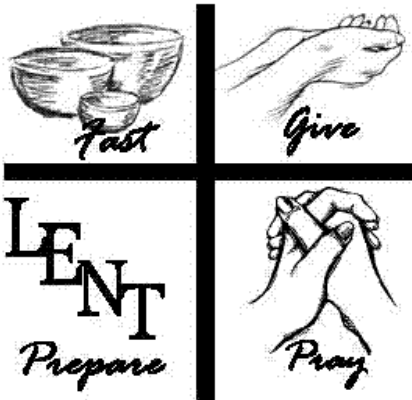


Welcome to
† Holy Cross Church †

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Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm, followed by Holy Mass.



Mass Times

Holy Cross Church

Sunday - 9:30am
Monday - 9:00am
Tuesday - 9:00am
Wednesday - 9:00am
Thursday - 9:00am
Friday - Stations 6:30pm
Mass - 7:00pm
Saturday - 5:00pm

Exposition of Blessed

Sacrament - 1st Sat & Sun of month 30 mins before Mass
AND 9am Fridays to 11:45
Divine Mercy Chaplet concludes Adoration @ 12.

Riondel Mission (MHR)
No Mass Until End March

2022 Tax Receipts & Envelopes!

2022 Tax receipts were mailed out. Unless you received an email to pick yours up.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE ENVELOPES, PLEASE contact THE PARISH OFFICE Thank you.



Sacraments

Reconciliation

- Weekdays after 9:00am Mass
- Before Mass on Saturday and Sunday
- By appointment.

Baptism or Marriage - Please make an appointment with Parish Priest.

Sacrament of the Sick - Call the office or Parish Priest.

Welcome Home

Welcome



To Our visitors, enjoy your visit with our parish family.

To our new parishioners,
Welcome Home!



Registration

- New to the Parish?
- Change of address?

Please fill in the form below to register or change your present registration. Place in collection basket or return to the Parish Office.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Postal Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Church Envelopes: Would you like a box of envelopes? Numbered boxes identify the donor for income tax purposes. A tax receipt will be issued each year and sent to the address registered with the Parish.

Envelopes needed: Yes No

February 26th, 2023, 1st Sunday of Lent

“Man does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”



Most Holy Redeemer Riondel Mass Resumes April 2023



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Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth:

**WHO WE ARE,
WHERE WE COME FROM,
WHERE WE MUST GO,
WHAT PATH WE MUST TAKE IN LIFE.**

- Pope Benedict XVI

May God's Healing Love Enfold Those Who Are Sick:

Please Pray For the Sick in Our Parish :



Mary Ann Staples, Chris Watson, Max Shramm, Dorothy, Marty Sontag, Antonia Kananowicz, Katherine Lemieux, Julia Jones, Anne Long, Cathy Salviulo, Rose Pompu, Marianne Knopfler, Kahlia, Sylvia Manning, Pauline Brezden, Ed Kulicki, Dianne, Wendy Lansing, Kelly McGovern.

“Lent is the autumn of the spiritual life, during which we gather fruit to keep us going for the rest of the year.” *St. Francis De Sales*

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Lent Reconciliation Service:** TBA
- **Confession Week** days after Mass
- **Adoration** Fridays 9:00am – 12:00pm
- **Stations of the Cross** Fridays during Lent 6:30pm, followed by Mass.
- **Holy Thursday** April 6th
- **Good Friday** April 7th
- **Easter Saturday** April 8th
- **Easter Sunday** April 9th



As immigrants from England in 1967, Bryan and I and our two daughters spent four and a half years in Crawford Bay. When Bryan transferred to teach at Prince Charles Secondary School, Catalina Salviulo, a friend from Gray Creek, who was now Father Morelli's housekeeper, invited me to join her at a CWL meeting in the Spring of 1972. I have served in various positions but mostly as secretary and was President from 1984-1986. In 1994 I became Diocesan Secretary, much to the surprise of my husband when he attended the Installation Mass that evening! In 2004 I agreed to be secretary for the new Diocesan President, our fellow parishioner Joyce Slattery, with Marion Nygren serving as treasurer. Those were fun years, travelling together to various councils for retreats, workshops and conventions. What are the benefits of belonging to CWL? Firstly - friendship. Most of my closest friends are fellow members. Secondly, an increase in Spirituality. As parish secretary/bookkeeper for 30 years I often attended weekday Mass and membership in the CWL reinforced the reality that Mass is not just a weekend privilege but a daily blessing available to all. While working and raising 4 children I always found time to attend the CWL meetings and activities because I enjoyed them.

So why do I still belong? As members of a large national organization, we are asked to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. In our parish CWL councils we are encouraged to formulate resolutions which are then forwarded to the Diocesan, Provincial and National CWL Conventions and, if adopted, are further presented to Federal and Provincial Governments. Resolutions submitted from an organization of 70,000 women carry weight and may be passed into law.

In our parish we continue to serve our parishioners by hosting funeral lunches and social events which provide an opportunity to join with like minded ladies for companionship and particularly with regular meetings to strengthen our faith life.

I urge all ladies to attend at least one meeting to see for yourself what we are all about. We meet every second Wednesday at 10 am from September to June. If you join us but are unable to attend meetings regularly perhaps you will pray for us, as we work for God and Canada under the guidance of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

God Bless, Jill Daybell

My Dear Parishioners,

Peace be with you all!

There has been unusually cold weather for this time of the year over the past few days. There was a power outage for a couple of hours and in some areas it lasted almost for two days, caused by the terrible wind on Tuesday. I hear that the weather is extremely cold right now in our town. I hope that by this weekend the weather will be a bit warmer.

Here, I would like to share with you an event that happened yesterday. As the Mass was over, I was busy arranging the Mass-Kit to take with me to Crestview for the service. One of the weekly attendants introduced a guy to me who wanted to talk to me. We are familiar with the saying “the first impression is the best impression.” The way the guy entered through the exit door, coming to meet me near the altar, caused me to feel a negative impression towards him. I unwillingly said that I would meet him outside the Church. Once I set up the Mass-kit, I came out and was looking for him. As I could not find him, I asked Ralph and he said that the guy was around here. It was cold enough to be out, I thought that he would be somewhere in his car in the parking lot. Finally, I got hold of him, I went near to his car and asked what brought him here? He said that he wanted to talk to me for a while. I was in a hurry to do the Covid test before I went to the care home and I had scheduled to visit Ron prior to that, I actually wanted to avoid talking to this person. I responded to him in an uncharitable way by telling him to go to the office and meet Helen. My response was not kind and he said that he would take care of himself.

As I was opening the door just wanting to escape from the cold and getting in, one thought struck me: oh..., no.., it was not the right way to treat a person! I could have been more kind! I did not know for what reason he was there, an urgent need or some desperate situation? Feeling guilty, I initiated Covid testing and I was waiting to hear some strange voice from the office. There I heard a new voice after a few minutes, which I was expecting. He got stuck in Creston with low fuel in his vehicle and was there to get some help for gas money to travel further. I made sure that it was him, I inquired about his need which relieved me a bit from my guilty conscience.

We have recently begun Lent which is the season of grace and a time to encounter our Lord in our fellow brethren and in Mother Nature. I know that most of you volunteer at Gleaners, Food Bank, TAPS, Soup-Kitchen, and in other community-based centers. Just to let you know that whatever you do in the community, it is well recognized by our seniors and those in need and highly appreciated.

Let the Lenten principles: **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving** enhance our personal relationship with our Lord which may lead us to reach out to the needy. Though you have your own Lenten observances to follow, I would like to suggest one thing to do during this Lent: **visiting the sick and the elderly if possible**. I know you that **your visit or at least a phone call** would bring healing and joy to them.



I also encourage you to find some time to come to Church for **Adoration on Fridays in Lent**. Visiting the Blessed Sacrament is greatly recommended in Lent. Being with the Lord silently brings us closer to Jesus and it is a huge blessing to us, to family, and to our town and in a greater sense to the whole world when we offer a prayer.

I conclude with today's Cantic of Zechariah “**When you meet those who are in need of clothing, do not turn away from them, for they are your brethren. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your good deeds shall go before you.**”

O Sorrowful Mother intercede for us, your children!

May you all have a blessed Lent!

Your servant in the Lord & Blessed Mother,
Fr. K. Lawrence.

Word of Life for February

“You are the God who sees me” (Gen 16:13)

...Being Good Stewards...

How grateful we are for your Sunday offerings last weekend,

Total Offerings: Feb 18th & Feb 19th \$2104.25

(Weekly amount needed to meet our Parish operational expenses: \$2650) Thank You!



😊😊Smile😊😊

A bartender notices that every evening, without fail, one of his patrons orders three beers. After several weeks, the bartender asks the man why he always orders three beers.

The man says, *“I have two brothers who have moved away to different countries. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond.”*

Weeks later, noticing that the man only ordered two beers, the bartender says, *“Please accept my condolences on the death of one of your brothers. You know, the two beers and all...”* The man replies, *“You’ll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well. It’s just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent.”* 😊😊😊

Love everyone

“The first characteristic of Christian love is that it reaches out to **everyone**. This way of loving requires that we **love each and every person**, just as God does, without any distinction, without any kind of discrimination.”

Chiara Lubich



Soup Kitchen

We continue to deliver soup EVERY Monday. You can also pick soup up in the back alley At the second door if you would like some. We are still in **DIRE need of delivery DRIVERS**. If you can help out, please let the parish office know. It would be once in 3 weeks.



Adoration During Lent

There will be Adoration every Friday from **9am to noon** during Lent. Adoration concludes with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11:45am-12pm. **ALL WELCOME ANYTIME!**



Heavenly Father,
As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins. As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent.
In your name I pray, Amen.

Mass Schedule Feb 25th – March 4th

Sat	Feb 25 5:00pm	Repose Maria & Francisco (Claudia H)	Wed	Mar 1 9:00am	Healing Maria Jichova (Vera & George)
Sun	Feb 26 9:30am	Sp. Int. for all parishioners	Thurs	Mar2 9:00am	Repose Chris v/v Merwe (Leanne & Ron)
Mon	Feb 27 9:00am	Repose Veronica Floer (All the family)	Fri	Mar 3 7:00pm	Stations at 6:30pm Thanksgiving for Peter & Fr. Lawrence
Tues	Feb 28 9:00am	Health of all Brother Knights	Sat	Mar 4 5:00pm	Thanksgiving for Tina & Garth (Jemma)