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Second Sunday of Lent

February 25th, 2018



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 After Hours for

Emergencies Only

780-645-9749.

Focus of the Sunday Readings

God's love for us is limitless.

Today, we hear the familiar passage from Saint Paul when he says, *If God is for us, who can be against us?* Since we have been called by name, by virtue of our baptism, we know that we are God's children; we are his instruments in the world.

In the first reading, Abraham is willing to make the ultimate sacrifice of surrendering his son to the Lord. Saint Paul reminds the Romans that having God with them will allow them to face any challenge. In the Gospel, the disciples realize that Jesus is the fulfillment of the law after he is transfigured before them.

First Friday Adoration

On the **First Friday of March** we will have a day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The church will be open between 9:00 am and 12: 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.

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.

We invite everyone to come during a day to spend some time with our Lord.

Development and Peace – Building culture and religious tolerance in Lebanon

During this second week of Share Lent, we focus on the organization Adyan, a Development and Peace partner that contributes to peace in the Middle East by fostering culture and religious tolerance. Adyan offers a wide range of programs, including conferences, training sessions, and workshops on peace, reconciliation, and coexistence.

In this part of the world wounded by past and present wars, Adyan's work is essential and your support is indispensable to them. "At Adyan, we promote spiritual solidarity, which means integrating the other into my thoughts and prayers. I must integrate the suffering of others and understand it."- Nayla Tabbara, Director of the Institute of Citizenship and Diversity Management at Adyan.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a popular devotion used by individuals or groups who wish through prayer and reflection to follow Jesus Christ on his way to Calvary. Many Christians practice the devotion, but the Stations holds a special significance among Roman Catholics. It is one of the most important devotions honoring the passion of Jesus.

What matters most in the Stations of the Cross is to follow Jesus Christ in his passion and to see ourselves mirrored in him. To face life's dark side in ourselves and in our world, we need images of hope, and Jesus offers images of hope in his passion. By accompanying him on the Way of the Cross, we gain his courageous patience and learn to trust in God who delivers us from evil.



We invite you – every Friday during Lent at 7 pm

World Day of Prayer – March 2

The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community. Sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world, it is celebrated in approximately 165 countries.

Lenten Journey – Lectio Divina

Wednesday, February 28th we will be meeting downstairs in the rectory from 7-8(approx.) Bring your bible and a small journal to write in. Refreshments and snacks to follow.

Safe Parish Committee Notice

The Safe Parish Committee was created 5 years ago to ensure that our parish is a safe place for participants in parish activities and for volunteers and ministers. Every 5 years it is required that everyone who is a minister of the parish renews their commitment to a safe parish. For all ministers, who have been involved since the beginning, there is a need to renew their Safe Parish Community pledge and for those in High Risk Ministries (children, vulnerable adults, money) there is a need for them to also provide a new criminal check. Letters with the appropriate documents will be available at the back of the church in the near future to facilitate this renewal process.

For new ministers who are **high risk ministries (children, vulnerable adults, money)** there will be a Safe Parish Community Policy Training session on **Thursday March 8th, 2018 at 7 pm** downstairs in the rectory. Those in high risk ministries who missed the previous sessions also need to attend. It is also recommended that anyone considering volunteering for one of these ministries pro-actively attend this session as well. This will ensure that you have the appropriate training at the start of your service should you decide to become involved. Everyone is welcome to join us for this training.

Any questions or concerns you can call Donna or Fr. Trini at the Rectory at 780-939-4412 or Denise 780-939-4401.

Lenten Penance Service

To give us all an opportunity to prepare for Easter spiritually, there will be an occasion for all of us to celebrate a Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in our parish.

It will be held on Tuesday , March 13th at 7 pm at the church.



KC Breakfast

The Next KC Breakfast is February 25th , 2018
from 9:00 am till 12:30 pm at the Rendez -Vous Centre



CWL Memberships

Are now due for 2018. Membership's are \$30.00 and can be paid cash or cheque to St. Jean Baptiste CWL Council, dropped into the collection basket (please mark on the envelope CWL Membership) or to Simonne Chevalier or Sandee Blackburn. Thank you to those already paid.

Masses For The Week

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Feb 24 Sat	5:00 pm	Special Intention	Second
Feb 25 Sun	9:00 am	RIP Hank & Gerta Mensink – Richard & Angela	Sunday of
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	Lent
Feb 27 Tues	8:30 am	RIP Roger Vansevenandt – Mark & Kerry	
Feb 28 Wed	10:00 am	(Lodge) NO MASS	
March 1 Thurs	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Lisa Boissonnault - Mom	
March 2 Fri	8:30 am	RIP Marie Vansevenandt – Joe & Evelyn	First Friday
	7:00 pm	(Church) Stations of the Cross led by Students from Notre Dame and GH Primeau	
March 3 Sat	5:00 pm	Special Intention for Marc - Nicole	Third
March 4 Sun	9:00 am	RIP Joe Kieser - Celina	Sunday of
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	Lent

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Irene Dupuis, Emilienne Dostie, Braden Rowland. All those who are sick or struggling and who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.



Marriage Preparation 2018 New Date



There will be a Marriage Preparation for those who are planning to get married.

April 27th, 28th & 29th at the Morinville Rendez-Vous Centre

There are also registration forms at the back of the Church.

To register, please contact Louise Lavoie at louiselavoie@dioceseofstpaul.ca Tel: 780.645.3277 ext 30

Tax Receipts for 2017

The Tax receipts for 2017 are available on this weekend. The Hospitality ministers will be available to hand out the receipts. Please pick them up on that weekend.

Gift Cards

Gift Cards are on sale this weekend at all the Masses.

Collection for February 18th \$ 3480.50

Restoration. \$ 120.00

THANK YOU! MERCI

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels

- February 26th, 8:00 am, Monday

- Church

Parish Confessions

- March 13th, 7:00pm, Tuesday

- Church