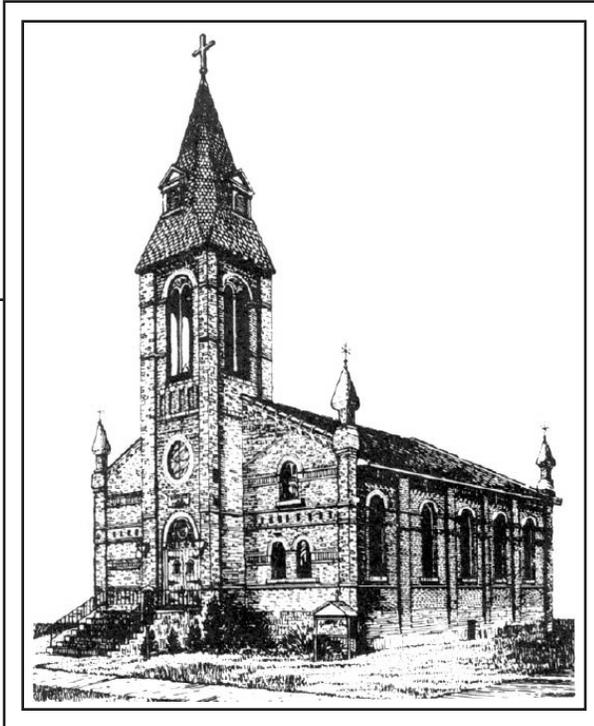


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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### FULTON J. SHEEN MY TRUSTED GUIDE FOR LENT

(by Al Smith, Midland, Ontario, in *Catholic Exchange*, 2002)

As I prepare for Lent each year, I ask myself the same questions: *what am I going to give up, what works of mercy will I perform, or what spiritual reading might I entertain this year?*



The older I get, the more I realize that I cannot go wrong with the tried and proven writings of the saints. Classics such as St. Alphonsus Liguori's *The Way of the Cross*, and Lenten reflections from the writings of St. Teresa of Avila and St. Francis de Sales, are staples in my home. But to be honest, it is the writings of the Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen that continue to be my trusted Lenten companion.

I will never forget the first time I read Sheen's book from 1939, entitled *Victory over Vice*. As I entered into the book, I began to feel deep, heartfelt sorrow for my sins for the first time in my life. Fulton Sheen's words were removing the scales from my eyes. He showed me that the seven last words that Our Lord spoke from the Cross were the antidote for each of the seven deadly sins.

After reading this one Sheen book, I was convinced that I could put my trust in him, to guide me in my walk with Christ. I desired to read every book of his that I could find, with a similar Lenten theme. Over the course of the next several months, I read books such as *The Seven Last Words* (1933), *Calvary and the Mass* (1936), *The Cross and the Beatitudes* (1937), *The Rainbow of Sorrow* (1938), *The Seven Virtues* (1940), *Seven Words to the Cross* (1944), *Seven Words of Jesus and Mary* (1945), and *Characters of the Passion* (1946), to name a few.

I found out that during his last recorded Good Friday address in 1979, Archbishop Sheen spoke of having given this type of reflection on the subject of Christ's seven last words from the Cross "for the fifty-eighth consecutive time." Whether as the young priest in Peoria, Illinois, the university professor in Washington, D.C., or the bishop in New York, Sheen's messages were sure to make an indelible mark on his audience.

Possessing a burning zeal to dispel the myths about Our Lord and His Church, each year Sheen gave a series of powerful presentations on Christ's Passion and His seven last words from the Cross. As a Scripture scholar, Archbishop Sheen knew full well the power contained in preaching Christ crucified. With St. Paul, he could say, "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2).

This confirmed what I had realized after reading many of Sheen's books: that he desired most of all to speak about the mystery of love and suffering, more specifically, about Jesus Christ becoming man, and dying for our sins.

Recently, I came upon this great description of what a priest should be: **a priest is someone who brings Jesus to the people, and in turn brings the people to Jesus.** From reading Sheen's books, listening to his audio recordings, and watching him on television, I have found that he fits this description perfectly. Indeed, he is an accomplished retreat master. His love for Our Lord and the Blessed Mother permeates his every thought, binding our hearts to theirs. And isn't that what Lent is all about, a time to put God in first place in our hearts?

Over the last ten years, it has been my privilege to speak about the life and writings of the Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. I never tire of hearing the "Sheen stories," how he is still fondly remembered by so many, and how he touched people's lives.

As a way of thanking God for the many favors that my family has received through the intercession of Our Lady and the Venerable Sheen, I compiled a collection of Sheen's writings about Our Lord's passion and His seven last words. The book is titled: *The Cries of Jesus from the Cross – A Fulton Sheen Anthology*, and is published by Sophia Institute Press. It is collection of seven unique Sheen titles that will take the reader on a spiritual journey during Lent like no other.

For the first time ever, Archbishop Fulton Sheen's complete writings and reflections on Christ's last words have been compiled into this one book. Sheen masterfully demonstrates how the seven last words of Our Lord are in fact, a full catechism on the spiritual life. From these holy words, we learn the secrets of living the Beatitudes, ways to avoid the deadly vices of anger, envy, lust and pride, and how to cultivate the heavenly virtues of fortitude, prudence, justice, and charity. Bishop Sheen teaches us how to deal with difficult people, and how to understand pain and suffering. And he binds all of this together with touching references to the most beautiful love between Our Lord and His Blessed Mother.

The Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen has been my trusted Lenten guide for a number of years now. He is that faithful priest who continues to **bring Jesus to me and helps to bring me closer to Jesus.** I pray that he will do the same for you this Lent.

Mr. Al Smith came here to St. Mary's two years ago and spoke after all of the weekend Masses on The Holy Face of Jesus. He is a radio host and the Director of the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Mission Society of Canada, having served on the Board of Directors of the Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Foundation in Peoria, Illinois. His work involves making the life, works and thoughts of Archbishop Sheen known in order to bring people to Christ and to advance the cause of canonization of Fulton Sheen, who will become Blessed in September of this year.



Tue Mar 17 <sup>th</sup> 8:30am	+Bernice Cote Requested by Genevieve & Clark Carson
Wed Mar 18 <sup>th</sup> 8:30am	+Dan Braniff Requested by Pat & Family
Thurs Mar 19 <sup>th</sup> 7:30am 8:30am	HOLY HOUR +Joseph Sochnacki Requested by Alexandra Sochnacki
Fri Feb Mar 20 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm 7:00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS +Alyson Frankie Requested by Genevieve & Clark Carson Intentions of Jim Hughes Requested by Genevieve & Clark Carson
Sat Mar 21 <sup>st</sup> 8:30am	+Hugh Loughran Requested by Genevieve & Clark Carson
3:00pm 4:30pm	Confession +Mato Krajinovic Requested by Wife Katherine & Family
Sun Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup> 9:00am	For the People
11:00am	+Andy & David Calado Requested by Helena Calado

*Please Pray for the Sick*

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Raised so far	\$ 3,584.00	

**LENTEN COLLECTION**

We have again been approached by Dr. Simone (Canadian Food for Children) to do a Lenten Collection for the poor. Last year we were very successful, and we thought it important to continue with our support. Here are some of the items that they are asking for this year. **Iodized salt, cans of meat and fish, peanut butter, flour, soap bars, toothpaste and tooth brushes, eye glasses, school supplies, NEW socks and shoes, clothing.** We will have totes in the hallway between the church and the hall. We will collect right through the Lenten season. Thank You.

**4th Sunday of Lent - March 15, 2026**

**You can help men answer God's call to priesthood by supporting ShareLife**

God planted the seed of a priestly vocation in Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi's heart as a child. He later entered St. Augustine's Seminary, where God led him through moments of joy, deep reflection, and a faith that continues to grow. His path has been one of both grace and challenge, yet he has walked forward without fear—because of you.

Your generous heart lifted the burden of financial worry, allowing Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi to embrace his calling fully and prepare for a life of service to the Church. God-willing, he will be ordained into priesthood this May. Because of your faithful generosity to ShareLife, many more young men will have the opportunity to answer God's call.

The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Our parish goal this year is \$46,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

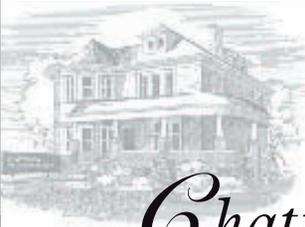
Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
9:00am to 11:00am  
& 6:00pm to 8:00pm



**The Knights of Columbus winter raffle** we held this year was a success. Those who bought tickets were excited to be entered into a draw that would award the prize winner a pack of 4 lift tickets at Blue Mountain. The draw was held after the Saturday mass on February 28, and the lucky winner was Carol Johns. **Congratulations** to Carol, and a big thank-you to all those who bought tickets in support of Collingwood's Knights of Columbus Council 5793.

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