

# ST. AGATHA CHURCH BULLETIN

**March 1<sup>st</sup> 2020**

**First Sunday of Lent**

	Sat Mar 7 7:00 pm	Sun Mar 8 9:00 am	Sun Mar 8 11:00 am
<b>Lector:</b>	Melanie C.	Theresa B.	Mary Anne G.
<b>Commentators:</b>		Andrew D.	Lynn M.
<b>Ushers:</b>	Greg D. Paul F. Casey G.	Doug M. Diego V. Joseph W.	Donna & John G. Harold M.
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Marnie & Ken V.	Anita & Paul D.	whoever is available
<b>Eucharistic:</b>	Jim M.	Barb D.	Gerald F.
<b>Collection:</b>	Brenda A. & Marjorie H.		

<b>Masses:</b>	Tues, Mar 3	7:45 am	Special Intention
	Wed, Mar 4	7:45 am	For the Grace of Conversion
	Thurs, Mar 5	7:45 am	Special Intention
		<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Adoration &amp; Benediction on 1st Thursday of the month</b>
		<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Evening Mass on 1st Thursday of the month</b>
	Fri, Mar 6	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross are at 7 pm on Fridays during Lent
		7:30 pm	<b>Mass at 7:30 pm on Fridays during Lent</b>
	Sat, Mar 7	7:00 pm	Intentions of Parishioners
	Sun, Mar 8	9:00 am	Special Intention requested by Sandra Haid
		11:00 am	for healing of relationships in families requested by Michaela Serschen

**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** Total Last Week: **\$2,077 + \$4420.34** February Pre-Authorized (Incl \$621 Building Fund)

**PREAUTHORIZED GIVING:** Please pick up the pre-printed form at the back of the church, fill out and return by placing in the collection basket in a sealed envelope. Please ensure that you are a registered parishioner to enable tax receipt creation.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:** Wed, March 4, 6pm– Finance Committee Meeting  
Wed, March 4– Lenten Series– “The Pivotal Players”, 7 pm in the Church Hall  
Thurs, March 5– 1st Thursday- Adoration & Benediction at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm  
Fri, March 6– World Day of Prayer, 1 pm at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Philipsburg  
Sun, March 8– St. Patrick’s Day Card Party, 1:30 pm in the Church Hall

**NEW SCHEDULES for Church Ministries:** New schedules are being prepared for lectors, commentators, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and gift bearers for Apr - June, 2020. If you know that you will be away during that time, please email [info@stagathachurch.ca](mailto:info@stagathachurch.ca) or call **519-747-1212**.

**28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY:** Saturday, March 7, 9am-5:30pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, 255 Front St W, Toronto. Compelling speakers, powerful Christian music, inspiring personal testimony, Divine Mercy celebration, Eucharistic procession, Mass with Cardinal Thomas Collins. Adult Rally - \$25, Simultaneous Youth Rally-Ages 13-18 in the John Basset Theatre, right next door - Youth Rally fee is \$15. For tickets & information, visit [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca) or email [contact@ljhr.ca](mailto:contact@ljhr.ca) or call 647-243-9441

**FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY** at the Knights of Columbus, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Reservations preferred. Call 519-884-2060 to reserve. Doors open at 5 pm. Dinner at 6 pm. Best Fish and Chip bargain in town, so we’re told.

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY CARD PARTY** Mark your calendar for our very own St. Patrick’s Day Card Party on March 8, here in the church hall. Start time 1:30 pm. \$10 admission (pay at the door) will get you an Irish Stew Dinner, Beverages & Dessert, Door Prizes, and—of course—an afternoon of Fun and Fellowship. Our raffle ticket draw will be held at 4:30pm ON THAT DAY. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the back of Church after all masses February 29 and March 1. Please make the effort to support and purchase tickets. One for \$2. Three for \$5.

**CWL members** please have all your raffle tickets back to the church by March 8. Put them in the green CWL box at the back of the Church. Also, please note: there will not be a meeting on March 4. April’s meeting will be held on April 1 in the church basement as per usual.

**ADORATION, BENEDICTION & MASS** on Thursday, March 5 at St. Agatha Church. Come adore Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for a Holy Hour at 6 pm, followed by Benediction. Mass at 7 pm. **Adoration, Benediction and Mass will be offered on the first Thursday of each month.** Pope Francis said the following in a homily about Eucharistic Adoration... “One cannot know the Lord without being in the habit of adoring, of adoring in silence,” He also lamented, “I believe, if I am not mistaken, that this prayer of adoration is the least known among us; it is the one we engage in the least.”

**LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES - CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players.** Join us this Lent when we will be offering a four-part DVD series by Bishop Robert Barron that explores the lives of influential figures who shaped the church and changed our world. Each session includes an hour long video on one of the Pivotal Players, followed by a brief period for some discussion & sharing, refreshments, and reflection questions to take home. The evenings run from 7 - 8:30 pm and will be held in the Parish Hall.

**Presentation dates:** **Wednesday, March 4** - St. Augustine - The Teacher  
**Wednesday, March 11** - St. Benedict - The Monk  
**Wednesday, March 25** - Flannery O’Connor - The Storyteller  
**Wednesday, April 1** - Fulton J. Sheen - The Communicator

You’re welcome to attend all or some of the evenings. There is no cost, nor registration to attend

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** was begun by women in Canada & the US in 1922 and is observed in more than 170 countries today. It is a global movement of Christians who gather annually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of March to affirm their common faith in Jesus Christ & observe a day of universal prayer for peace. This year’s theme is “Rise, take up your mat, and walk.” The service was written by the women of Zimbabwe. We are invited to celebrate this day on **Friday, March 6** at 1pm at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Philipsburg (see poster at the back of church). Call Debbie Kroetsch 519-747-3009, if you would like a ride. ALL ARE WELCOME!

**ONE HEART, ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN** is coming this way. Our parish is among more than 30 parishes taking part in the next wave of the “One Heart, One Soul” fundraising campaign in this Diocese. We are looking for potential volunteers for our parish team. You can find out what’s involved by attending a Volunteer Orientation & Training Session on Wed, March 11 at 7pm at St Teresa Church (44 Leonard St, Kitchener) **OR** Tues, March 24 at 7:30 pm at St Anne Church (268 East Avenue, Kitchener). Once you’ve seen what “One Heart, One Soul” is all about at one of these 2 training sessions, you can then decide if you’d like to volunteer to help with the campaign at our parish. For more information, please refer to the “One Heart, One Soul” Campaign News insert in this week’s bulletin. And please email [info@stagathachurch.ca](mailto:info@stagathachurch.ca) or call 519-747-1212, to let us know if you will be attending a training session.