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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.

Apostolic Letter: For the Year of the Eucharist

Vatican City (AsiaNews) – Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter, *Mane nobiscum Domine* (Stay with us, Lord) is a heartfelt plea to rediscover the wealth of the Eucharist in the life of the Church and of the world.

In his Letter, the Pope speaks of the Eucharist with a profoundly personal tone: the "broken Bread" is what "remains" of Jesus, even when it seems that his face has disappeared. His mysterious presence is like a light that reawakens hope over the "shadows of the declining day" and "darkness" blanketing the soul (no. 1).

Like the disciples at Emmaus, "sad thoughts" are conquered by faith in the presence of Jesus Christ, "centre not only of the Church's history, but also humanity's history".

The Pope asks that all Christians rediscover the Eucharist in everyday life, without doing anything out of the ordinary (no. 29), but placing the emphasis on the "Eucharistic dimension" which characterizes Christian community life (no. 5).

Rediscover the Eucharist

For John Paul II, we need to rediscover the Eucharist as mystery "of light", drawing close once again to the Word of God, depicting it in the homily; rediscovering Mass as a "banquet" and a "memorial" of the "sacrifice carried out once and for all on Golgotha" (no. 15). But above all, we need to rediscover the "real presence" of Jesus in the Eucharist, with worthy liturgies, silence, adoration, the Rosary, processions: all signs that educate us in the certainty that Jesus has remained "with us to the close of the age" (no. 16).

Indirectly, the Pope criticizes those who use celebrations to make their own messages triumph, demeaning the sense of this sacrament to a symbolic (and trivial) level: "The temptation is always present in man to reduce the Eucharist to his own dimension, while it is he who must open himself to the dimension of this Mystery. The Eucharist is too great a gift to tolerate ambiguity and depreciation." (no. 16).

Another dimension to be discovered is the Eucharist as "source and epiphany of communion". The intimacy created by the Lord, that satisfies "the hunger for God in this world" (no. 19), also creates intimacy and unity among Christians gathered around their bishop. For John Paul II, Sunday Mass must increasingly become a "manifestation" of the Church, unity between bishop and faithful, clergy and laity, groups, movements, associations.

Finally, the Eucharist is "principle and foundation of the Church's mission" (no. 24). The encounter with Christ – says the Pope – gives rise in the Church to the "urgent need to witness

and evangelize", and to the commitment to "spread the Gospel message and to imbue society with Christianity" (no. 24).

Bear witness to "Christian roots"

The Eucharist is above all a witness of "gratitude" before all humanity. The Pope puts into question secularized culture "which breathes the oblivion of God and cultivates the vain self-sufficiency of man" and that tends to marginalize the religious dimension of civic life. Human reality – he states – "cannot justify itself without reference to the Creator". John Paul II thus urges Christians to "not be afraid of speaking of God in the world and to display signs of the faith proudly" (no. 26). It would seem that the Pope, in these lines, makes reference to the controversies regarding crucifixes in public places, religious symbols banned from French schools, accusations of proselytism in missionary countries, and the elimination of references to God in many American institutions. One passage is definitely tied to the question of the "Christian roots of Europe": the Pope reminds us that Eucharistic culture is a culture of dialogue and not of intolerance; that Christians are not rooted in the violence that may have been committed through the course of history, but were betrayed by it. "Anyone who learns to give thanks in the manner of Christ Crucified can become a martyr, but never a tormentor" (no. 26).

The Eucharist, for the Pope, is also an instrument for the "promotion of communion, peace, solidarity". This "great school of peace", a place for educating political and cultural figures, helps Christians to face "the spectre of terrorism and the tragedy of war", but also encourages commitment to "brotherly activity" toward "the numerous forms of poverty in our world" (no. 28). The Pope asks specifically for efforts in favour of those who suffer hunger, the sick in developing countries, the elderly, the unemployed, and immigrants. Such activity is the "criteria" for the "authenticity of our Eucharistic celebrations".

At the end of the Letter, the Pope invites every member of the Church to find "new enthusiasm" in their mission, recognizing "in the Eucharistic source and summit" of all life (no. 31).



Sixth Annual Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Friday, April 20th, 2018 at the Cathedral in St. Paul Gathering at 7:00 pm, St. Kateri narrative 7:15 pm Mass 7:30 pm. Pot Luck – Refreshments and Gospel Singing at the St. Paul Senior's Hall.

Save the Date from the Diocese

1. There will be a Diocesan Assembly at the St. Edouard Renewal Centre on Friday June 15th to Saturday June 16th, 2018. If accommodation is needed please contact Yvette by June 7, 2018 at yvettenoel@dioceseofstpaul.ca
2. There will be an Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate at the cathedral of St. Paul on Friday June 29, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Details to follow closer to the date.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
April 14 Saturday	5:00 pm	Deceased members of the Scantland & Vandenhouten Family - Madelain	Third Sunday Of Easter
April 15 Sunday	9:00 am	For Parishioners	
	11:00 am	RIP Rolande Himschoot - Family	
April 17 Tuesday	8:30 am	Special Intentions - Shirley	
April 18 Wed	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Real Cormier – Shirley Borelli	
April 19 Thursday	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Norbert Quaghebeur – Joe & Evelyn Lutz	
April 20 Friday	8:30 am	RIP Jim Rousseau – Mark & Kerrie	
April 21 Saturday	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22 Sunday	9:00 am	RIP Cyril Pittman – Anne Pittman	
	11:00 am	Deceased Relatives of the Ethier Family – Louise Boissonneault	

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 Last chance to Register



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

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

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



KC Breakfast will be held on Sunday April 29th from 9:00 am till 12:30 pm at the Rendez -Vous Centre



Reflection Books There are some Word Among Us reflection books for The Easter season. They are available at the back of the church Please feel free to take a copy.

Collection for April 8th \$ 3743.00 Restoration. \$ 530.00 **THANK YOU! MERCI**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels	- April 16 th , 8:00 am, Monday	- Church
Kc Meeting	- April 16 th , 7:00 pm, Monday	- Downstairs Rectory
Lectio Divina	- April 18 th , 7:00 pm, Wednesday	- Church