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PARISH PULSE

Sunday, February 15, 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



A Note From The Pastor

BY FATHER JOHN ORBAN

Hello!

Thank you to all the many people who have been doing a little extra to help cover most of my duties while I have been on vacation. The time away has helped me to focus more on personal matters, which generally do not get very close to the top of the to-do lists!

This past month has also given me an opportunity to look beyond the busyness of daily concerns and to consider the greater mission that God calls us to, and I have applied for and received permission to take some additional time off.

With that, I have asked for and received permission to add a short Sabbatical to my current time away and now have a new return date of March 28th.

In my absence, Archbishop Marcel has designated Fr. Ambrose to assist with sacramental and administrative support until I return. Please welcome him in this new role as we continue to pray for and support one another.

Peace be with you,

Fr. John

Mass Times

Saturday
4:30 pm

Sunday Masses
9:00 am with Coffee Sunday afterwards
11:00 am with live broadcast on [St. Leonard's YouTube Channel](#)

Weekday Masses
9:00 am - Wednesday & Thursday
9:30 am - Friday
9:00 am - First Saturday of the month

Adoration Hours
Thursdays at 9:30 am following the 9:00 am weekday Mass

Confession Times
Saturday - 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

Or by appointment, please contact Fr. John at pastor@stleonardparish.ca

A Note From The Parish

BY MARIAN

Excerpts of a talk given a few years ago by Father Mike Schmitz, priest, author, speaker and director of youth and young adults in Minnesota.

“ Ash Wednesday is the day I look into my heart and say there is something wrong with my heart. I love things I shouldn't love, and I don't love things I should love; and we repent in dust and ashes. That doesn't mean we are bad; it means the exact opposite. Just like the twofold meaning of shame, there is something not good here, and the other is something so beautiful here. And that's the reality that you and I are called to be incredible.

Those ashes are in a particular shape. I'm not as I should be, I haven't lived the life I should be living: that's the ash part. Then the cross part is the fact that in the midst of this, Jesus claims us as His, even with our broken

heart. As we go forward to receive those ashes on our forehead, and the person says “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return” or “Repent and believe in the Good News” – as that ash covered thumb comes forward and traces the cross on your forehead, hear this one word, spoken over you by God Himself, this one word: “ MINE”.

And that is why on this Ash Wednesday, we wear ashes because it is a sign of the things in my life that I need to turn away from, those Ashes are in a sign of the cross, which is not only the image of the thing I am turning towards, it is also the price tag that Jesus was willing to pay to win our heart back.” - Father Mike

Marian

LITURGICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



UPCOMING BAPTISM

Our parish family joyfully welcomes Scarlett Wendy Hart, daughter of Tania and Gordon, who will be baptized on Sunday, February 15 at the 9 a.m. Mass. May the Lord bless Scarlett and her family abundantly, with grace, joy and everlasting peace.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

This Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass, we joyfully will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for four RCIA candidates who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church as they will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. They receive the sign of the cross on their ears, eyes, lips, heart and shoulders so that they may be strengthened in their journey and may persevere in the footsteps of Christ.

To Register Mass Intentions please go to:

<https://stleonardparish.tilmaplatfrom.com/mass-intentions>



REFLECTIONS & EVENTS TO ENRICH YOUR WEEK



Weekly reflection on the Sunday readings -

by Fr. Robert Barron

Sunday Readings for Young People -

engaging presentation tailored for youth

Fr. John's Sunday

Reflections - weekly reflections by Fr. John Orban

Archdiocese of

Ottawa-Cornwall

Events Calendar -

discover upcoming diocesan gatherings and activities



Community Events and Family Resources - A place to find and share good things for everyone!

<https://stleonardparish.ca/event/s/community-corner-and-family-resources>

Parish Announcements

FAMILY DAY WEEKEND CAMPFIRE - THIS SUNDAY (FEB 15)

Bundle up and join us behind the church after both Sunday Masses for a cozy Family Day celebration around the campfire. We'll have everything you need to make s'mores! Just bring your warm layers and winter mitts. It's a simple, joy-filled way to gather as a parish family and enjoy the long weekend together. All are welcome.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER - FEB 17TH

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is back... because it should be !! Hosted by the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus, join us for food, fellowship and fun on **Tuesday February 17 from 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm**. You do not need to reserve tickets but a free will offering would be very much appreciated.

ASH WEDNESDAY

"Repent and believe in the Good News": On Wednesday, **February 18** we celebrate the beginning of Lent by being blessed with ashes on our foreheads. It is a reminder that God's grace and mercy are always present. God's abounding love is steadfast. St Paul reminds us "now is the day of salvation." There will be two celebrations to receive our ashes, at the morning **Mass at 9:00 am** and at an evening **Mass at 7:00 pm** with **confessions from 5:30-6:30 pm**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Lenten Friday evening Stations of the Cross will be prayed again, starting with Friday **February 20th, at 7:00 pm**. This first Stations this Lent will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH—COME JOIN US!

Discover sisterhood, service, and faith in action with the Catholic Women's League (CWL)! Our winter CWL gatherings are coming up, and we'd love to welcome you into this vibrant community of women who support one another, serve our parish, and live out the Gospel together. Upcoming Meeting is on **Saturday, February 28 at 3:00 pm** before the 4:30 PM Mass. All Catholic women age 16+ are welcome—no experience needed, just an open heart. Come connect, be inspired, and discover the joy of CWL sisterhood. We'd love to welcome you!

UPCOMING WEEKDAY MASSES AND LITURGIES



Wednesday Feb 18

9 am

Ash Wednesday

Thursday Feb 19

9 am

Ferial Mass

Friday Feb 20

9 am

Ferial Mass



RECURRING PROGRAMMING

- **She Shall Be Called Woman (SHE)** - no meeting on Monday Feb 16 (Family Day)
- **The Art of Catholic Family Life (ACFL)** - Tuesday at 6:30pm (after Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner)
- **Letico Divina** - Thursday at 8pm; Please get in touch with lectiodivina@stleonardparish.ca to obtain the Zoom meeting link.
- **That Man Is You (TMIY)** - Saturday at 7am

DESIDERATE

By popular demand, here are the links to the video and the text of Desiderata, which was shared at all the Masses last week:

Video link: [Desiderata - A Life Changing Poem for Hard Times](#)

Lyrics link: [Desiderata Original Text.pdf](#)

PLEASE PRAY

Let us keep the families and the community of Tumbler Ridge, BC in our prayers as they navigate through this terrible pain of loss and pray for those injured. Our hearts are with all those impacted by this tragedy .

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Thank you 



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10:00 am - 3:00 pm



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