



# St. Hyacinthe Roman Catholic Church

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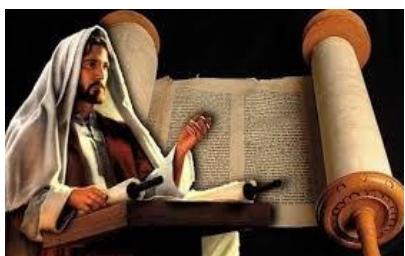
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**February 15, 2026: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**“Do not think I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.”**

In Old Testament times the Jews did not understand the Law in simply legalistic terms. They knew that it was something more than rules and regulations; they believed that it was God's loving instruction, God's guidance of God's people. And so they would pray, as we shall do this Sunday in the response of the Psalm, “They are happy who follow God's law!” Jesus himself tells us that in the end the whole of the law and the Prophets hangs on the double commandment of loving God and loving our neighbour. Moreover, it is in rising to this twofold love that we prove our love for him. “If you love me,” he will tell his friends in John's Gospel, “keep my commandments.” This is a hard love, a demanding love. The Lord not only makes demands of us, he also enables us to live out those demands in our daily lives. When “Yes” means “Yes” and “No” means “No”, God is properly served. Yes, this calls us to integrity.

Date	Intentions	Lectors	Communion	Collection
<b>Saturday, Feb. 14</b> 4 pm <i>Anointing of the Sick</i>	+ Eveline Lagace Marie Mulaire	Randy Bossuyt		<b>Dolores Mogg</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb. 15</b> 11 am <i>Anointing of the Sick</i>	+ Sister Evelyn Pierret Claudette & Jean Rochon	Carlee Delorme Frenzie Bulacso	Suzanne Lavallee	<b>Ray Cormier Christopher Lippens</b>
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 18</b> 7:30 pm <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	+ Irene Regnier Yvette & Armand Rioux			
<b>Thursday, Feb. 19</b> 7 pm	+ Marie Therese Levesque Knights of Columbus La Salle Council			
<b>Saturday, Feb. 21</b> 4 pm	+ Mathieu Talbot Therese Lavallee	Rachel Cahill	Randy Bossuyt	<b>Dolores Mogg</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb. 22</b> 11 am <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Youth Mass &amp; Bake Sale</i>	Parishioners' Intentions Father Gabriel	Youth	Christopher Lippens Claude Lagace	<b>Youth</b>



Our Lenten season begins this week. During 40 days, we will give closer attention to God's Word and offer more fervent prayer in preparation for the holiest of times, Easter. We are to find ways to free ourselves from sin and all that is harmful, in order to grow in faith, charity and holiness. The Church invites us to fasting and abstinence on the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, as on Good Friday. Christian fasting and abstinence obtain their full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food or earthly pleasures

in order to be more open to prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving, and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting and abstinence build up self-discipline and strength of faith and character.

## St. Hyacinthe Parish News

- ❖ **Anointing of the Sick:** This weekend, February 14-15, Fr. Gabriel will offer this sacrament of healing to those who are currently faced with illness, weakened by age, or in distress.
- ❖ **Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ:** We are re-introducing Communion under both species regularly in our parish beginning next weekend, with the First Sunday of Lent. One is never obligated to receive both, but for those who will appreciate receiving the consecrated bread and the sharing of the blessed wine, we now feel comfortable in doing so at every Sunday Eucharist, at the Saturday 4 pm Mass and the Sunday 11 am Mass.
- ❖ **Ministry of Holy Communion:** Current Ministers of the Eucharist and those interested in knowing more about this ministry and who might be interested in becoming a Minister of Holy Communion for their parish, are invited to remain after this weekend's masses.
- ❖ **Knights of Columbus Cash Bingo:** This Sunday, Feb. 15 at 1:30 pm (doors open at 12:45 pm).
- ❖ **Parents Sacrament meeting:** Thursday, Feb. 19 at 6 pm in the church sacristy.
- ❖ **Spring Fling – Perogy Dinner** – We are starting to organize for our annual church fundraising dinner. Mark your calendars for Friday, April 17, 2026. We are looking for someone to organize the volunteers for dish washing, table setting and clearing. If you need more details or would like to volunteer, please contact Dolores Mogg at 204-228-1912 or Patricia at the Parish office.



### Lenten Initiatives

**Sacrifice Lenten Tree:** The *Catechism* program invites all parishioners to take a leaf and write your Lenten thoughts, prayers or plans for Lent and hang it on our tree in the church entrance. We invite families to take the Lenten calendar home and do proposed activities together.



**Multi-Purpose Lenten Drive:** The *Knights of Columbus* will be collecting non-perishable food items (protein items especially) or cash donations (a charitable donation receipt will be issued) for the Holy Cross Food Bank & Soup Kitchen, personal hygiene articles for One88 Community Church, baby items for the Family Support Centre and NEW this year they will also be collecting WOOL for baby blankets. Items can be brought to the church between Feb. 17 and Apr. 5 and placed in the church entrance. Please see poster attached for more details.



**Stations of the Cross:** Starting Friday, February 20 and every Friday throughout Lent at 7 pm. Thank you to Yvonne & Randy Bossuyt for leading this initiative. If you also wish to pray the Stations of the Cross at home, here is a video link on our parish website, a meditation on the passion of Christ produced by parishioner Tim Scatliff: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C22NRpxu9Fk>.



### Remember in Your Prayers

- ❖ We pray for those who find it hard to believe that they may listen to Jesus and come to know him as God's own beloved Son.
- ❖ For those who struggle with pain and sickness, that they may be filled with a sense of hope and experience the comforting presence of Christ.
- ❖ Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope. (Pope's prayer intention for February)

**Marriage Tip** – This week, remember your wedding vows: "I promise to be faithful to you, in good times and bad, in sickness and in health, and to love you every day of my life." Make sure this becomes a reality.

**Did You Know?** – *Sunday as the Lord's Day* – Sunday is to be unlike any other day of the week. Sunday is meant to be special. Two traditions are observed on Sunday: (1) assembling or gathering together the faithful at church in order to share the Word of God and the Eucharist, and in doing so, keeping alive the presence and memory of Christ Jesus our Lord; and (2) resting or avoiding unnecessary work and physical activity to keep the day holy. If we do not experience Sunday as a special and holy day, especially for church and for rest, then what? What happens when Sunday is like any other day? If Sunday is to be occupied by other activities, couldn't we still take a short moment to offer our day to the Lord? Could we find another time in the week for mass and for rest, caring for our spiritual and physical health?

