

Welcome to
St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
February 22nd 2026 – 1st Sunday of Lent - Year - A



Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Psalm 51:3a)

Heavenly Father, thank You for the amazing example of Jesus when He set aside His rights and abilities in order to be obedient to Your Word and will. May I keep the eyes of my heart on Christ's earthly example and resist the temptation to act independently of You. Help me to depend on You in every eventuality of life, knowing that this is Your will for me and brings honour to Your name. This I ask in Jesus' name, AMEN.

Strength from God in resisting temptation

Jesus was tempted like us and He overcame sin not by His own human effort but by the grace and strength which his Father gave to Him. He had to renounce His will for the will of his Father. He succeeded because He wanted to please his Father and he trusted that his Father would give Him the strength to overcome the obstacles that stood in the way.

When tempted by the devil Jesus did not try to fight his adversary on his own human strength. He relied on the power which the Spirit gave him. Jesus came to overthrow the evil one who held us captive to sin and fear of death. His obedience to his Father's will and his willingness to embrace the cross reversed the curse of Adam's disobedience. His victory over sin and death won for us not only pardon for our sins but adoption as sons and daughters of God.

How can we overcome sin and gain freedom over our unruly desires and the lies of Satan and the world? The Lord Jesus gives us His Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness and to be our guide and consoler in temptation and testing. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to pour out His Spirit upon us that we may have the strength and courage we need to resist sin and to reject the lies and deceits of Satan. God wants us to "fight the good fight of the faith" with the power and strength which come from the Holy Spirit. Do we rely on the Lord for our strength and help?

Fr Denis Vaiz

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday to Friday at 12 Noon

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 4:30pm and Sunday at 10:00am

CONFESSION: Saturday at 3:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: conducted after Noon mass on Thursdays



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Fr. Denis Vaiz - Parish Priest
Chioma Osuagwu - Parish Administrator
John Noble - Deacon Emeritus
Carol Noble - D.O.S



MASS SCHEDULE WITH INTENTIONS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 24th February : Blessed Luke Belludi

Intention of Richard Swain by Phyllis Swain



Wednesday, 25th February: Blessed Sabastian of Aparicio

Kieran Byrne by your Friends

Thursday, 26th February : *Saint* Maria Bertilla Boscardin

John Kennedy by Robert Kennedy

Friday, 27th February : *Saint* Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Rovinelli by Robert & Nada Rovinelli



Saturday, 28th February: Blessed Daniel Brottier

Bert & Mary Hayes by Donna Balfe

Pat Dionne by Ivanka Rupnik

Sunday, 1st Mach: *Saint* David of Wales

In honour of the Holy Family and for the souls in purgatory by Jacqueline Bosse

Corona Zanatta by Vittorio & Maria Petrin

MASS READINGS FOR THIS WEEK: Feb. 23rd to March 1st

Monday Feb. 23rd	Leviticus 19 : 1-2,11-18 Matthew 25: 31- 46	Psalm 19
Tuesday Feb. 24th	Isaiah 55 : 10-11 Matthew 6: 7-15	Psalm 34
Wednesday Feb. 25th	Jonah 3: 1-10 Luke 11: 29-32	Psalm 51
Thursday Feb. 26th	Esther C: 12,14-16,23-25 Matthew 7: 7-12	Psalm 138
Friday Feb. 27th	Ezekiel 18: 21- 28 Matthew 5: 20-26	Psalm 130
Saturday Feb. 28th	Deuteronomy 26: 16 - 19 Matthew 5: 43-48	Psalm 119
Sunday March 1st	Genesis 12:1- 4a 2nd Timothy 1:8b-10 Matthew 17:1-9	Psalm 33



Parish weekly collections:

February 15th

Sunday Offering	\$ 2,265.00
Loose Offering	\$ 468.70
Building Fund	\$ 1,035.00
Snow	\$ 30.00
Candles	\$ 71.50
Initial Offering	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 3,890.20

Required Weekly Income \$ 4,500.00

PADP—Weekly for the month of Feb 2026

Sunday Collection	\$628.25
Building fund	\$177.50
Total	\$805.75



February 2026 – Pope’s Intention 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.



This 4th Weekend

We remember those who have died in our families.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls.

O God! Listen to the prayers of your Church on behalf of the faithful departed and grant to Your servants, whom we remember today, the inheritance promised to all. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



This Lent, let's move forward **On Track for Justice**

“The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking.”

Pope Leo XIV (Dilexi te, §75)

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign, On Track for Justice, has been launched! Together, let's walk hand in hand with communities in the Global South who are working for justice, peace and dignity.

How?

1. By donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 22, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 59 projects in 34 countries around the world!
2. Get the Mini-magazine and follow the Solidarity Calendar with your family.
Discover all the resources at devp.org/lent/resources.
3. Visit our parish display table at the main entrance to learn about the 4 symbols of solidarity - how they help us to understand the challenges of the global south communities – how we can be part of the solution to global inequalities.

Mary Jane Veinott, D & P Parish Rep, St. Andrew the Apostle

24th Feb. Tuesday: **1st Holy Communion Class** at 6:00p.m
26th Feb. Thursday: **Small Christian Community** at 10:45am
26th Feb. Thursday: **Station of the Cross** follows the Noon Mass
27th Feb. Friday: **Ladies' Craft** after Noon Mass



Knights of Columbus Centennial Council 6074

We invite all Catholic men with the desire to build families, our parish, church and community to join
The Knights of Columbus.

Council's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561135891648>

Online Membership Registration:

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html>

For more information on this Council's activities and joining, please contact:

Grand Knight-Jamie Jamieson (Phone #: 705-524-5477)



Bringing Communion to the Hospital Volunteers Needed

We are in need of additional volunteers to bring Holy Communion to patients in the hospital, particularly for extended visits. This ministry makes a real difference for those who are sick, isolated, or facing long hospital stays, and we simply need more people to sustain it.

Call to Volunteer 705-969-3663 leave your name & phone number

For more information, **call Denise Waltenbury 705-562-1631.**

YOU ARE INVITED—2026 LENTEN MISSION

Please join us **every Thursday evening** during the Lenten season.

Our second mission **on Feb 26th**, is on

God's Unconditional Love for Us with **Fr. Joseph Ogah.**

Time starts at 5:45pm with the rosary; followed by music,
a reflective Lenten talk, and Mass.

Confession is also available. Please come and rest in God's love.

Location: Our Lady of Hope Parish, 591 Brennan Road, Sudbury, ON



WELCOME TO JOIN IN OUR PARISH SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY GROUP

Our present members

Shirley Miles, Jamie Jamieson, Brian Lyons, Helen Kinnane
Anne Mei, Rita Reid, Madeline Charron and MaryJane Veinott.



RCIA

Have you or someone you know...

- ◆ never been baptized?
- ◆ expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ◆ have a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- ◆ been baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?



At **St. Andrew the Apostle Parish**, we offer a program to prepare those who wish to receive the Sacraments of Initiation and become full members of the Catholic Church. This process is called the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**. We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group setting to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested,

please contact the parish office at 705-566-1876

or call **Jamie Jamieson (Phone #: 705-524-5477)**



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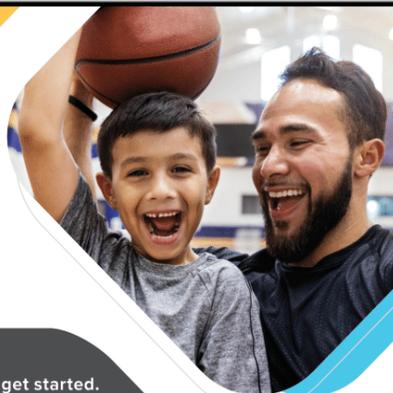
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