

Welcome to
St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
March 8th 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year - A



JOHN 4:5-42
JESUS IS THE
LIVING
WATER

“Lord, You are truly the Saviour of the world.” (John 4:42)

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word and the wonderful lessons that it contains. Thank You that there is no one that is beyond Your grace, and that salvation is available to all who will hear and receive the truth of the glorious gospel of grace. I pray that I may learn to listen to Your voice and be guided by the inner promptings of the Holy Spirit so that I will know when I must go through a certain place or do a certain thing. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

A Spring of Water Welling up to Eternal Life:

What is the point of Jesus' exchange with the Samaritan woman about water? Water in the arid land was scarce. Jacob's well was located in a strategic fork of the road between Samaria and Galilee. One can live without food for several days, but not without water. Water is a source of life and growth for all living things. When rain came to the desert, the water transformed the wasteland into a fertile field.

The kind of water which Jesus spoke about was living, running, fresh, pure water. Fresh water from a cool running stream was always preferred to the still water one might find in a pool or reservoir.

The image of "living water" is used throughout the scriptures as a symbol of God's wisdom, a wisdom that imparts life and blessing to all who receive it. "The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life" (Proverbs 13:14). "Living water" was also a symbol for the Jews of the thirst for the soul of God. The water which Jesus spoke of symbolized the Holy Spirit and his work of recreating us in God's image and sustaining in us the new life which comes from God. The life which the Holy Spirit produces in us makes us a "new creation" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Do we thirst for God and for the life of the Holy Spirit within us?

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, 10th March: **Saint Dominic Savio**

Hazel Buchy by Luciana Buchy

Wednesday 11th March: **Saint John Ogilvie**

Rachel Sottile by Don & Bernie Myher

Thursday, 12th March: **Blessed Angela Salawa**

Marcel Charron by Madeleine Charron

Friday, 13th March : **Saint Leander of Seville**

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Robert Kennedy

Saturday, 14th March: **Saint Maximilian**

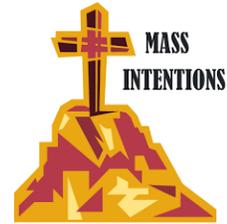
Neil Bray by Tina Rawn

Sylvia Drago by Joe Drago

Sunday, 15th March: **Saint Louise de Marillac**

Jasmine Gregorini by Antonella Gregorini Family

100th Birthday for Bill Los by Laura & Wayne Lepage



MASS READINGS FOR THIS WEEK: March 9th to 16th

Monday March 9th	2nd Kings 5: 1-15 Luke 4: 24- 30	Psalm 42
Tuesday March 10th	Daniel 3: 25, 34-43 Matthew 18: 21-35	Psalm 25
Wed. March 11th	Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9 Matthew 5: 17-19	Psalm 147
Thursday March 12th	Jeremiah 7: 23-28 Luke 11: 14-23	Psalm 95
Friday March 13th	Hosea 14: 2-10 Mark 12: 28-34	Psalm 81
Saturday March 14th	Hosea 6: 1-6 Luke 18: 9-14	Psalm 51
Sunday March 15th	1st Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9: 1-41	Psalm 23



Parish weekly collections:

March 1st

Sunday Offering	\$ 2,000.00
Loose Offering	\$ 470.65
Building Fund	\$ 90.00
Snow	\$ 528.00
Candles	\$ 174.70
Share Lent	\$ 270.00
Easter	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 3,633.35

PADP—Weekly for the month of March, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$542.00
Building fund	\$150.00
Total	\$692.00



Required Weekly Income: \$4,500



March 2026 – Pope’s Intention

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



This 2nd weekend

We celebrate the wedding anniversaries of those who married in the month of **March**.

Let us congratulate them and pray for them.

Heavenly Father! We thank You for this day we celebrate wedding anniversaries. We thank You for journeying with them. Thank You for making them strong and keeping them close. May GOD continue to bless their homes with so much happiness. Amen



Women protecting the Earth

In Brazil, the lives of several rural communities are disrupted by industrial agriculture, mining and the Carajás railway. Women are at the heart of the fight to protect the land and the environment from the air, water and soil pollution that they cause. This pollution damages their kitchen gardens and harms the health of their children, families and neighbours. Courageously, these women resist to continue to exist on their land. To assert and protect their rights, they formed a women's association called Seeds of the Earth with the support of Justiça nos Trilhos (JnT), a partner of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada. Discover JnT's work in our Mini-magazine and learn more about the women by watching their testimonies at devp.org/lent.

Our Share Lent Solidarity Symbol for this 3rd Sunday of Lent is an empty basket – The result of industrial pollution and land grabbing for industrial agriculture is the loss of crops and biodiversity. **Watch our video on YouTube to learn more how communities are working to refill their basket.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Drqvnqi7WyM>

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

- 12th March Thursday: **Small Christian Community** at 10:45am
12th March Thursday: **Stations of the Cross** follows the Noon Mass
13th March Friday: **Ladies' Craft** after Noon Mass
14th March Saturday: **The Sacrament of Baptism** at 11:00am

**SPECIAL
EVENTS**



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)



2026—LENTEN MISSION

Please join us **every Thursday evening** during the Lenten season.
Our fourth mission, March 12th, is on Fasting beyond food
with **Fr. Ramesh Christi**.

This event will start 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



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (Students Grade 7—Grade 12)

If you have been baptized and received the Sacraments of Reconciliation
and First Communion, you are invited to sign up to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please fill out the registration form found on our website;

Sacrament forms: <http://standrewsudbury.com/sacramental/>

The cost of the booklet is \$20

If you have **NOT** made your Baptism at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish,
a copy of your Baptism certificate must accompany the registration form.

Last date for the registration: **March 28, 2026.**

- ◆ Attend a weekend Mass (**either Sat. 4:30pm or Sun. 10:00am on April 4th or 5th, 11th or 12th**) for your child to be accepted as a candidate, receive their booklet and receive a special blessing.
- ◆ Children must complete all assignments given and bring them to the **scheduled classes and rehearsal on Tuesday, April 14th & 21st at 6:00pm till 7:00pm. These meetings are mandatory.**
- ◆ The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Friday, April 24th at 6:00pm in the church.**

We look forward to celebrating this special sacrament with you and your family.



CHRISM MASS AT PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHEDRAL

Bishop Thomas Dowd invites all the faithful of the Diocese
to attend the Chrism Mass, which will be celebrated
on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 7:00 pm.
at Precious Blood Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie.



During this solemn celebration, the Bishop will bless the holy oils that
will be used in the sacraments throughout the year, and the priests of
the Diocese will renew their priestly promises.

All are warmly invited to participate in this diocesan celebration..

Visit of The Knights of Columbus State Deputy

Members of Centennial Council #6074 are pleased to announce that **Brother David Gelin**,
the Knights of Columbus Ontario State Deputy, will be visiting Council 6074 and our
Parish on Sunday, March 22, 2026 to join in our celebrations of Brother William (Bill) Los'
100th birthday. Please join us for our Hospitality Sunday in the parish hall following the
10:00 am Mass to enjoy a piece of birthday cake and to meet David Gelin.



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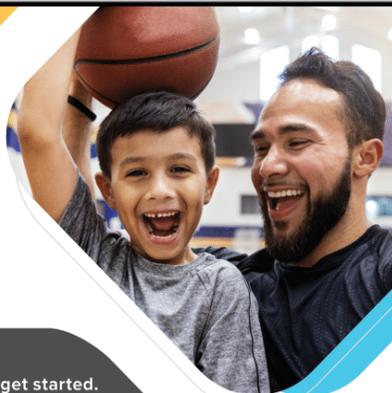
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