

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 03 MARCH 2019

**“Why do you see the speck in your neighbour’s eye,
but do not notice the log in your own eye?”**

(Today’s Readings: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45)

Announced Mass intentions

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| Sat., Mar. 02 | 5:00PM Sacrament of Confirmation Holy Cross Parishioners |
| Sun., Mar. 03 | EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00AM Mass – Richard Valiquette+ 9 :30AM Mass – Holly Costanza-Vachon (lvg) Fessaha Fré+ Helen Hanniman+ 11:15AM Mass – Jim Howard+ |
| Mon., Mar. 04 | NO MASS |
| Tues., Mar. 05 | 9:30AM Mass – Glenn Bell+ |
| Wed., Mar. 06 | ASH WEDNESDAY 12:15PM Mass – Fr. Lukose (lvg) 7:00PM Mass |
| Thur., Mar. 07 | 10:00AM Communion Service held at Windsor Park Manor 12:15PM Mass – Barbara Costanza (lvg) |
| Fri., Mar. 08 | 12:15PM Mass – Deacon John & Sue Kennedy (lvg) Gardner Family+ |
| Sat., Mar. 09 | 5:00PM Mass – Simone Mallebranche+ |
| Sun., Mar. 10 | SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00AM Mass – Rigden Family+ 9:30AM Mass – Glenn Bell+ John Flynn+ 11:15AM Mass – Lucie Burck+ |

Events Calendar ...

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| Sat., Mar. 02 | 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A |
| Sun., Mar. 03 | 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy K of C selling tickets to the St. Patrick’s Dinner/Dance Pancake Breakfast following the 8 & 9:30 a.m. Masses |
| Mon., Mar. 04 | 7:00PM Lector’s Workshop – Church |
| Tues., Mar. 05 | 2:30PM Hospitality meeting – Library 8:00PM A.A. – Hall |
| Wed., Mar. 06 | 10:00AM Pastoral Care meeting – Library 6:00PM Choir (9:30) practice – Rm. A |
| Thur., Mar. 07 | 12:30PM Club 55 – Hall 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church |
| Fri., Mar. 08 | 7:00PM Stations of the Cross – Church |
| Sat., Mar. 09 | 9:00AM Parish Ultreya – Church 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A |
| Sun., Mar. 10 | 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy Reverse Offering for Food Drive Coffee Sunday after the 8 & 9:30 a.m. Masses K of C selling Shamrocks & tickets to the St. Patrick’s Dinner |

COLLECTION REPORT

24 February 2019 – \$3,222.80 (env) / \$510.35 (loose);
~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~

†Our Condolences and Prayers: For the departed souls of Patricia Herlihey+ (sister-in-law of Paul Herlihey); Mary Lou Tregunno+ (sister of Patricia Cianfaglione)

Deacon’s Column...

In this weekend’s gospel, Jesus links four different lessons together in a few brief words. First, Jesus points out that disciples become like their teachers. Consequently, we need to choose our teachers well and Jesus is the only perfect teacher. Second, he warns us about the foolishness of useless criticism. We are all flawed and ignorant, so we have no prerogative to go around passing judgment on others for their flaws and ignorance. When we do, we make ourselves out to be fools. Third, we must be careful to be Christians who not only talk the talk, but also walk the walk. The world has plenty of preachers, but precious few saints. If we really want to bring others into the Kingdom, to lead others to Jesus, words will not be enough; our lives must bear the irresistible fruit of real virtue. Finally, Jesus points out that we give ourselves away by what we say. If we really want to know the state of our souls, all we must do is pay attention to the words that come out of our mouths – especially when we are speaking spontaneously; what we say reveals what we care about. If we really want to improve the state of our souls, we should start by practicing self-control in our speech. In fact, merely starting to pay attention to the loose comments that stream out of our mouths will mark a big step in the right direction. Any one of these lessons is enough to build a life around; unfortunately, few of us really bear down and study any of them well. We hear them, approve of them, and complain when the people around us don’t follow them, but is our effort to learn and implement them as concerted as our effort to learn the ins and outs of our favourite sport or hobby? It’s so easy to look at other people and conclude that they are shamefully building on sand. But by judging by these standards, wouldn’t they be tempted to say the same thing about us? Ouch!

God bless,
Deacon John

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND: Follow the footsteps of Jesus in an amazing journey to the Holy Land on **November 06-15, 2019**. Trace the roots of Christian tradition as we visit the Biblical historical cities of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and other important places. Accompanied by Fr. Lukose Kochupurackal CMF. Mass celebrated daily. Cost: \$3299 (per person/double occupancy) includes taxes, tips and other related fees. For information, contact Fr. Lukose at 613-731-7834 or email lukekochupura@gmail.com.

OUR PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY

"We are Pilgrims on a Journey"

ASH WEDNESDAY—March 06: For the convenience of the Parishioners, two Masses will be celebrated with the imposition of Ashes at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively. All are welcome to participate. **Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence.** Let us enter in the season of Lent with the spirit of Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting.

LENTEN RETREAT: March 18, 19 & 20 from 7 – 9 p.m. Our Preacher will be Fr. Lester Mendonsa. Theme: **"LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO."** We will conclude our Lenten Retreat with the celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation on the final day, Wednesday, March 20.** A free will offering will be gratefully accepted.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesday evenings during Lent (except on March 19 due to the Retreat) **from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Spend an hour with the Lord as we meditate on the Passion of Christ. Jesus asked the disciples to be awake and pray. What a nice way to make this Lent a special one.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday's at 7 p.m. lead by the different ministries of the Parish. Come and join us as we walk through the fourteen stations to experience this powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. All are welcome. **NOTE: On Good Friday (March 30)** Stations of the Cross will begin at **7:30 p.m.**

LENTEN SOUP & SOLIDARITY SUNDAY: "Let justice run its course like water and righteousness be like an ever-flowing river" (Amos 5:24). March 26 is the Solidarity Sunday. In addition to the collection towards Development and Peace, we have a simple Lenten Soup and bread which will be served in the parish Hall after the Sunday 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Masses. A film on Pope Francis' village in the Philippines after the storm Haiyan, will be screened after the 11:15 a.m. Mass. If you wish to contribute one of your favourite soups, for 20 – 25 people, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the table at the entrance of the Church.

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE: For dates and times held at different Parishes, please check out the Diocesan website.

"FORMED" Don't forget to check it out.

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER FOR LENT 2019

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
This Lent, I invite you to focus on family prayer. It will strengthen your home life, promote personal holiness, and advance world peace....

Besides prayer, Jesus commended to His disciples two other biblical practices that are fundamental to Lent: fasting and almsgiving.

The Lenten fast for Catholics means no more than one full meal—as well as abstaining from meat—on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Remember also Jesus' death on Good Friday by not eating meat on the other Fridays of Lent....

Please see full message on bulletin board

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

As part of our Jubilee Anniversary, the Parish will celebrate the close relationship that provided support in the early 1980s to initiate Ottawa Foyers Partage. A special Mass will be offered on **Sunday, March 31 at 11:15 a.m.** followed with a reception in the parish hall and a reminiscence of interwoven activities over the years.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our Jubilee Year Celebrations will conclude the weekend of April 06 and 07.

On **Saturday, April 06**, a catered dinner will be held following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Tickets will be sold starting on the weekend of March 16/17. Cost: Adults/\$30 and children (under 14) \$20.

On **Sunday, April 07**, a **JUBILEE MASS** will be **celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast at 10:00 a.m.** On Sunday, April 07 there will be only two morning Masses—8 a.m. and our Jubilee Mass at 10:00 a.m. (NO 11:15 Mass).

CONGRATULATIONS to all our children who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R, on Saturday, March 02. A special thank you to Joe Goski. *"May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts!"*

REVERSE OFFERING March 09/10: At all Masses next weekend, there will be a Reverse Offering to suggest items needed by our 4 local food banks. Food bank representatives will be available to provide information and answer parishioners' questions. The Food Drive will be on March 16/17.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER & DANCE—Saturday, March 16. Social at 6 p.m. / dinner at 6:45 p.m. Cost: \$20/per ticket. Lamb and/or Beef stew will be served. Music provided by 'Doug and Pam Champagne Band'. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses by the Knights this weekend and next weekend March 09/10. Due to popular demand, tickets may not be available at the door so be sure to get yours early. If you wish to reserve tickets, please contact Bill McCauley by March 13 at 613-523-2167.

CLUB 55: The next gathering will take **place this coming Thursday March 07** in the parish hall following the 12:15 pm Mass. A roasted chicken lunch, along with a roll, salad and dessert will be served (\$6 per person). Come and share fellowship with parishioners and friends and also enjoy some time playing cards and games afterwards.

CURSILLO/ULTREYA will take place on **Saturday, March 09 from 9 – 11 a.m.** All are welcome.

Food For Thought†

"We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence"

--St. Teresa of Kolkata



SATURDAY, MARCH 10 at 12 midnight
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!
Remember to set your clocks ahead.