.14-15</i>	
8:30 a.m.	† Unannounced
7:00 p.m.	Unannounced Intentions
<b>Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
5:00 p.m.	† Jean Podlipski
<b>Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
9:00 a.m.	Unannounced Intentions
11:00 a.m.	Mass Pro Populo
5:00 p.m.	† Maria Accardi

**Papal Intentions – March**

Evangelization: *Support for Persecuted Christians ~*  
That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

**World Day of Prayer**

This year Holy Redeemer’s Catholic Women’s Guild is hosting the World Day of Prayer for our area. The service will take place on **Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** Christians in more than 170 Countries and 2,000 communities across Canada will gather to learn about, pray and celebrate in solidarity with the women of the Philippines through the World Day of Prayer. Please join us and invite your friends and family to attend.

**Ash Wednesday – March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Please note there will be NO Holy Hour this week.

**Stations of the Cross**

Begins **Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** following 7:00 p.m. Mass. Please join us as we reflect on Christ’s Journey to the Cross during this Lenten season.

**What’s Happening This Week**

**Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. C.W.G. General Meeting

7:00 p.m. LifeTeen

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

7:00 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Catholicism Series

**Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

7:00 p.m. Youth Choir Practice

7:15 p.m. Confirmation Classes

**Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary

7:30 p.m. World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service

**Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Edge Night

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 p.m. Couples for Christ

from your  
**YOUTH MINISTER**

Our Krispy Kreme Fundraiser was a success! Thank you so much to the Parish Community of Holy Redeemer for their generosity in supporting our young people in attending Steubenville 2017. A very special thank-you to the Knights of Columbus who continue to support our young people of Holy Redeemer Parish.

For those students who are interested in attending the Steubenville Conference and have not submitted their form and deposit please contact Bianca Hutchinson.

**Join the “Call for Conscience”**

In the coming weeks, members of Ontario’s Provincial Parliament will review Bill 84 which deals with legal issues related to euthanasia/assisted suicide. At present, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing doctors to participate, despite their objections, when a patient decides to end their life. No other country does this. Please visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more, join the “Call for Conscience” and write directly to your elected MPP asking them to amend Bill 84 to add conscience protection.

Upcoming  
**EVENTS**

**Manresa Weekend Retreat for Women**

*"A Journey of Discovery with Christ."*

*Fr. Michael Knox, S.J.*

**Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

For more information please contact

Mary Bridgeman 905-839-4762

**Manresa Weekend Retreat for Men**

*"We too can be transformed" – Oscar Romaro*

*Facilitator: Fr. Bert Foliot, S.J.*

**Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre

For more information please contact

Mike Hyland 647-296-2499

**Lenten Walk with the Lord - "40"**

**Acts of Kindness**

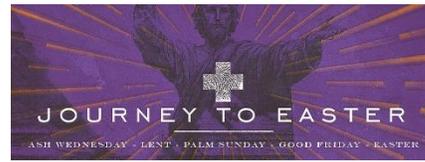


As you walk with the Lord through the Lenten season enhance and enrich your Lenten commitment and experience. "Lenten Walk with the Lord" invites you to do one (1) simple act of kindness for each of the 40 days of Lent. There is a calendar on the pamphlet tables as you leave the church to help you keep track of your kindnesses along with some simple instructions to help guide you. For example, kindness can be as simple as a smile and often begins at home, running an errand, shoveling snow.



**New Gather Hymn Books**

We need new Gather Books the one's we have are over 20 years old and when the Liturgy (the translations for the Mass) changed in 2009 the hymn books changed as well but we didn't update them at that time. The new version contains updated mass settings as well as new songs. The last time these books were purchased for the church, parishioners were given the opportunity to buy them in memory of family and friends. In the next coming weeks there will be forms available for people who would like to purchase a book for their loved ones. Please watch for future details in the bulletin.



The first day of March, marks also the beginning of the Lenten season for the year 2017,

and with Lent comes the outpouring of God's abundant blessings. It is truly a special season which touches people's hearts in a very special way. It is a journey we take with the Lord every year, walking with him in the wilderness for the forty days and forty nights. It is a journey of dying to our sins and raising to new life with the Lord at Easter.

Like Israel, after crossing the waters of the Red Sea was tested for forty years in the wilderness and like Jesus after passing through the waters of baptism at the banks of the Jordan was led into the wilderness to be tested for forty days and nights, so we too after our baptism, are called to walk through the wilderness, going on towards Easter.

During this time we engage in practices of self-denial, like fasting, almsgiving meant to direct our hearts and minds to the sufferings of Christ, who spent 40 days in the desert fasting and being tempted by Satan, and as we do so, we look forward to the celebration of Easter. The rhythm of fasting and feasting is closely knit together, since Lent obviously leads to Easter.

Conversion of heart or metanoia, is the running theme of the season as the words of prophet Joel ring in all our churches around the world, from the first reading assigned for Ash Wednesday saying, *'Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing'* (Joel 2:12). May our Lord Jesus, walk with us during this Lenten season, into the wilderness of our hearts, the seat of our inner thoughts, and cleans us from our weaknesses, and strengthen us against all temptations.

Father Colman



**Knights Korner Council 11729**

**Our Annual Shoe Drive**

Over the past several months our Council has conducted our "used shoe" drive. Under the leadership of Gary Tobin, we were able to place shoe boxes at our Church, our three schools: St. Mary's, St. Monica's and Father Fénelon, as well as The Running Room, GoodLife Fitness and the Pickering Recreation Centre. Be assured, hundreds of pairs of shoes were donated and we received \$560.00 for our effort.

Once again, thanks to everyone who responded and save your used shoes for our third drive next fall.

Walter Heeney - Grand Knight