

Sunday, January 10th, the Baptism of the Lord concluded the Christmas season. January 11th marked the return to Ordinary time. **Prayer table cloths** should be **green** throughout this season which lasts until February 10th, Ash Wednesday, at which time the cloths will be **purple** until March 24th.

Lent Begins Wednesday, February 10, 2016



Click [here](#) for links to Prayers, Prayer Services and Activities for Lent

A Lenten Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of
humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His
Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Son.
Amen

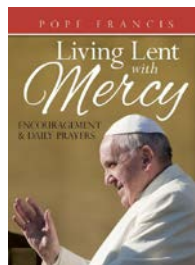
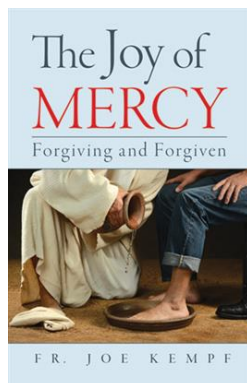
Pope Francis' Lenten Message

As part of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, the theme of the Message of Pope Francis for Lent 2016 is "**I desire mercy, and not sacrifice**" (Mt 9:13) - **The works of mercy on the road of the Jubilee**". In his Message, the Holy Father states that "the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year is a favourable time to overcome our existential alienation by listening to God's word and by practising the works of mercy. In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited; in the spiritual works of mercy – counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and prayer – we touch more directly our own sinfulness. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated."

To read Pope Francis' Message [Click Here](#)
(taken from the www.CCCB.ca)



Lenten Materials



These materials will arrive in the courier through the Faith Ambassadors in the next couple of days.

Lent 2016 Resources

Loyola Press

<http://www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year-lent.htm>

Catholic Online

<http://www.catholic.org/clife/lent/>

Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops:

http://www.cccb.ca/site/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2327&Itemid=1226

Dynamic Catholic - Best Lent Ever

<http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/>



Follow the Vatican and Pope Francis on Twitter:

[@Jubilee_va](#)

[@Pontifex](#)

Consider these using these hashtags in your “Year of Mercy” tweets:

[#JubileeofMercy](#)

[#SCCDSB](#)



The Vatican has created a student-friendly webpage which houses news about the Vatican and our Holy Father, Pope Francis’ Catechism for families, information about the history of our Popes, and Jesus’ family

<http://www.familiam.org/pcpf/s2magazine/index1.jsp?idPagina=11142>

Year of Mercy Resources

Diocese of London Resources

<http://wp.dol.ca/webportal/diocese/content/1/11/Year%20of%20Mercy/1187>

Catholic Relief Services

<http://www.crs.org/resource-center/year-mercy-resources>

Loyola Press

<http://www.loyolapress.com/year-of-mercy.htm>

The Religion Teacher

<http://www.thereligionteacher.com/year-of-mercy-activities/>

The Vatican

<http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en.html>

Corporal Works of Mercy YouTube video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMfcHyJsenk>

New prayers and resources have been added to the

Chaplaincy site: <https://staffroom-stclair.net/chaplaincy.aspx>



kinderSTART is a special one day event held in each school community during the month of February, for parents to **register their children for Kindergarten.**

The program is offered in partnership with our Best Start community service partners, who are there to offer lots of helpful information about getting ready for school - ages and stages growth development, tips for good nutrition and health living, and immunization. ***It's a fun and informative event for the whole family. Please bring siblings 18 mos. – school age.***

For more information, including dates and times for kinderSTART registration at your local Catholic elementary school, click on the following links:

[Chatham-Kent Catholic Schools](#)

[Sarnia-Lambton Catholic Schools](#)

See you there!

Catholic Education Week - May 1 - 6, 2016

CATHOLIC EDUCATION
OPENING DOORS OF MERCY



The Theme for Catholic Education Week, May 1-6, 2015, is “Opening Doors of Mercy”

Catholic Education Week Prayer

God of Love and compassion,
help us to open the door of mercy in our school communities,
in our families and in the world.

Let mercy guide our living and bring us closer to the heart of the gospel.

May we live as Jesus with mercy that welcomes, loves,
forgives
and calls us to live the gospel joyfully. Amen.

Follow this link for information on subtheme and book lists

<http://www.ocsta.on.ca/resources/catholic-education-week-resources/>

Year of Mercy Poster Contest

In partnership with the Knights of Columbus, SCCDSB hosted a Year of Mercy Poster Contest during Advent. Congratulations to all of the participants. The submissions were thoughtful and beautiful! Winners for each division will be contacted this week. Here are a few entries that were received. We will continue to highlight a few in the upcoming newsletters. Additionally, photos of some of the poster submissions will be displayed in the "Faith in Action" slideshow on the "Living Our Faith" webpage.

<http://www.st-clair.net/parents-and-community-partners.aspx>

