



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 07 MARCH 2010

“Jesus asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners... I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.’”

(Readings: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9)

Announced Mass Intentions...

- Sat., March 06 5:00PM Mass – Ralph & Lucie Gardner+
Marie Baxter+
- Sun., March 07 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
9:30AM Mass – Rita & Richard Lemieux+
11:15AM Mass – Euphemia Mendoza+
Roy Coleman+
7:30PM Mass – Souls in Purgatory
- Mon., March 08 12:15PM **NO Mass**
- Tues., March 09 9:30AM Mass – Cathy Jendrasch+
- Wed., March 10 12:15PM Mass – Gilles Patry+
- Thurs., March 11 9:00AM Communion Service held at
Billings Lodge
10:00AM Communion Service held at
Windsor Park Manor
10:00AM Mass held at Landmark Court
Frances Leeney+
12:15PM Mass – Doreen Galvin (Ivg)
- Fri., March 12 12:15PM Mass – For our Priests (Ivg)
- Sat., March 13 5:00PM Mass – Richard Lane+
- Sun., March 14 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00AM Mass – Rigden & Frenette Fam+
Kathy Dunne+
Michael Goldsmith (Ivg)
9:30AM Mass
11:15AM Mass – Souls in Purgatory
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Events Calendar

- Sat., March 06 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church
- Sun., March 07 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
- Mon., March 08 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A
- Tues., March 09 7:00PM **FIRST RECONCILIATION** for
the children receiving the Sacrament of First Communion
8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., March 10 7:00PM Liturgy – Rm. A
7:30PM Music (7:30) practice – Church
- Thurs., March 11 7:00PM Come Join Us At The Table #5
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Fri., March 12 6:30PM **ADORATION**
7:00PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
- Sat., March 13 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church
6:00PM St. Patrick’s Dinner/Dance – Hall
- Sun., March 14 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Colleen Bonnah, Vivian Braganza, Barbara Cullinan, Betty Hubbard, Betty Hurst, Cam Johnson, Patricia Joseph, Edwina Laturus, Romeo Maione, Mabel McFarlane, Yolanda Miron, Irene Mooney, Bill & Margaret Mullen, Michael O’Sullivan, Margaret Ross, Claude Thibault (husband of Geneva), Ray & Betty Valin
-relatives- Cardinal Alojzi Ambrozic, Tillie Andruchow (mother of Jean Ryan), Fr. Bob Bedard, Mary Beggan (sister of Anne Cooper), Arlene Belot (sister of Jay Lukenbill), Stephanie Charlebois (daughter of Lorna & Alvin Mahoney), Monica Desjardin (daughter of Leo), Len Desmarias (brother-in-law of Mary Simms), John Sr. & Margaret Dorner (parents of John), Keith Esmond (father of Liz), Estelle Freed (daughter of Helen Dick), Fay Hunt (sister-in-law of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Jessie Kennedy, Marie Kennedy (sister of Sheila Shields), Elma Kramers (mother of Eric), Sharon Ladouceur (sister of Sheila Shields), Sarah Laturus (granddaughter of Frank & Edwina), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Lisa Nancarrow (daughter of Janet & Robin), Albert Ozorio (father of Rui), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Ted Vullings (father of Gerry)
-the deceased- Elena Argumedo (wife of Victor), Elizabeth Drouillard (sister of Mary Simms)

WE ALSO PRAY for our Catechumens: Anthonia Bejide, Patricia Bejide, Ly (Lee) Do and Holly Nicks

COLLECTION REPORT

28 February 2010 – \$4,442.00 (env) / \$765.45 (loose)

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Pastor’s Column...

3rd WEEK OF LENT

Moses, the shepherd tending the flock, is accosted by the burning bush and the voice of God. He hears of God’s compassion and concern for his broken and afflicted people. God has come to rescue them—and he is sending Moses to them. Moses wants to know God’s name. He is told, “I AM...This is my name forever.” A strange name but this is the God of life, creation, history, promise, and calling’ the God of faithful Word and presence with the people. They will lean. We have known this God who gave manna and water and we know the God who has given us Jesus, bread and wine, eucharist, baptism, confirmation, and the Word in Scripture and the Word made flesh among us. Yet, do we know God, or like those who went before us, do we need to be questioned, “IS God pleased with us?” Jesus is telling us that if we don’t repent NOW the day will come when it will be too

late. Do we produce fruit (justice, virtue, faithfulness, forgiveness, etc.) or is there nothing to show in our lives again this year? One more chance: manure us, chop at our roots and hope. If not, cut the tree down so that it doesn't negatively affect everything around it. Choose!

God bless,
Fr. James Raphael CMF
Pastor

Parish News and Community Life...

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

HOLY CROSS PARISH LENTEN RETREAT 2010 will be held on **March 15, 16 & 17 from 7 – 9 p.m.** The preacher is **Father Maxime Allard o.p.** The Theme of the Retreat is **"The Priesthood of the Baptised in the Church and in the World."** The schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 15: *Beginning with Holy Mass.*

Tuesday, March 16: *How to be at God's Service.*

Wednesday, March 17: **Parish Reconciliation Service.** Come and experience the 'DIVINE TOUCH OF GOD' and refresh your body and soul with this Lenten (RE)TREAT. All are welcome. A free will offering will be generously accepted.

IMPORTANT NOTICES: FIRST RECONCILIATION—for those children who are registered for the sacrament of First Communion will be on **TUESDAY, MARCH 09 at 7 p.m.** in the Church.

PRACTICE FOR THE SACRAMENT will be on **Tuesday, March 23 at 7 p.m.** in the Church. Please ensure that you attend the practice with your child.

DONATION TOWARDS OUR EASTER FLOWERS in memory of a deceased loved one. Special envelopes are available in the pews and at the back of the church to take your donations until March 21. The names of your deceased loved one will appear in the Easter bulletin insert. Please be sure to print clearly so that the names can be printed correctly. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEEDED—Mass coordinators, Severs, overhead and Eucharistic ministers are needed at our Masses on Holy Thursday, our Easter Vigil and at our Easter Sunday Masses. Sign-up sheets are available on the desk by the bookrack. Please sign up **no later than March 28.**

STEWARDSHIP CARDS are available at the entrance of the Church. We encourage all parishioners who have not filled out a card to do so and to please place the completed card in the basket provided. Thank you for your cooperation.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER/DANCE—Saturday, March 13. Social starts at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Cost: \$15/per person. Dancing music provided by "Swing Bridge Band" at 8 p.m. Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend (March 06/07).

PASTORAL CARE

OUR TRAINED PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEMBERS are available to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick, house-bound, lonely, or bereaved. Please call Pat Jackson at 613-523-5470.

YOUTH CORNER

153rd CHALLENGE WEEKEND: The Mission of Challenge is to bring youth into communion with Christ and His Church initially through Challenge Weekend retreats and to give them ongoing support and encouragement to live out their Christian lives. The Challenge weekend takes place on **March 26 - 28, 2010.** To register go to www.ottawachallenge.ca

YOUTH SUMMIT/MONTEE JEUNESSE: This year's theme "**Sent**" will bring us to reflect upon our own personal role as missionaries in today's Church, particularly amidst other young adults. For all youth/young adults graduating from grade 12 up to 35 years old. May 21 – May 24, 2010 (Victoria Weekend). Registration is open. Please go to the website at www.youthsummit.ca.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

We are fortunate to have had three recent sets of Holy Cross visitors to our sister community in barrio El Recreo, Nicaragua. Maureen Monette, long time friend of El Recreo and a close friend of Sister Ana Maria is currently in Nicaragua and will give us an account of her visit upon her return. That will complement the detailed report we recently received from Sr. Ana Maria and Sr. Marielos. Maureen's special interest is the Flowers of Life project (prevention and attention to women with cancer).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – Charity in Truth

Fr. Bill Ryan S.J. spoke Monday at St. Paul University on Pope Benedict's Encyclical, *Caritas In Veritate (Charity in Truth)*. Fr. Ryan, a Jesuit and an economist, sees this comprehensive work as bringing together into one powerful vision many disconnected pieces related to social justice and ecology. Pope Benedict insists that the goal of creation is the authentic, integral human development of every person and every society and culture. The encyclical warrants study and reflection as spiritual reading. It lets us know what God is doing. It challenges us to act ethically in response to the economic and ecological challenges of our time. To learn more go to "All you need is love?" at www.jesuitforum.ca

Other items of interest...

Shattered vows. Parental challenges. Conflict. Dysfunction. Being relevant. Explore strategies for today's hurting community. Christian Counselling Ottawa's annual FREE Community Education Day will be held on Saturday, April 24 at Paul's Presbyterian Church. For workshop titles and registration go to www.christiancounsellingottawa.ca. Workshop space is limited.



SATURDAY, MARCH 13 at 12 midnight
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

Remember to set your clocks ahead.

Have you considered a gift in your WILL to provide for the faith life of future generations?
IN YOUR GENEROSITY, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Cross Parish.