



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 12 MARCH 2006

**“Jesus took with him Peter and James and John...  
he was transfigured before them...  
‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’”**

(Today’s Readings: Genesis: 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31-35, 37; Mark 9:2-10)

### Announced mass intentions...

Sat., Mar. 11 5:00PM Mass – Ernesto Lareza+

Sun., Mar. 12 **Second Sunday of Lent**  
8:00AM Mass – Danica Hartman+  
9:30AM Mass – Edward W.J. Kent+  
Pauline Forgues+  
11:15AM Mass – Mary Maruice+  
Lillian McCarthy+  
Edward McCarthy+  
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Mon., Mar. 13 12:15PM **NO** Mass

Tues., Mar. 14 12:15PM Mass

Wed., Mar. 15 12:15PM Mass

Thurs., Mar. 16 10:00AM Mass at Landmark Court – held  
at 140 Darlington Private  
12:15PM Mass – Pro Life  
Lawrence Rodrigues+

Fri., Mar. 17 12:15PM Mass

Sat., Mar. 18 5:00PM Mass

Sun., Mar. 19 **Third Sunday of Lent**  
8:00AM Mass – Rigden & Frenette Fam+  
9:30AM Mass – Rita & Richard Lemieux+  
11:15AM Mass – Jane & Irving Shattler+  
7:30PM Mass

### Events Calendar

Sat., Mar. 11 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
4:30PM Rosary – Church

Mon., Mar. 13 1:00PM Potato Peelers – Hall  
7:00PM Bereavement Support Group

Tues., Mar. 14 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A  
7:30PM Rosary – Church  
8:00PM A.A. – Hall

Wed., Mar. 15 7:30PM Choir (7:30) practice – Church  
7:30PM K of C General meeting – Hall

Thurs., Mar. 16 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A  
7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church

Fri., Mar. 17 1:00PM African Angels – Rm. A  
6:00PM **Stations of the Cross** lead by  
the Knights of Columbus  
7:00PM St. Patrick’s Day Party – Hall

Sat., Mar. 18 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Mar. 19 10:30AM Children’s Choir practice – Rm. A

### We remember in our prayers the sick...

**-our parishioners-** Laurette Allen, Morris Anderson (husband of Joyce), Allan Brooks (husband of Gloria), Helen

Charbonneau, Emile Chartrand, Clare Desjardins (husband of Alicia), Suzanne Desjardins (daughter of Leo), Ron Dexter (husband of Diane), Margaret FitzGerald, Marie Claire Grandbois, Gertrude Kennedy, Alice Haughton (wife of Bob), Frank Laturnus (husband of Edwina), Eveline Lavoie, Reg MacDonald (husband of Joan), Odette MacKinnon (wife of Leo), Deacon Bruce McLeod, Yolanda Miron (mother of Mina), Mary O’Connor (wife of Al), Grace & Bill Reid, Barbara Riggins, Margaret Ross, Ray Valin (husband of Betty), John Whelley

**-relatives-** Andy Besserer (son of Colin & Eileen), Richard Calagoure (brother-in-law of Barbara Riggins), Patricia Esmond (mother of Liz), Sonya Fernandez (granddaughter of Xavier & Brigitta), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarcevich), Anastasia Gorecki (sister of Theresa Sarcevich), Betty Holmes (sister of Edwina Laturnus), Vivian Hunt (brother of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Nikhil Jose (nephew of Fr. James), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Jerry Lorbetkie (brother of Dorothy Daub), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Louise MacAdam (daughter-in-law of Helen Castle), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Sonia Pereira (cousin of Marlene Braganza), Simon Schmidt (nephew of Rosemary Uren), Jonathan Seepersad (nephew of Robert Lee), Eleanor Spafford (mother of Barb Goski), Paul Sowinski (brother of Theresa Sarcevich)

**-the deceased -** Robert W. Brown+ (brother of Laurence)

We also pray for our RCIA Candidates: Ron Black, Eric Kramers, David Williams and Wanda Sherratt

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### COLLECTION REPORT

~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~

March 05 – \$4,946.73 (env.) / \$ 590.23 (loose)

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### Pastor’s Column...

#### Lenten Thoughts...THE POTATO PEELERS

This week I would like to bring to your attention another noble activity in which some of our Parishioners are actively involved. They are called the “Potato Peelers.”

About 20 years ago this activity started bringing together our Foyers Partage friends from the two houses at Booth and Kodiak and together with some of our Parishioners they peel 50 pounds of potatoes every Monday which are then picked up by the Shepherds of Good Hope. The potatoes are given free of cost by our parishioner Mr. François Bouchard, owner of ‘The Country Grocer’—thank you Mr. Bouchard, it is very kind of you.

Theresa Fitzgerald, one of our veteran parishioners, has been coordinating this work for many years. She says, “It gives me tremendous joy to be with disabled friends and to help them peel the potatoes. Each one of them has a moving

story to say and that gives me a lot of energy and enthusiasm to be with them on Monday's without failure. You see, by peeling those potatoes for the Shepherds of Good Hope, they contribute their mite to the society."

The present coordinator, Joel Dorner says, "This activity is beneficial in both ways. Our Foyers Partage friends prove a point that they are indeed very productive members of the society and hundreds of needy people who visit the Shepherds of Good Hope enjoy the fruits of our friend's efforts."

Thank you very much dear parishioners who are actively involved in this noble task and I would like to remind you of Jesus' words, "And if anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones, in the name of a disciple—I assure you they will not go unrewarded." (Mt 10:42)

God bless,

Fr. James Raphel CMF

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR HOLY CROSS' LENTEN

**MISSION**—Theme: "GOD IS LOVE—LESSONS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING FROM POPE BENEDICT XVI".

Preacher: Fr. John Vandenaeker of the Companions of the Cross and music by Glen Pereira (Fiat Praise Band). Dates, time and themes: **Monday, April 03:** "Why Love is stronger than despair"—Mission talk, Mass with Marian Consecration;

**Tuesday, April 04:** "Parish Lenten Penitential Service"—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Mission Talk, Benediction, Sacrament of Reconciliation; **Wednesday,**

**April 05:** "Receiving Healing for Body, Mind and Soul"—Mission talk, Mass with Healing Service. From 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Come and experience the 'TOUCH OF GOD' and refresh your body and soul with this Lenten (RE)TREAT. All are welcome. A free will offering will be taken for Holy Cross Parish.

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## Parish News and Community Life...

**IN MEMORY OF...** Consider making a donation towards our **EASTER FLOWERS** this year in memory of a deceased loved one. Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church to take your donations **from March 12 until April 02.** The names of your deceased loved ones will appear in the Easter bulletin.

**PLEASE NOTE—THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE: FIRST RECONCILIATION** for children preparing for the sacraments of First Communion will take place on **ONE** evening **only** at Holy Cross Church on **Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

At 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15 Deacon Bob Birch will speak on the "Prison Ministry", addressing the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, and children, to their families and to those who work in the prison environment. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

All members of the K of C as well as Parishioners are invited to a fun filled St. Patrick's Day Party on Friday, March 17. Social starts at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The Sye Smith's Band will entertain us with dinner and dancing music. Cost: \$15 per person.

**NOTE:** Stations of the Cross will be lead by the Knights of Columbus at 6 p.m. prior to the function, all are welcome to participate.

## PASTORAL CARE

Our Pastoral Care Team is ready and willing to serve you our Parishioners! If you would like to access our services please call Simonne Larouche at 738-7590 or the parish office.

## YOUTH CORNER

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE at Holy Cross are invited to pray the **Stations of The Cross on Friday, March 24 at 7 p.m.** in the Church. This is an excellent opportunity to continue our Lenten journey to Easter. A small social gathering will be held afterwards as well. Don't miss this chance to make the stations of the cross part of this holy season!

## Social Action...

### MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

What an incredibly quantity and variety of food you contributed! We delivered 260 bags of groceries to our four local food banks: Heron Road, Debra Dynes, Banff Ledbury and Greenboro. The food bank co-ordinators were most appreciative, one commenting that without support from Holy Cross, they just could not cope. Thank you all for your generosity. Wednesday, March 16 marks the opening of the 4<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Mexico City. Social organizations will be protesting the World Bank's policy of favouring the privatization of water services in the global South. During Lent our committee will promote the Development and Peace campaign that emphasizes the need to protect and preserve natural sources of water. "A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water." (Book of Proverbs 11:25) On Monday, March 20 there will be a public forum "Terminator on Trial" referring to the genetic manipulation of plants that renders seeds sterile at harvest. These are called 'suicide seeds'. The forum is at the Congress Centre from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Admission/free. Information is available at [www.interpares.ca/terminator](http://www.interpares.ca/terminator). Angel-makers meet March 17 and 31 in room A at 1 p.m.

## DID YOU KNOW?

*In Giving We Receive—*

### "STONE SOUP"

Once upon a time, a beggar asked alms at the mansion of a lord. Rebuffed by the servants who claimed they had nothing to give, the beggar replied, "Sorry for it, but will you let me boil a little water to make some soup of this stone?" With their curiosity aroused at such an unusual proposal, the servants readily provided saucepan, water, and spoon. The pauper promptly popped in a stone, savored it, and suggested it needed the flavor of a little salt and pepper. The servants, caught up in the proceedings, shared some of theirs. With a flourish, the beggar stirred, and tasted, and observed that it would certainly be improved with any fragment of vegetable and meat there might be around. His unwitting assistants supplied them. Similarly, with a final fanfare, the beggar accepted a bit of sauce. Then all tasted and enjoyed, with the servants agreeing that stone soup is excellent.

This favorite sixteenth/seventeenth-century story, sometimes called *St. Bernard's Soup*, has variations using a horseshoe, or a nail, or a rams horn, for example, but always the same theme.

(The Catholic Source Book)