



# ST. CHARLES CWL NEWSLETTER

March 2025

## Mission Statement

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.



## From The President's Desk



*Welcome to Spring!*



Good day ladies, Jubilee 2025 is calling us to set out on a Journey, for us to change, to follow Jesus, to walk with him either to a physical place or a spiritual place in our hearts, to open our hearts to prayer to understanding a fresh perspective with a companion. Part of the journey is to help us realize to care for creation and express our Faith in God. This time of year, our journey is taking us through lent may we reflect what God means to us, where we are in our

Faith.

If you need to get in touch with me, you can reach me through text or email at **780-916-9728** or email at [kabtarras@gmail.com](mailto:kabtarras@gmail.com),

**Katherine Tarras, President**



## Stations of the Cross

Thank you to all who braved the wintery weather to participate in the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to Lorette Fairfield who led the group through the stations.

**Teresa McGrath**  
**Spiritual Convenor**

## Alberta Mackenzie Prays the Rosary- Weekly

Members are invited to pray the Rosary weekly on Thursdays @ 7:00 pm (MST). Log in information is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82633854455?pwd=ji0lnkdfZFQR27Ly7r4bFwF23Ue5Gc.1>  
Meeting ID 839 6587 9451 Passcode 963178

## Service

### Funeral Committee

One funeral lunch service has been scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> for 200 people. Thank you to all our members who have been working at the funerals and/or providing generous donations of sandwich fixings and squares. Your contributions have made it possible for our Council to continue this important service.



### Hospitality!



CWL was kept busy in March providing hospitality. On Thursday, March 13th, after the Jubilee Presentation given by Dr. Matthew Hoven, we served refreshments and goodies for 60 people.

Our Parish Mission with guest speaker Jesse Manibusan followed on Monday and Tuesday March 17th & 18th. Hospitality of refreshments and goodies was provided on the Monday for 40 people and Tuesday for 25 people.

Thank you to Rita Pfefferle, Rose Hearn, Kathy Martel, Gayle Nicholson, Claire Kawulok, Bev Jensen and Rachelle Pouliot who helped with these evenings.

## Social Justice

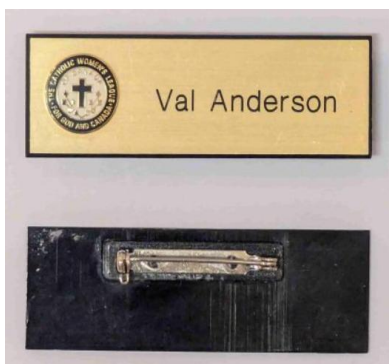
### Examples of Social Issues

1. Climate change
2. Gender inequality
3. Immigration policy
4. Indigenous rights
5. Violence against Indigenous women
6. Gender-based violence
7. LGBTQ+ rights
8. Anti-Black racism
9. Education equality
10. Water rights
11. Healthcare
12. Mental health
13. Opioid crisis
14. Income inequality
15. Housing affordability

### CWL Name Tags

CWL name tags are available for purchase. If you would like to order one, please contact Crysall Cordeiro – Phone: 780-966-9171 or Email: [sc.cwl.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:sc.cwl.treasurer@gmail.com)

The price being \$15 for the locking pin or \$17 for the magnetic pin. If a name is longer than 15 letters there will be a \$2 charge.



## **Organization (Memberships)**

We hope to see you soon at our April General meeting on **Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm** (First 15 minutes are social time, followed by our official meeting commencing at 7pm)

For those ladies who still need to renew, **our fees remain unchanged at \$40**. Please give me a call (780)399-9459 or drop me an email at [bspat@shaw.ca](mailto:bspat@shaw.ca) if you have any questions on how to renew.

And have a wonderful month!!

**Bea Spatafora**  
**Organization Convenor**



**Ladies of St. Charles CWL**, we need your help. We still have a number of volunteer opportunities, and we need your help to ensure we can carry on our tradition of exceptional service to God and our community:

**Current to 2026 - Secretary**

**Current to 2026 Social Justice Convenor**

**URGENT - 2025 CWL Bazaar Convenor** – This position overlooks the various convenorships at our annual Bazaar (October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025). This position, as well as the Convenor positions listed below have instructional binders which sets out what each position entails, plus you would have the support of the ladies who previously had those positions. Convenor positions required under the Bazaar Convenor lead are:

**Bake Table**-Responsible to run the bake table including pricing (pricing guidelines already set)

**Kitchen (2)**-Responsible for the purchasing and prep of the lunch for the event

**Craft Table**-Responsible to run the craft table including pricing

**Multi-Raffle**-Responsible to acquire prizes, make the baskets, print tickets & run the table

**Vendors**-Responsible to secure vendors for the event

**Advertising**-Responsible for advertising for the event

**Phoning**-Responsible to call members to secure volunteers to help with the above.

If you have helped with any of the above positions and wish to let your name stand, please still let us know, as we'll have a new convenor for this event.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Lead** – a new coordinator to start this ministry up again, as there has been some interest in it from the parish. Once in place, we will need to advertise & recruit volunteers once again

Please email **Katherine Tarras ([katarras@shaw.ca](mailto:katarras@shaw.ca))** or **Bea Spatafora ([bspat@shaw.ca](mailto:bspat@shaw.ca))** if you have questions or to understand details for any of the above positions &/or to volunteer for the position. We thank you in advance for your help in filling these important roles for 2025.

**Your CWL Executive**

## Sharing the Words

### *SOCIAL JUSTICE*

**43** Called by sacred scriptures, church teachings and tradition, Catholic Women's League members commit themselves to furthering God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Join us on this exciting journey to create God's justice here and now!

### *SOLIDARITY*

**44** We are all sisters and brothers who actively work for the common good. Through the Catholic Women's League, members are invited to build relationships – to understand what life is like for others. Join us in solidarity as we journey towards peace and justice.

## Laughter is Good for the Soul

A man was blissfully driving along the highway, when he saw the Easter Bunny hopping across the middle of the road. He swerved to avoid hitting the Bunny, but unfortunately the rabbit jumped in front of his car and was hit. The basket of eggs went flying all over the place. Candy, too.



The driver, being a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulled over to the side of the road, and got out to see what had become of the Bunny carrying the basket. Much to his dismay, the colorful Bunny was dead.

The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman driving down the same highway saw the man crying on the side of the road and pulled over. She stepped out of her car and asked the man what was wrong.

"I feel terrible," he explained, "I accidentally hit the Easter Bunny and killed it. What should I do?"

The woman told the man not to worry. She knew exactly what to do. She went to her car trunk, and pulled out a spray can. She walked over to the limp, dead Bunny, and sprayed the entire contents of the can onto the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came to back life, jumped up, picked up the spilled eggs and candy, waved its paw at the two humans and hopped on down the road. 50 yards away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around, waved and hopped on down the road another 50 yards, turned, waved, hopped another 50 yards and waved again!!!!

The man was astonished. He said to the woman, "What in heaven's name is in your spray can?" The woman turned the can around so that the man could read the label. It said: "Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave."

## Important Dates

<b>April 14</b>	Chrism Mass & Reception, St. Joseph's Basilica
<b>April 15</b>	General Meeting
<b>April 24</b>	Virtual Book Club
<b>April 30</b>	Guest Speaker Edmonton Neighborhood Watch – Security & Scams
<b>May 28</b>	Guest Speaker - Trinity Funeral Homes – Preparing for Funerals



## CWL Virtual BYOB Book Club

### *March Reads*

1. ***The Guest Children***, Geoffrey Bilson. The story of the British child evacuees sent to Canada during WW II.
2. ***The Briar Club***, Kate Quinn. A haunting and powerful story of female friendships and secrets in a Washington, DC boardinghouse during the McCarthy era.
3. ***The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning***, Margareta Magnusson. A charming, practical, and unsentimental approach to putting a home in order while reflecting on the joys that make up a long life.
4. ***Politically Correct Bed Time Stories***, James Finn Garner. The retelling of classic bedtime stories with modern day political correctness.
5. ***The Frozen River***, Ariel Lawhorn. A historical novel set in 1789 in Hallowell, Maine. An Early American town seeks justice amid rumors and controversy.
6. ***When the World Fell Silent***, Donna Alward. A historical fiction that focuses on the Halifax explosion of 1917 and its aftermath as told from the perspective of two women.
7. ***The Four Winds***, Kristin Hannah. In this uncertain and dangerous time, Elsa Martinelli, like so many of her neighbors, must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west.
8. ***The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife***, Anna Johnson. A zany case of mistaken identity allows a lonely old man one last chance to be part of a family.
9. ***Sarah's Key***, Tatiana de Rosnay. A story of a young Polish-French Jewish girl in 1942 who was rounded up as part of the Vel' d'Hiv Roundup in Paris.
10. ***Mrs. Van Gogh***, Caroline Gauchi. A strong woman in the last 1800's married to Vincent Van-Gogh's brother and the influence she had on the keeper of his immense collection.
11. ***Apples Never Fall***, Liane Moriarty. Contains family drama and secrets, with someone possibly concealing a murder.
12. ***The Turn of the Key***, Ruth Ware. A young woman who accepts a nanny position, winds up imprisoned for the death of one of the children in her care.
13. ***The Women of Chateau Lafayette***, Stephanie Dray. Based on the true story of three generations of women in an extraordinary castle in France.
14. ***The Pope's Assassin***, Luis M. Rocha. The best-kept secret of the Catholic Church. A set of ancient scrolls threatens that secret. A journalist has made it her mission to discover the truth.

### NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETING:

April 24th at 7 pm



### QUICK LINKS

National Website: [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)  
Provincial Council Website: [www.cwl.ab.ca](http://www.cwl.ab.ca)  
Diocesan Council: [www.edmontoncwl.org](http://www.edmontoncwl.org)

# ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

## *March 2025*

Please pray for our CWL members and our council  
Prayers for peace in the Ukraine & the Middle East  
Please pray for seminarian Ben Wilkins on his journey to respond to God's call

For those who are sick and all who look after them:

Larry Belanger (husband of Norma Belanger)  
Margaret Bernard  
Jacqueline Cuerrier  
Annet Maitwe and AIM school  
Hope Maitwe (Annet Maitwe's daughter)  
Rafael Martel (Kathy Martel's grandson)  
Evelyn Radostits  
Sharon Roshko  
Marlene & George Schmidt  
Bea Spatafora  
Lily Webb  
Mary Ziska  
Celine deVries-Stadleer (Marie-Paul Petersen's daughter)  
Stella Kachmar  
Ann Jubinville (Margaret Bernard's sister)  
Mary Miller (Irene Midgley's mother)  
Bert Trompetter (Cora's husband)  
David Meier (Shirley's husband)  
Melissa Cuerrier (daughter of Jacqueline Cuerrier)  
Colleen O'Donnell (Maureen O'Donnell's sister)  
Eileen Kavanagh (Monique Gauthier's daughter-in-law)  
Sybil Ledi  
Marie-Paul Petersen  
Father Marc Cramer  
Audrey Waseylenko  
Bev (friend of Janice Lakusta)  
Jeanne Richelhoff (Louise Despins' sister)  
Marie Phillips  
Theresa Amuzu  
For those who have died and all who mourn them:  
Francis Huber (son of Vera Huber)

Please contact **Kathy Martel** at 780-456-0760 or [Kmartel780@gmail.com](mailto:Kmartel780@gmail.com) to add names.

