

# PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH

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**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

## **Sunday Masses:**

Sat. 5:00 pm English

Sun. 9:00 am English

11:00 am Bilingual

## **Donna Sobochan**

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## **Weekday Liturgies:**

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

## **Parish Council**

Andy Morin

939-0224

## **Finance Committee**

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## **Sacrament of**

### **Reconciliation:**

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

## **Children's Liturgy**

Lisa St. Onge

939-5185



## **Baptism:**

First Sunday of the month at mass.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

## **Safe Parish Committee**

Denise Touchette

939-4401

## **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.

## **K.of C.**

Patrick Earles

Grand Knight

939-6253

## **C.W.L.**

Simonne Chevalier

President

939-4512

## **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

*Jesus Christ freed us from the slavery of sin.*

As we begin Lent, our penance and fasts seem rather small in comparison with how Jesus suffered for our salvation. Our forty days does not quite compare to his forty days in the desert. We need only to call on Jesus, and he will deliver us from our sins. Each Lent presents a new opportunity to repent and grow in our relationship with the One who gave his all so we could be his.

In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses instructs the people to offer gifts to the Lord for their freedom from slavery in Egypt, and for God's never-ending care. In his Letter to the Romans, Paul reminds his readers that without any distinction of nationality, all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. Luke's Gospel tells how Jesus withstood the temptations of the devil.

## 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. There will be Different Parish groups leading the stations.



**We invite you – every Friday during Lent at 7 pm**

## A Lenten Journey – Lectio Divina

Starting Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting in the Church from 6:30 -7:30 (approx.) Bring your bible and a small journal to write in.

## 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.

Bishop Paul will be here to give us a Lenten Reconciliation.

**It will be held on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the church.**



## An Invitation from the Bishop

You are most cordially invited to attend Chrism Mass, Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

This diocesan celebration will be held at **7:30 pm at the cathedral in St. Paul.**

Chrism Mass is concelebrated by the Bishop and the priests from all parts of the diocese. It is a sign of unity and communion between the priests and their Bishop and all members of the diocese, Priests, Deacons, Religious and Faithful.

## Rite of Election

How strange this title sounds to us! While many of us would probably agree that our national, state /provincial/ and local elections are rituals of a special breed, we hardly expect to find a “rite of election” in church. But long before any of our ancestors thought of electing their leaders, God was electing a people, selecting Israel, a rag-tag clan in a tiny corner of the earth, to be special, holy, a chosen people. God did not choose them because they were noteworthy in any way; they were not powerful, strong or particularly clever. But once they were chosen, they were God’s forever. Even when they strayed, looking to other gods for hope or help, God clung to them fiercely, calling them back again and again when anyone else would have gladly let them go.



It is the same with us. God chooses us, elects us, in Christ, to be a holy people, to be a church, to be signs of the reign of God on earth. The catechumens who have been preparing for baptism and those who have been working with them for months and years believe that God has chosen them to be one of us, the baptized. At the rite of election, their godparents, sponsors, catechists, pastors and friends will testify before the bishop that God has chosen these people. They will offer the evidence of their lives among us, hearing and following God’s word, praying with God’s people and taking part in the work and the communal life of God’s church. After listening to this testimony, the bishop will declare that they are elected for baptism, chosen to be God’s own in Christ Jesus—not because they earned it, but because God wants it. And that is election by a landslide!

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## Development and Peace Share Lent 2019

Lent is a time of preparation and introspection. It is a moment to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. For 40 days and 40 nights, we walk together with Jesus.

This year, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is adding its voice to those of Pope Francis and Caritas Internationalis by inviting Canadians to share the journey with the 68.5 million forced migrants in the world today. Launched in Rome in September 2017, the Share the Journey campaign is much more than just an initiative to raise awareness on migration issues. Rather, Pope Francis urges us to undergo a true transformation of the heart. Faced with a culture of indifference that confuses minds and stifles hearts, he invites us to build a culture of encounter – a culture of mercy and compassion.

Use the Solidarity Calendar with your family which is included in this week’s bulletin. You can make a donation on Solidarity Sunday, which will take place on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

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## CWL Memberships

Are now due for 2019 Membership is \$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 you can contact Simonne Chevalier Thank you to those already paid.

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## Marriage Preparation 2019

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

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at the Morinville Rendez-Vous Centre

To register, please contact Louise Lavoie at [louiselavoie@dioceseofstpaul.ca](mailto:louiselavoie@dioceseofstpaul.ca) Tel: 780.645.3277 ext 30



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Mar 9 Saturday	5:00 pm	RIP Ray Swerda – Kathy & Family	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
Mar 10 Sunday	9:00 am	For Parishioners	
	11:00 am	RIP Normand Boissonneault – Louise & Family	
Mar 12 Tuesday	8:30 am	RIP Lisa Boissonnault – Mom	
Mar 13 Wed	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Danny Boissonnault – Shirley Boissonnault	
Mar 14 Thurs	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Marie-Anne Hittinger – Octave & Annette Himschoot	
Mar 15 Friday	8:30 am 7:00 pm	RIP Henry Chalifoux – CWL (Church) Stations of the Cross	

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

## Sacrament Preparation Registration

We invite any students who are in Grade 2 or older and their parents to join us in beginning the faith journey in the preparation of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist to join us on Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 6:30 – 8:00 pm basement of the rectory Please note that this will be the only registration session and will include registration for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. The parent meeting will be very short and session 1 will follow the meeting.

**Special Collections** When we have special collections eg Perpetual Care, Restoration, etc. For those parishioners writing out cheques please make the cheque out to St. Jean Baptiste Parish. The special collection envelope will dictate where the funds go. Thank you!

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES	March 3 <sup>rd</sup> \$ 3747.20 Restoration/Maintenance \$ 1375.00 Perpetual Care \$ 100.00	THANK YOU! MERCI!
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Dust Angels</b>	- March 11 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 8:00 am	- Church
<b>Lectio Devina</b>	- March 13 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 6:30 pm	- Church
<b>Way of the Cross</b>	- March 15 <sup>th</sup> , Friday 7:00 pm	- Church