



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 February 2026 | Sunday



To fulfill the law...

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED FAMILY DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday, February 16

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Walter & Fatima Rodrigues

Tuesday, February 17 *Seven Holy Founders of the Servite*

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

Order

9:00 a.m. †Dorval Blais

**HAPPY
SHROVE
TUESDAY**

Wednesday, February 18

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Pietro Vacca

7:00 p.m. †Sylvia Phillips



Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 19

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Khushal Motta

Friday, February 20

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Loocka

7:00 p.m. †Albert Moccio



Saturday, February 21 *St. Peter Damian*

4:30 p.m. †Maria Tamburri

Sunday, February 22

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

11:00 a.m. †Luisa Falzoi

5:00 p.m. †Ester & Alfred Lombardi



**MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR
FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!**

Sunday Collection February 8 - \$5,631

LENTEN PROGRAM Lent 2026

Join us for inspiring talks, group discussions and prayer as we explore God's plan for our lives and deepen our relationship with Jesus this Lenten season.

Start date: Monday, February 16 every, Monday for 6 weeks Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm Location: St. Thomas More Church Hall **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Come, be rescued by the Love of Christ
Sponsored by St. Thomas More Pastoral Council

Prayer Intention for the Month of February:

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



LENT: February 18!

Masses on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



On Fridays we will pray the Stations of the Cross beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass

Lent

The season of Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect upon the incredible mystery of God's merciful love: "In the face of the darkness of sin and man's incapacity to free himself on his own, there appears in all its splendour the saving work of Christ." Motivated by his individual love for every person, Christ took upon himself the punishment we had earned by our sins, and by his suffering and death, he restored our relationship with God and offered us the gift of salvation. We accept that gift by being united to his death and resurrection - also called the Paschal Mystery - in the sacrament of baptism, which gives us the grace to die to sin and rise to new life in him. However, deepening this union with the crucified and risen Christ is a lifelong process. We are still inclined to sin; thus, "it is only by the road of conversion that we can enter the Kingdom

Lent is a time when we recognize not only God's redeeming love but also our need for this conversion: we acknowledge the ways in which, by our sin, we have said "no" to God and rejected or damaged the relationship which he died to restore. Moreover, our Lenten reflection on Christ's crucifixion shows us the effect of our sins upon the one who thirsts so ardently for our love. On Ash Wednesday, we hear the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" and receive ashes as a sign that we recognize our utter dependence on God's mercy and our need for repentance. The ashes are administered in the shape of a cross, reminding us that Lent is a time to unite ourselves ever more closely to Christ's cross, death, and resurrection. We can do this by dying to those habits or attachments which prevent us from loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind and loving our neighbour as ourselves (cf. Mt 22:37, 39).

By rejecting sin and imitating the self-emptying love of Christ, we draw closer to him in this life and prepare to live with him eternally in heaven. Furthermore, "[because] he has in some way united himself to every man, 'the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the Paschal Mystery' is offered to all men" (CCC 618). Thus, our sacrifices made in love, when united to Christ's, help obtain not only our own salvation but the salvation of the whole world.



To learn all about **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

Caritas Canada's new Share Lent campaign, On Track for Justice, join the launch webinar on February 21 at 1:30 p.m. ET. We will learn about the work of our Brazilian partner, Justiça nos Trilhos (Justice on Rails), in the company of Padre Dario Bossi, a Comboni missionary and Lenten solidarity visitor, and a member of a community along the Carajás railway that is affected by industrial agriculture. To learn more, visit devp.org, or contact Sandy Hall email smhall1977@gmail.com

2025 income tax receipts are available, located in the church foyer!



Tax Receipts
Now Available!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17273

will be organising the annual **Shrove Tuesday** on Tuesday-Feb 17 from 4pm to 7pm in the parish basement hall.



Cost: Adults \$10/Children \$5 and Family \$30.



Tickets will be on sale after most masses or email stthomasmoreknights17273@gmail.com

Our **CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM** is inviting the children and youth of our Parish to participate in our

Children's Good Friday Performance

which will take place during the morning Good Friday Service.



Children ages 4 and up are welcome to participate.

Practices will begin in mid February.

There will be speaking and non speaking acting roles and older children are welcome to participate and receive volunteer hours. We are also looking for adult volunteers.

To register your child please contact Anna Racine at 905-358-3412 or rracine37@coqeco.ca

SAFETY Please be mindful of the following:

Park only in designated parking areas and avoid parking non-designated spaces. Walk on the designated paths and stairs when making your way to the church.

For your safety

Especially in winter conditions: When there is snow or ice, please take extra precautions. The walking paths and stairs are cleared for your safety, and cutting across the grass can be dangerous during icy weather.

*Please do not walk up the grassy partition between the parking lot and fire lane.

By following these guidelines, we can ensure a safer environment for all parishioners.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation



FIRST RECONCILIATION:

children in grade 2

Parents who registered their children in grade 2 for their First Communion are being prepared for their Sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to bring their child to celebrate the sacrament on:

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Thursday, February 19 at 6:30pm

&

Loretto Thursday, February 26 at 6:30pm

"When a man begins to fast, he straightway yearns in his mind to enter into converse with God." St. Isaac the Syrian