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2nd & 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 17 & 24th, 2016 janvier
2 & 3 dimanche
du temps ordinaire



Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English
Sun. 9:00 am English
11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm
Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am
10:30 - 10:50 am
or upon appointment

Baptism:

First Sunday of the month at mass.
Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office
At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.

Focus of the Sunday Readings

God gives us each unique gifts and talents that we are to use to further the mission of the Church.

Today's second reading from the Corinthians reminds us that God has given each of us unique gifts which we are to use to help build up the kingdom of God on earth. Living this out requires ongoing prayer and discernment to identify our gifts and talents, and the resolve and determination to live in service to God and our neighbor.

The first reading from Isaiah speaks of God's love for the people of Israel. The second reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians speaks of the special gifts, or charisms, which are given to the baptized for the sake of the Church. The Gospel recounts the first miracle of Jesus at the wedding feast in Cana.

We are called to use the unique gifts and talents that God has given us to further the work and mission of the Church.

Today's reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians reminds us that, by virtue of our baptism, we are members of Christ's body. We have a sacred duty and solemn obligation to use the unique gifts and talents God has given us to further the work and mission of the Church.

Mindful of this, let us share our gifts generously so many others might come to know Jesus.

The first reading tells of how those Israelites who returned from exile in Babylon to live in Jerusalem joined together in renewing their commitment to be faithful to God and his commandments. The second reading reminds us that we are parts and members of the one body of Christ. Today's Gospel recalls the beginnings of Jesus' public ministry.



Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, there has also been a longstanding practice by a number of communities to celebrate the Week of Prayer on optional dates, in order to include two Sundays which 2015 will also be January 18-25.

This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity should be emphasized throughout the week. All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees January 17

A World Day of Migrants and refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on 20 June. This January observance was instituted by Pope Pius X in 1914. "The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world" (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012).

First Friday Adoration

On the **First Friday of February** we will have a day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The church will be open between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm and everyone will be able to come for longer or shorter period of time to spend with Eucharistic Jesus. We begin with Mass at 8:30 am, then the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration and prayer till 12:00 pm

There is a **sign up sheet at the back** of the church so that at least 2 people sign for each hour to make sure there is always someone present in the church with Blessed Sacrament exposed.

Old Palms If you still have your Palms from last year's Palm Sunday, you can bring them to the Church and place them in the basket at the back till January 24th. They will be burned and the ashes will be used for Ash Wednesday.

Holy Year of Mercy Pope Francis has declared this year the Holy Year of Mercy. We are looking at having a faith sharing group on Wednesday evenings during Lent for approx. 1 hour. We will be using the Faith Sharing guide by Pope Francis. There is a sign- up sheet at the back of the church if you are interested as we need to purchase books. The books will be approx. \$12.00 If you are interested please sign up so we can have the books can arrive before the session starts on Feb 17th. Any questions you can call the Parish Office.

Fundraising for the Future

Our Parish is getting an early start on fundraising for our future parish hall. In this time of transition and planning, the Hall Future Committee that is working towards our goals now puts forth some fundraising ideas. Our first fundraising is the sale of **grocery gift cards** available at all the Masses twice a month, and at the Parish Office. You are invited to buy these cards to use them to pay for your groceries to help our parish – you still get your Airmiles, etc. All proceeds will go towards our new parish hall as that project advances. Thank you for your consideration, **Gift cards are on sale again the weekend of January 23rd & 24th at all Masses.**



"CWL Memberships"

2016 Memberships are now due. Please put your \$25.00 membership in the collection basket at church or give it to one of the executive members of the CWL. If you have any questions please call Sandee Blackburn 780-863-5199.

Children's Coins for Charity

Our next Children's Charity collection will help support *Youth for Christ - Camp St. Louis.* Youth for Christ Camp is the place to be to grow in faith and strengthen friendships. Children between the ages of 8 -14 yrs are invited to come for a week or two as Campers. Camp is loaded with activities, as well as a great place to reconnect, continue or begin a beautiful faith journey with God. This collection will be from January till the end of June.

Men of Integrity Catholic Men's Conference

Stand Firm in Faith

Keynote: Fr. Stefano Penna

Guest Speaker : Tony LaGrange

visit the website at www.catholicfamilyministries.com

February 5-6, 2016

Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove, AB
200 Boundary Road, North of Highway 16A
(between Spruce Grove and Stony Plain)

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Jan 16 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 17 Sun - dim	9:00 am	Special Intention for August - Family	
	11:00 am	RIP Armand Tailleur - Family	
Jan 19 Tues - mar	8:30 am	NO MASS	
Jan 20 Wed - mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) Liturgy of the Word with Communion	
	7:00 pm	(Church) NO MASS	
Jan 21 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) NO MASS	
Jan 22 Fri - ven	8:30 am	NO MASS	
Jan 23 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 24 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Susan Lortie – August & Celina	
	11:00 am	RIP Robert Gallant – Jeanne & Yvon LeBlanc	
Jan 26 Tues - mar	8:30 am	NO MASS	
Jan 27 Wed - mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) Liturgy of the Word with Communion	
	7:00 pm	(Church) NO MASS	
Jan 28 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) NO MASS	
Jan 29 Fri - ven	8:30 am	NO MASS	
Jan 30 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Andrew Lutz - Danny	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 31 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Dr. Edwin Gramlich – Jerry & Carol	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Kiah Courtney, Irene Dupuis, Louise Dubois, Leo Brochu, Bubbles Bouvier.
 All those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.



The Next KC Breakfast is Sunday January 31st, 2016
 from 9:00 am till 12:30 pm at the Rendez -Vous Centre



COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES January 10th – \$ 4595.00 Restoration \$ 215.00 THANK YOU! MERCI!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels	-Jan 18 th & 26 th , Monday 8:00 am	- Church
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