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5th Sunday of Lent

March 25th, mars

2012

5th dimanche du Carême



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:

Usually any 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.



Jesus is the Mediator of the New Covenant, by which God's law is written upon our hearts.

As we move closer to the end of Lent, we are reminded of the New Covenant that Jesus brought us. Under this New Covenant, God's law is written on our hearts, God forgives our sins, and we become heirs of heaven. Let us strive daily to live by this Covenant-in accord with God's will-and celebrate the eternal salvation Jesus won for us!

The Solemnity of the Annunciation

The Feast of the Annunciation commemorates the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary that she would conceive Jesus, and the conception of Jesus by the Holy Spirit at that moment. The feast is March 25th, 9 months before Jesus' birth at Christmas. This year, because March 25 falls on Sunday, the Annunciation is celebrated on March 26th.

The Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary dates back to at least the 6th century, and is mentioned between AD 530 and 533 in a sermon by Abraham of Ephesus. In the West, the first authentic reference is in the *Gelasian Sacramentary* in the 7th century. The tenth Synod of Toledo (AD 656), and Trullan Synod (AD 692) speak of the Annunciation feast as universally celebrated in the Catholic Church. In the Acts of the latter council, the feast is exempted from the Lenten fast.



The story of the Annunciation, meaning the announcing, from the Latin *annuntiare*, is told in Luke's gospel. At the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will conceive a Son, and his name will be Jesus. His greeting, "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you" has echoed down through the ages in many prayers, and is known as the "Hail Mary." Mary is initially confused as to how she will bear God's Son, seeing as she is a virgin. The angel then explains that the Holy Spirit will come upon her. This is why when we recite the Nicene creed we say "by the power of the Holy Spirit, [Jesus] was born of the Virgin Mary and became man." The Apostles Creed likewise affirms that Jesus was "conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit." Thus, the Feast of the Annunciation is the beginning of Jesus' miraculous life, and it begins with the *theotokos* conceiving Jesus by the Holy Spirit's power.

Mary's response to the angel, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word," (Latin: *ecce ancilla Domini; fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum*) is a statement of humble faith, and a model for how we are to respond when God calls us to do what seems impossible. This response is called Mary's *fiat*, from the Latin word meaning "let it be done." The Catechism addresses the significance of Mary's faith in relation to her role as Christ's mother:

"By pronouncing her "fiat" at the Annunciation and giving her consent to the Incarnation, Mary was already collaborating with the whole work her Son was to accomplish. She is mother wherever he is Savior and head of the Mystical Body" (973).

Holy Week

Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Holy
Thursday**



- **8:00 p.m.**

**CELEBRATION OF
THE LORD'S
PASSION**

**Good
Friday** 

- **3:00 p.m.**

Way of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.

**Rejoice at
EASTER** 

Blessing of the food - **2:00 p.m.**

**Easter
Vigil**

- **8:30 p.m.**



EASTER

- **9:00 a.m.**

SUNDAY

- **11:00 a.m.**

Dear Parishioners!

I am pleased to present to you the financial summary of the financial report that is inserted in this week's bulletin.

In spite of the difficult economy that has continued to make life difficult for just about everyone I would sincerely like to thank all the consistent church-goers who maintained their commitment to our parish by using their weekly envelopes and contributing through weekly collection, as well as all those who, maybe not regularly, but wholeheartedly and generously, share in the mission and stewardship of the Church by carrying their responsibility for what have been entrusted to us. The increased donation from the previous year is a clear sign of it. And that's just one of many ways which this responsibility of you all is expressed.

In the future the Finance Committee will be looking at the phase two of repairing the outside of the steeple. We do not have an approx. estimate of the cost of this phase but we expect it to be quite expensive.

Maintenance costs of the rectory, (some work has been done there, inside and outside) have been low with help from some volunteers.

I thank you again for your continued support of using the "Restoration & Maintenance Fund" envelopes that are located at the back of the church. This will help considerably towards the needs of the steeple as well as other maintenance costs that are needed.

Our Parish Council, Finance Committee and Hall Committee members continue to respond to the needs and upkeep of our parish, and they do great work with assisting me in many areas of the parish operations and work. I am truly grateful for their knowledge, professionalism and hard work, and experience in responding to all parish needs.

Lastly I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your time, talents, and treasures. For a Parish our size there is always a need for more volunteers, members on different groups, committees, those who are willing to share joyfully various gifts and talents. Without the help of volunteers there would be fewer programs available to our Parish.

But with continuing what we have and developing new ways of evangelization and growth, we can enrich ourselves as members of this parish and become stronger and grow in faith, love and hope individually and as a parish family.

If you can help in any way please come and speak to me or you can call the Parish Office.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
March 24 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Roger Champagne (18 th Anniv) - Lorette	Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 25 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Marie Vansevenandt – Joe, Evelyn Lutz & Family	
	11:00 am	For Bishop Luc Bouchard	
March 26 Lun-Mon	8:30 am	For Parishioners	<i>The Annunciation of The Lord</i>
March 27 Tues-mar	8:30 am	RIP William Short - Veronica	
March 28 Wed -mer	9:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Gerard Quaghebeur – Family & Friends	
	5-7 pm	No Adoration	
March 29 Thurs-jeu	7:00 pm	No Mass	
	10:00 am	(Aspen) Liturgy of the Word with Communion	
March 30 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Leon Schlachter – Frank, Ellen & Family	
	7:00 pm	Way of the Cross	
March 31 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Matthew on his 16 th Birthday-Mom, Dad & Ashley	Palm (Passion) Sunday
April 1 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Gerard Maclsaac - Veronica	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	



Next Youth Night will be on Friday, March 30th at 7:00 pm

Lenten Penance Service

For those who were unable to come for our Parish Confessions, there is a confession in Legal Parish – Monday, March 26 7:00 pm or before Mass on a weekend. You can also make an appointment with father individually.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vivian Wulff, Shirley Sobochan, Sr Barbara, Alice Roeland, Doris & children, Mary Rosychuk

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



We welcome to God's family

Lexey Belle Pauline Henderson

daughter of Adam & Stephanie, baptized on March 18th, 2012



COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES

*Development & Peace \$ 5.00
March 18th \$3905.00*

THANK YOU! MERCI!

A grain of wheat must die



Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God. Just as a grain of wheat must die so as to produce a harvest, so we must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love. This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in little ways. Every act of humility involves dying to pride. Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice. Every act of kindness involves dying to cruelty. Every act of love involves dying to selfishness. Thus the false self dies, and the true self, made in God's image, is born and nurtured. It is by giving that we receive; it is by forgiving that we are forgiven; it is by dying that we are born to eternal life.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Following Jesus along the way of his passion we see not only Jesus' passion but we see all those who are suffering in the world. And this is the profound intention of the prayer of the Way of the Cross, to open our hearts, to help us to see with the heart.

Pope Benedict XVI



We invite you – on Friday at 7 pm.

To remind you that there are some CD's and DVD's that are available at the back of the church this weekend. The list of the CD's and DVD's is at the back with the titles. They can be borrowed for and week at a time: on a weekend - at the back of the church before or after masses; during the week – at the parish office when it's open. There is a binder where you can sign and you take and when return.

Holy Week Minister's List

There is a list for the Readers of Passion on Palm Sunday and Holy Week celebrations at the back. We ask Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist please sign up. Thank you.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

What	When	Where
* KC Breakfast	- March 25 th , Sunday 9-12:30	- Community Centre
* Dust Angels	- March 26 th , Monday 9:00 am	- Church

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK! ... "Give God what's right, not what's left."



Have a good week!