



LONDON EAST CENTRAL CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA - ST. MARY - ST. PATRICK



Seven Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

**1 Samuel 26.2-22; 1 Corinthians 15.45-49;
Luke 6.27-38**

Today, we hear our Lord invites us to live the life of Christian charity as fully as He did (“Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” Lk 23:34). This has been the example of our brothers and sisters preceding us to the glory of Heaven, the Saints; for they lived a model of Christian charity with perfection, following what Jesus Christ had said: “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Mt 5:48).

Charity urges us to love, in the first place, those who love us. It is not possible to abide by what we read in the Gospel if we do not sincerely love our brothers and sisters, those next to us. But, right away, Christ's new commandment calls us to reach to the perfection of charity, and encourages us to open our arms to all people, to those who do not belong amongst ourselves, or who want to offend or hurt us. Jesus is exhorting us to have a Heart like His, like his Father's: “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Lk 6:36), a heart that knows no borders, that welcomes everybody, and invites us to forgive and pray for our enemies.

However, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms, “it is not possible to observe the Commandments of our Lord if we are trying to follow the Divine model only from the outside. It must be a vital participation, that comes all the way from deep inside our heart, in sanctity, in mercifulness and in the love of God.” Cardinal Newman wrote: “O Jesus! Help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go. Flood our souls with your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess our whole being, so utterly, that our lives may only be a radiance of Yours (...). That every soul, we come in contact with, may feel Your presence in our soul. The light, O Jesus, will be all from You, none of it will be ours. It will be You shining on others through us.”

We shall love, forgive and embrace others only if our heart is magnified by our love for Christ.

SUNDAY MASSES:

SATURDAY

5:00 pm - OLC (Pl)
5:00 pm - St. Mary (En)
5:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

SUNDAY

8:00 am - OLC (En)
10:00 am - OLC (Pl)
10:00 am - St. Mary (It)
10:00 am St. Patrick (En)
12:00 pm - St. Mary (En)
12:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY

7:00 pm - St. Mary (En)

TUESDAY

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)
7:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En)
7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

THURSDAY

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En)
7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

FRIDAY

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)
7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

SATURDAY

9:00 am - OLC (Pl)
1st Saturday of the month

CONFESSIONS

OL CZESTOCHOWA

Saturday at 4:00 pm
& before weekly Mass

ST. MARY

Saturdays at 4:00 pm
& before weekly Mass

ST. PATRICK

Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Saturday at 4:00 pm

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ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
beside St. Mary Church

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

February 24 to March 2, 2025	March 3 to 9, 2025
<p>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 <i>Mary of Perpetual Help</i></p> <p>7:00pm Int. of Dorthy McIver & Bonnie Drago <i>Novena Mass</i> † Maria Jose Couto & Children † Eugene Labossiere † Peter Scanlan † Jozef, Boleslaw & Souls in Purgatory</p>	<p>TUESDAY, MARCH 4 <i>Mary of Perpetual Help</i></p> <p>7:00pm † Wendlin Bratzel <i>Novena Mass</i> † Chuck, Marie, Beverly Bourgeois † Eugene Labossiere † Peter Scanlan † Family of Chelchowski & Magier</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26</p> <p>9:00am † Luis Carlos Arias † Tadeusz, Jadwiga Gabriel</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 <i>Ash Wednesday</i></p> <p>*8:30 am <i>Int. of Salak & Winch Family</i> *7:00pm <i>Special Intentions</i></p>
<p>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27</p> <p>9:00am † DeWit Family † Teresa Iresworth & Family</p>	<p>THURSDAY, MARCH 6</p> <p>9:00am † Int. of Kitt & McAnulty Family † Souls in Purgatory</p>
<p>SATURDAY, MARCH 1 <i>8 Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>5:00 pm <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i> † Margit and John Hattayer</p>	<p>SATURDAY, MARCH 8 <i>1 Sunday of Lent</i></p> <p>5:00pm <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i></p>
<p>SUNDAY, MARCH 2 <i>8 Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>10:00am <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY, MARCH 9 <i>1 Sunday of Lent</i></p> <p>10:00am <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i></p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

SEASON OF LENT - Ash Wednesday, March 5

With the Season of Lent beginning next month, we are once again invited to put our earthly preoccupations aside, create more space in our daily lives, and draw closer to God. Among the Lenten themes found in the Gospels, what stands out most clearly is an invitation to repentance. (*"unless you repent, you will all perish"*)

May this Lenten journey that we will embark upon, both individually and as a community, bring us ever closer to the loving heart of the Father, give us the courage to break free from the things that keep us captive, and bring us to refreshing new levels of fellowship with God.

Ash Wednesday is the gateway to the Lenten Journey. On March 5 - two Masses with the distribution of the ashes will be celebrated at St. Patrick: 8:30am & 7:00pm.

ONTARIO ELECTION GUIDE - February 27

Discern and Make Your Vote Count!

Our votes help shape Ontario's future, ensuring economic and social balance while advocating for equity, dignity, and justice. As faithful citizens, we have a moral responsibility to participate in the democratic process and elect leaders who will promote justice, peace, and care for those in need. Visit Diocesan website for guide and more information: www.dol.ca.

VOCATION EVENT - Come & See weekend

Discernment retreat will be held at St. Peter's Seminary: March 7 to 9 for those who are considering priesthood.

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

The Diocese of London is thrilled to announce that 18 young adults are preparing to embark on the Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome! Please keep all the Pilgrims in your prayers as they prepare for this life-changing experience, when they travel to Rome to deepen their faith and witness the Universal Church in a profound way.

There are still spots available for the Diocese of London Pilgrimage Group. If interested to join and participate, contact the Youth Ministry Specialist, at ccoyle@dol.ca.

MICHAELITE FATHERS - Collection

Once a year a special collection is taken at our Parish for the benefit of the Michaelite Fathers for the Education and Formation of the new Priests coming to Canada to minister. This collection will be taken this weekend of February 22/23. Envelopes in your sets & at church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our formation sessions for parents and children have begun. 70 children from our family of parishes are currently enrolled in the program. Keep them in your prayers. The First Communion will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church on **Sunday, May 4, 2025** at 12:00 Noon.

COFFEE SUNDAY AT ST. PATRICK

Everyone is invited to our coffee Sunday on March 2 after the 10:00am Mass at the Parish Hall.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - for your 2024 Church donations - available upon request.