

## Stations of the Cross

The 'Way of the Cross' refers to the final hours (or Passion) of Jesus, and devotion commemorating His Suffering. They began with St. Francis of Assisi in the medieval period. It is less often observed in the Anglican and Lutheran churches. It may be done at any time, but is most commonly done during Lent, especially on Good Friday and Friday evenings during Lent. The object of the Stations is to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer by meditating upon chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. It is one of the most popular forms of devotion of the Roman Catholic Church. Pope John Paul II referred to the Acts of Reparation as the "unceasing effort to stand beside the endless crosses on which the Son of God continues to be crucified".



**Please Note that the Way Of The Cross this week will be on Thursday at 7 pm.**

Just a note to all Readers that they can sign up to read reflections for particular 'Way of the Cross'. The list is placed on 'father's table' at the back.

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



- Next Session on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm – Office Boardroom

Please keep in your payers those who are on the journey toward Easter Vigil Celebration. Thank you!

**Country Blend** is returning to Morinville. They will perform at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>. The doors will be open at 5:30 pm so you can enjoy a dessert before the concert that will start at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and available from the Parish Office, or by calling Denise at 780-939-4401 or Simonne at 780-939-4512. This event is a St. Jean Baptiste Parish Project, and all proceeds will go towards the maintenance of our historical church. **The members of Country Blend will require billeting for a total of 4 beds. If anyone has space available and is willing to open their home please call Denise.**

*Tickets will be sold at all Masses this weekend!*

**Children's sacramental preparation class** requires a leader for the September 2012 – June 2013 program. There are classes currently running if you would be interested in visiting to see the program in action. If you are interested please speak to Father Ignacy.



**Next Youth Night will be on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

What	When	Where
* Legion Breakfast	- March 11 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday 8 – 12:30	- Legion
* Dust Angels	- March 12 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 8:00 am	- Church
* Finance Committee Meeting	- March 13 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 7:00 pm	- Rectory Boardroom
* Blood donor clinic	- March 13 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 4-8 pm	- Rendez-vous centre

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK! ...“



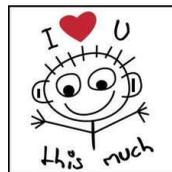
Time is too slow for those who wait;

Too swift for those who fear;

Too long for those who grieve;

Too short for those who rejoice;

But for those who love....time is not.



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 11th, mars  
2012

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## 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:

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

## Welcoming New Parishioners:

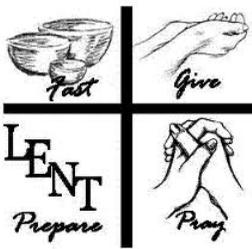
We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

## 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.



**We find God's power and wisdom where others may see weakness and failure-in the Crucifixion.**

As Christians, we find God's power and wisdom where others would least expect them –in Christ crucified. What may appear to some to be weakness and failure, we see as the sign and instrument of our salvation. Christ, indeed, died for our sins. But He also rose from the dead, offering us the hope of life everlasting in heaven.

## Scrutinies

Every time we celebrate the sacrament of baptism, we ask the questions, "Do you renounce Satan? and all his works? and all his empty promises?" These are serious questions. We should consider them carefully before answering. And that is what the elect, those preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, spend much of Lent doing.

For those who are making their final preparation for baptism, Lent is a time of purification and enlightenment. They examine their lives in the light of God's word and ask the entire Christian community to pray that whatever is weak and sinful within them may be eliminated and that whatever is good and holy may be affirmed. And we do. After the homily, in a litany of intercession, we proclaim the power of Jesus over all sin. Then we pray over the elect for their deliverance and strengthening. The presider, catechists, sponsors and other members of the community also may lay their hands on the heads of the elect in an ancient sign of forgiveness, healing and empowerment.

And because the entire community will renew its baptismal promises at Easter, we too examine our lives in light of God's word. Of course, this is something we should be doing throughout the year, but we focus on this self-examination in a special way during Lent. In every community that will baptize adults or older children at the Easter Vigil, special rites known as the "scrutinies" are celebrated at liturgy on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent.

On these Sundays, the gospel readings are from the Gospel of John; they are the stories of the Samaritan woman whom Jesus meets at Jacob's well, the healing and coming to faith of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus from the dead. These readings have been used for centuries to prepare the elect and the church for baptism. The readings focus on sin and redemption using the images of thirst and water, darkness and light, death and life. By examining ourselves through these readings, we come to know how we have become parched, how we have been blinded, how we have become deadened through sin. When we and the elect are asked at Easter to renounce Satan, evil works and empty promises, our answer can be a thoughtful, strong and heartfelt "I do."

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**Farewell to Bishop Luc Bouchard** As you are aware Bishop Luc Bouchard has been transferred to the Diocese of Trois-Rivières in Quebec. There will be a Thanksgiving Mass and Farewell for him on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the St. Paul Cathedral . A light lunch will be served following the Mass at the St. Paul's Seniors' Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.

• This weekend there will be an opportunity to sign a Farewell card for Bishop Luc at the back of the church at the table for those who wish doing so. There will also be a basket beside the card if you wish to give your own cards or if you would like to donate for a farewell gift to Bishop Luc.



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
March 10 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Third Sunday of Lent
March 11 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Arthur, Jeannie & Lionel Hebert – Ernie, Louise & Family	
	11:00 am	RIP Eloise Labonte – Mary Labonte & Family	
March 13 Tues-mar	8:30 am	RIP Ted Rosychuk - CWL	
March 14 Wed -mer	10:00 am 7:00 pm	(Lodge) Liturgy of the Word with communion <b>NO MASS</b>	
March 15 Thurs-jeu	10:00 am 7:00 pm	(Aspen) RIP John Lafferty - Family <b>Way of The Cross</b>	
March 16 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Byrne Laflin - Veronica	
March 17 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Noel Vansevenandt – Richard & Family	Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 18 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Gordon & David Hittinger – Jerry & Carol Kaup	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	

## 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 Thursday , March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm at the church.**

There will also be an opportunity to have confession in the next days as father Ignacy will be available in the church on **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> between 5:00 – 7:00 pm** and **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 am – 12:00 pm** and **1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.**



## Praise and Worship Night

will be on Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 pm” Choosing the Desert”

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Vivian Wulff, Shirley Sobochan, Sr Barbara, Alice Roeland

Also please pray for those who are going through any medical procedures and treatments

## Please Pray for...



✚ John Lafferty, who passed away on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

His Funeral was held in our parish on Sat. March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.**



The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES**

Restoration & Maintenance \$ 150.00

Deep Basket \$ 378.50

March 4<sup>th</sup> \$ 3898.50

**THANK YOU! MERCI!**