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## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**February 22, 2026**

*No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

In today's Liturgy, the destiny of humans is told as the tale of two "types" of men—the first man, Adam, and the new Adam, Jesus. By one person's disobedience, sin entered the world, and death came to reign overall. By the obedience of Jesus, grace abounded, all were justified, and life came to reign for all. Formed from the clay of the ground and filled with the breath of God's own Spirit, Adam was a son of God, created in his image. Adam, however, put the Lord his God to the test. He gave in to the serpent's temptation, trying to seize for himself all that God had already promised him. Jesus is the new Adam.

## **I DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA**

Il salmo 51, inserito, oggi nella liturgia della parola in questa prima domenica di Quaresima, sarà il nostro inno quotidiano alla richiesta di perdono e di misericordia al Signore e con Maria, la Madre della divina misericordia, noi chiediamo di ottenere dal Signore la grazia di una vera conversione del cuore: Sì, le mie iniquità io le riconosco, il mio peccato mi sta sempre dinanzi. Contro di te, contro te solo ho peccato, quello che è male ai tuoi occhi, io l'ho fatto. Crea in me, o Dio, un cuore puro, rinnova in me uno spirito saldo. Dammi la gioia della tua salvezza. Signore, benedici la mia vita e la mia bocca proclami sempre la tua lode".



**Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:30pm**

**For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside**

**SATURDAY: 5:00 PM (English) SUNDAY: 9:00 AM (Italian - English) & 11:00 AM (English)**

### **Registration:**

Parish Census Forms at Church entrance or call the Office.

### **Baptism:**

Parish Membership & Baptism class required. Please contact the Office.

### **Marriage:**

Parish Membership & Preparation required. Call Office 6 months in advance.

### **Reconciliation - Confession:**

Only Saturday 4:15pm & 30 min. before each Mass during the week or on request

### **Anointing of the sick:**

Every First Friday of the Month during the Mass & on request.

### **Church & Hall at one level:**

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## Understanding the history and practice of Lent

An important religious time for millions of Christians across America is almost upon us. Lent, the annual season to prepare for the celebration of Easter, begins on Feb. 18, or [Ash Wednesday](#).



The period of Lent is when many Christians of various denominations may fast, pray or give up certain activities as a means of growing closer to their faith. Here's everything you need to know about Lent 2026 and what it means for you or neighbors who are observing. The 40-day season begins on Feb. 18 and ends on April 2, or Holy Thursday, which precedes Good Friday on April 3 and [Easter](#) Sunday on April 5. Lent has historic roots: At the Council of Nicea in A.D. 325, the 40-day timeframe was set, rooted in the number 40's significance throughout the Bible. Namely, that number references how Jesus spent 40 days and nights fasting and praying in the desert, growing closer to God.

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**COLUMBUS CENTRE: Thursday Spaghetti Take Out Dates:** March 5, 19, April 2, 16, 30, May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23, August 6 & 20. Take Out Pick up 2:00pm-5:30pm

**LADIES OF ITALIAN SOCIETY OF P.A.:** next General Meeting will be Monday, March 9th at 7:30pm.

**VOCATION Q & A PANEL NIGHT:** March 7th at 6:00pm, presented by the Corpus Christi Young Adults groups. Do you have questions about vocations or where God might be calling you? Join us for a special Question & Answer panel with local clergy and ministry leaders, where you can ask your faith-based questions in an open and welcoming setting. Learn more about different vocations, hear real-life experiences and gain insight into how God calls each of us in unique ways. All young adults ages 18-35 are welcome—bring your questions.

**2025 TAX RECEIPTS** are available for pick up at the Rectory on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is an opportunity to spend time in prayer & meditation with the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist outside of mass. Eucharistic Adoration is held the 1st Friday of the Month. All are invited on Friday, March 6th at 6:00pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

**ST. ANTHONY'S C.W.L. MEMBERSHIP DUES:** \$35 can be paid for at rectory office, after mass or by putting funds in the envelopes labelled "CWL Membership" with your name & address and place in collection box.

**C.W.L. MEETING:** Wed., March 4th with a Faith Speaker presentation.

**9:00am MASS-MUSIC IN ITALIAN:** The hymns for next Sunday's Mass: Sunday, March 1st, will be sung in Italian. Benvenuti a tutti!

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** meeting Sun., March 1st following Sunday 9:00am Mass. Meeting in church hall. New members are urged to attend.

**DURING LENT:** What can we do to bring ourselves closer to Jesus during Lent? One way is by meditating on His suffering through the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed (in English & Italian) right after the 7:00pm mass on Friday evenings during Lent.

## **LIGHT FROM THE TOMB LUCE DAL SEPOLCRO**

During Lent at St. Anthony Church Hall on Tuesdays: March 3rd, 10th & 17th at 7:30pm will be video presentations as a short reflection for Easter. Everyone interested is welcome to enter the hidden secrets of the Shroud of Turin with Russ Breauld on big screen, free admission.



**CONFIRMATION:** will be Saturday, May 30th at 2:00pm and 5:00pm.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** will be Saturday, June 6th at 2:00pm & 5:00pm. If you have not received any emails in regards to First Communion, please call the office to confirm that your child is registered.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** \$ 2,315.00

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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**February 23 — March 1, 2026**

**Monday, February 23** **9:00am**  
All Parishioners  
Pastor  
Pina Ferrari  
Children

**Tuesday, February 24** **7:00pm**  
Vincenzo Romeo & Deceased Bruzzese & Romeo Family

**Wednesday, February 25** **7:00pm**  
Natalina Quinn & Deceased Sacchetti & D'Angelo Family  
Bobby & John Carvalho  
Dina

**Thursday, February 26** **7:00pm**  
Nicolina Gusola  
St. Anthony Senior's Group

**Friday, February 27** **7:00pm**  
All Souls  
Parishioner

**Saturday, February 28** **5:00pm**  
Angelo & Livia Nardari & Kerry Murphy Family  
Antonio Arruda Family  
Doralice Sacchetti Sergio  
All deceased of Sacchetti Family Sergio  
Maria Arruda Nazare  
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In honour of St. Gabriel B. & E. Melchiorre  
Angelo & Elisabetta Melchiorre B. & E. Melchiorre  
Angelo & Giulia Abbantonato E. & B. Melchiorre

**Sunday, March 1st SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT** **9:00am**  
Francesco Mollame M. Arella  
Carmine & Antonietta DeGrazia P & F Bloskie & M DeGrazia  
Giuseppe Arella Maria & Family  
Defunti Larizza M. Turco

**11:00am**  
Jacinto & Maria Helena Sousa M. Cabral  
Maria Lourenco M. Cabral  
Adelina & Joao Pereira daughter Grace

*Our 11:00 am Mass can be viewed by live stream  
With the link being found on the church website:  
[www.stanthonysparish.ca](http://www.stanthonysparish.ca)*

† *Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Bruna Larizza.  
May God bless and welcome her into His kingdom.*



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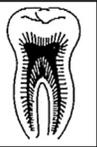
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