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TOGETHER IN PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Holy Angels Parish walks with you in your journey of faith. We are a community of believers, coming together to pray and give glory to God through liturgy and sacraments. Our Catholic community welcomes you. We pray that each parishioner will be blessed and strengthened by the power of Jesus Christ our Saviour and live a life of abundance in fellowship, joy and love. May God bless you always!

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**Saturday Vigil:**  
5:00 p.m. English

**Sunday:**  
9:30 a.m. Italian  
11:30 a.m. English

**Weekday Masses:**  
8:00 a.m. English  
(Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri)  
NO Mass on Tuesdays

## CONFESSIONS/ CONFESSIONI:

4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Saturdays or by appointment

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**Monday**  
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# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



February 22, 2026  
First Sunday of Lent

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7 | Rom 5:12-19 | Mt 4:1-11

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Although we're at the very beginning of Lent, today's first reading from Genesis prepares us for words we will hear on the night of the Easter Vigil: "O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!" (Exsultet) *O truly necessary sin?! O happy fault?!* What could these words actually mean? I think the Exsultet is drawing us to see that sin is not the end of the story. In the mysterious working of grace, being in a state of needing God's forgiveness (sin) opens us up to the possibility of experiencing and receiving his endless love and mercy. As we take on practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent, may we not grow discouraged when we inevitably fall short, but may we recognize that our very weakness presents us with an opportunity to rejoice in his merciful love.

## REFLECT

Throughout the Gospels, we hear story after story of sinners ending up closer to God than those who think themselves to be perfectly obedient (The Prodigal Son [Lk 15:11-32]; the Pharisee and the Tax Collector [Lk 18:9-14]). As you contemplate which Lenten practices to adopt in these next few weeks, keep in mind that holiness isn't found in perfect adherence to these practices, but by humbling yourself to recognize the God who loves you even when you fall.

## GO EVANGELIZE

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

At the heart of evangelization is announcing the good news that our sin doesn't have the last word. St. Paul puts it this way: While death came through Adam's sin, "the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many." While sin certainly wreaks havoc by bringing suffering and death into our world, the conviction of the Church is that the restoration God brings about through the death and resurrection of Jesus elevates humanity to a state far better than what we lost in the fall. What might it look like to witness to this great hope we have in Jesus in our own lives? How can we offer encouragement to those who feel they have fallen too far from grace that God's mercy is far more powerful than any transgression they may have committed?

## I Domenica di Quaresima



*La Parola di Dio*

*Gesu' vince il male con la Parola. La resistenza e la vittoria sulle tentazioni del potere e dell'aver iniziato nel totale affidamento a Dio.*

*Thank you for supporting your church. Collection for February 15<sup>th</sup> was \$2,826.20.*

*Grazie della generosità per la vostra Chiesa. L'offertorio della domenica 15 febbraio era \$2,826.20.*

**Holy Angels Building Repairs Fund:** Second collection for February 15<sup>th</sup> was \$385.00.

**La Seconda Raccolta per la Chiesa:** Seconda raccolta della settimana 15 febbraio era \$385.00.



**Dr. Simone:** We will be collecting salt for the month of February.

*Questo mese vi invitiamo a partecipare alla raccolta del sale a favore della missione del Dr. Simone.*



**Sanctuary Lamp Prayer** for the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup> is offered in memory of Giuseppe Dei-Rocini requested by his family.

*La lampada del Santissimo Sacramento per la settimana del 22 febbraio e' offerta in memoria di Giuseppe Dei-Rocini, su richiesta della sua famiglia.*

Please join us today after the 9:30 and 11:30 Mass in the parish hall for Coffee Sunday and birthday cake!

LENTEN  
**DAY OF CONFESSIONS**  
MARCH 22-28, 2026  
Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 – 5:00pm & 6:00 – 8:00pm



The First Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of the 40-day Lenten season, a time of repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. The Gospel reading typically recounts Jesus' temptation in the desert, where He fasts for 40 days and resists the devil's temptations, setting an example of faithfulness and strength in the face of adversity. This Sunday calls Christians to reflect on their own temptations, repent for their sins, and renew their commitment to follow Christ. It is a reminder to deepen one's relationship with God through prayer, penance, and spiritual discipline. During this Holy Season, *each Friday we will celebrate The Way of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.* This devotion will remind us of the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please join us in this traditional prayer of the church.

*Tempo di Quaresima è un tempo molto importante che ci aiuta a crescere nella nostra fede e adesione a Cristo Signore morto sulla croce per la nostra salvezza. Durante questo tempo, ogni venerdì alle ore 7:00 di sera, celebriamo la Via Crucis, con le preghiere, canti e meditazioni della passione del Signore.*

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL COMMITTEE:**

The members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Committee invite all parishioners and friends to attend our Annual Dinner/Dance which will be on **Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, at Le Treport Banquet Hall. **Tickets are \$100 for adults, \$80 for teens 13-18 years old, and \$40 for children 4-12 years old. To reserve your tickets, please contact Maria Giannini (905) 270-7681 or a member of the committee.** We thank the community for their continued support. **This year we celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast in Canada.**

*I membri del Comitato della Madonna del Monte Carmelo invitano tutti i parrocchiani ed amici al nostro ballo annuale, sabato 7 marzo 2026, presso Le Treport. Il costo del biglietto è \$100 dollari per gli adulti, \$80 dollari per i ragazzi dai 13 ai 18 anni e \$40 dollari per i bambini dai 4 ai 12 anni. Per prenotare i biglietti, contattate Maria Giannini (905) 270-7681 oppure un membro del comitato. Ringraziamo la comunità per il vostro continuo sostegno. Quest'anno celebriamo il 65° anniversario della fondazione della Festa della Madonna del Monte Carmelo in Canada.*



Fish & Chips will take place on Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> following the 3:00 p.m. service. \$20 per ticket. Tickets will be available next week after each Mass. If you would like to reserve your tickets, please email us at [office@holyangelschurch.ca](mailto:office@holyangelschurch.ca) with your name and how many tickets are required.

**Mass Intentions February 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Sunday, February 22nd**

1st Sunday of Lent

9:30 am

† Rosa Galati by Children and Grandchildren

11:30 am

† Maria Policelli by Joe Policelli and family

**Monday, February 23rd**

St. Polycarp

8:00 am

Thanksgiving for Birthday Blessings

**Tuesday, February 24th**

Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

No Mass

**Wednesday, February 25th**

Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

† Bonaventura & Maria Grazia Falcone by Michelina Zita & Family

† Grazia & Bonaventura Falcone by Beatrice Falcone and family

† Francesca Brutto by Mary & Gemma Brutto

**Thursday, February 26th**

Lenten Weekday

8:00 am

Blessed Virgin Mary (Thanksgiving) by Mary Martino

**7:00 pm - Memorial Mass**

† Maria Giuseppa Menecola (30 days of passing) by Children & Grandchildren

**Friday, February 27th**

St. Gregory of Narek

8:00 am

† Joanna & Roman Robak and Family by Dorota Cieslik

**7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, February 28th**

Lenten Weekday

5:00 pm

† Theresa Mendoza (first year of passing) by Luz & Alyssa Mendoza

**Sunday, March 1st**

2nd Sunday of Lent

9:30 am

† Luzia Do Canto (2 years of passing) by Daughter and family

11:30 am

† Lenny Di Filippo by Mom and Dad

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