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The Story: Tempted

## MASS TIMES

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM   9:30 AM 11:00 AM   12:30 PM
Monday - Saturday	8:30 AM
First Friday	7:00 PM

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday	2:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
First Friday	6:15 PM - 6:45 PM

## ADORATION

First Friday	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- We Have a New Website!
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- Rejoice in Hope - Lenten Retreat
- 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Photo directory
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- Out of the Cold
- Young Adult's R3 Night
- CWL Caribbean Carnival Dinner & Dance Highlights
- LifeTeen Winter Retreat Recap

# THE TRUE MEANING OF PENANCE IN LENT

The Code of Canon Law teaches: "The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority, until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance" (Canon 1252).

These norms remind us that penance is a lifelong call for all Christians—not limited by age or season. True penance is interior conversion: a heartfelt turning back to God, sorrow for sin, and a firm purpose of amendment, strengthened by His grace (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1430-1431). Acts like fasting, abstinence, prayer, and charity express this inner reality and unite us to Christ's sacrifice.



During this holy season of Lent, these practices take on special intensity, but the deeper meaning remains the same year-round. Parents and catechists: help even our youngest understand that small sacrifices—done with love—are ways to grow closer to Jesus. In every season, may we all embrace genuine penance and experience the joy of conversion.

Wishing you a blessed and fruitful Lent!

-Fr. Frank Portelli *Pastor*

# THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK'S

## WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!

We're excited to share our refreshed [parish website](#)! Take a look around, and please share your feedback to help us continue improving it.

## SHAMROCK CAFE

Join us on this weekend of [Feb. 21/22](#) after all masses for our Shamrock Cafe! There will be coffee, tea, and delish snacks. We hope to see you all there!

## YOUNG ADULTS' SPORTS NIGHT

Join us for Sports Night on [February 23<sup>rd</sup>](#) from 8:15 pm to 10:15 pm at Fr. Michael McGivney High School for a night of fun and fellowship.

## 95<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY - PHOTO DIRECTORY

After 18 years, we're excited to announce that we will be creating a new parish Photo Directory! To be included, families will need to have their picture taken for the directory.

Please visit the small hall after all Masses to sign up for your time slot. We encourage every household to participate and be part of this FREE and lasting keepsake for our 95th Anniversary! If you have any questions email, [stpatsphotodirectory@gmail.com](mailto:stpatsphotodirectory@gmail.com)

## ALPHA IS COMING! DON'T MISS OUT!

Come join fellow parishioners as we explore our faith and deepen our relationship with Jesus. Alpha is a safe and friendly place where we can discuss our faith in a judgment-free environment. Why not invite a friend or family member and come with them? Alpha begins [Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> - June 4<sup>th</sup>](#), both in the afternoon at 1:30-3:00 and in the evening at 7:00-8:30. The evening session includes a table for Young Adults! [Click here](#) to register!

## FRIDAYS DURING LENT

Join us on [February 27<sup>th</sup>](#) for a meaningful evening of prayer and reflection at St. Patrick's Parish. Adoration begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to take part in this Lenten journey.

## OUT OF THE COLD

Our next casserole drop-off date is on [February 28<sup>th</sup>](#). No need to sign up, [click here](#) to learn more about preparing and delivering your casserole!

## YOUNG ADULT'S R3 NIGHT

Join us **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 pm for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession, followed by fellowship. This is a beautiful opportunity to be still before the Lord, receive His mercy, and grow in community with one another.

## CWL CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL DINNER AND DANCE HIGHLIGHTS

After a winter storm and a week of bone-chilling temperatures, we finally found our sunshine at the CWL Caribbean Carnival Dinner and Dance. The cold winds and icy streets felt a world away as we stepped into an evening filled with vibrant colors, rhythmic music, and the irresistible flavors of the islands. The energy in the room was contagious...laughter echoed, friends reconnected, and the dance floor was alive with movement and joy. For a few beautiful hours, we traded our snow boots for dancing shoes and allowed the warmth of the Caribbean islands lift our spirits.

Thank you to everyone who made this incredible evening possible particularly our CWL organizers, the talented band Countdown with Llewelyn, Melissa and Stefan, steel pan music by Winston Fredericks, volunteers, generous sponsors, Fr. Frank, Fr. Janil and every guest who brought their enthusiasm and island

flair. Your support and generosity helped make the night not only joyful, but meaningful, as proceeds from this event will support organizations that offer mental health programs and services in our community. Your hard work and presence turned a cold winter's night into a beautiful celebration of culture, community, and pure joy. We are truly grateful for all who joined us and made this event a success and an unforgettable one.

*Kathleen Koyama, Past President, CWL, St. Patrick's Parish*



## LIFETEEN WINTER RETREAT RECAP

On the weekend of February 6th-8th, our Lifeteen group attended a winter retreat in collaboration with 3 other parishes! Through talks, small group discussions, meal times, Mass, Confession, adoration, praise and worship, and so much more, our teens were given the space to encounter Jesus Christ and grow in community with each other. Please keep our students in prayer as they commit to "run with perseverance the race set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1-2)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Join thousands of Catholics for the 35th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally on Saturday, [March 14, 2026](#), at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (Toronto, ON). Experience a powerful day of Word, Worship, and Sacraments with inspiring speakers, uplifting praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, and more. There are simultaneous events for youth (ages 13-18) and adults. [Register now](#) to secure your spot!

### BUS TRANSPORTATION

Prince of Peace Parish has arranged a bus transportation to and from the Lift Jesus Higher Rally on March 14. If you are attending and require transportation, please contact the Prince of Peace Parish Office at (416) 291-9422.

The estimated cost is \$25 per passenger. If all seats are filled, the cost may be reduced to approximately \$13 per person.

The bus will depart from Prince of Peace Parish at 8:00 a.m. and will return from the Toronto Metro Convention Centre at 5:45 p.m.

## DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

All women are invited to the Dynamic Women of Faith Conference on Saturday, **March 22, 2025**, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Old Mill, Toronto. Enjoy a day of inspiring speakers, fellowship, and spiritual renewal, concluding with Mass. For details and registration, visit the [Archdiocese of Toronto](#).



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, February 22nd

8:00 am (†) Philomena Announ  
D'Souza

12:30 pm (†) Rosaria and Graziano  
Fiorino

### Monday, February 23rd

8:30 am (INT) Aloma Coutinho

### Tuesday, February 24th

8:30 am (INT) Doug and Kathy  
Lamb

### Wednesday, February 25th

8:30 am (†) Barb Clapperton

### Thursday, February 26th

8:30 am (†) Carlo Q. Justo

### Friday, February 27th

8:30 am (INT) Marianne Hanks

### Saturday, February 28th

8:30 am (†) Anthony and Norma  
Soares

5:00 pm (INT) Conrad and  
Wilma De Souza

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