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3rd Sunday of Lent

February 28th, 2016 fevrier

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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:

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. In urgent cases please call a priest.

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.

Focus of the Sunday Readings

Every moment of our lives can be holy, as God is ever at work in our lives.

Too many people think the experience Moses had was a once-in-a-lifetime event. The truth is that every moment is a holy moment, as God is always at work in our lives. The challenge is to continue to grow in our faith and love for the Lord, so that we may recognize the many and varied ways he is present with us. If we do this, we cooperate with the Lord's grace and help build up his kingdom on earth.

The first reading from Exodus recalls God revealing himself, and speaking to Moses from a burning bush in the desert. The second reading reminds us not to grumble like our ancestors in the desert did. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the fig tree and we learn that God offers us many chances to repent and bear fruit.

Share Lent – Building community in Indonesia

The 3rd week of our pilgrimage finds us in Indonesia. The word *kampong* has come to mean “slum” in the local language, but its original definition is “community” Your support for Share Lent means that Try Mopurto, who lives in *kampong*, has been able to renovate his home for his family despite suffering from mental illness. The community is coming together to support him and his family. “My home is my heaven,” he says, “because here we feel the meaning of brotherhood in the social life of the *kampong*.”

First Friday Adoration

On the First Friday of March we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The church will be open between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm and everyone will be able to come for longer or shorter period of time to spend with Eucharistic Jesus. We will 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. But we invite everyone to come and spend some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



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

An Invitation from the Bishop



You are most cordially invited to attend Chrism Mass, Tuesday, March 22, 2016

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.

World Day of Prayer

This year's World Day of Prayer service will be held at the Heritage Lodge on Friday March 4th at 2:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this ecumenical service, which this year, was prepared by the women of Cuba. The Morinville Minstrels will provide the music, and the Lodge provides a nice lunch at the end of the program.

Retrouaille

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouaille is a program for married couples that may feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties as they try to live out their sacrament of marriage. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **March 11-13, 2016.**

e-mail info@helpourmarriage.ca

Pembina Pro-Life Annual Banquet

We will be hosting our annual event on Saturday March 12, 2016 at the Barrhead Senior's Drop in Centre. The evening includes a catered dinner, guest speaker, silent auction and AGM. This year's speaker will be cardiologist Dr. Ted Fenske, MD, FRCPC, speaking on euthanasia: "Looking behind the Curtain: Countering Euthanasia with Care." Doors will open at 5:30 pm, dinner will start at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 with dinner included and are available at the Flower Shoppe (Barrhead), the Flower Shoppe (Westlock) and the Neerlandia Co-op Grocery Store. (Please have your tickets purchased by March 4, 2016). For more information, questions or to donate an item for silent auction, please call Eveline at 780-349-5562. We hope to see you there!

Marriage Preparation 2016



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

April 22,23,24 at the Morinville Rendez-Vous Centre

There are also registration forms available at the back of the church.

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

Western Canadian Home School Conference

March 10-12 at Providence Renewal Centre, 3005 – 119th St in Edmonton. All parents welcome. Our guest speakers are Dr. Ryan Topping and Archbishop Gerard Pettipas. For more information, contact Veronica at 780-467-8410 or e-mail wchscreg@shaw.ca or visit us online at www.wchsc.net

Masses For The Week

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Feb 27 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Cyril & Mary Depre - Isabel	Third
Feb 28 Sun - dim	9:00 am	Deceased Brenneis & Boissonnault Family - Shirley	Sunday of
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	Lent
Mar 1 Tues - mar	10:30 am	RIP Lisa Boissonnault - Mom	
Mar 2 Wed - mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Rosina Rustemier –David Bokenfohr	
	7:00 pm	(Church) RIP Jim Vervynck – John & Ellen Hesse	
Mar 3 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP George Roeland (1 st Anniv) – Noreen & Garry	
Mar 4 Fri - ven	8:30 am	Deceased Bulger Relatives – Irma & Family	First Friday
	7:00 pm	Way of The Cross	
Mar 5 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Roger Vansevenandt – Isabel & Family	Fourth
Mar 6 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Florence Vranas – Harvey & Christine	Sunday of
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PLEASE PRAY FOR... Kiah Courtney, Irene Dupuis, Louise Dubois, Leo Brochu, Bubbles Bouvier. All those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.



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 Wednesday March 16th at 7 pm at the Church.**



KC Breakfast is next today February 28, 2016
from 9:00 am till 12:30 pm at the Rendez -Vous Centre



CWL Memberships

2016 Memberships are now due. Please put your \$25.00 membership in the collection basket at church or give it to one of the executive members of the CWL. If you have any questions please call Sandee Blackburn 780-939-5199.

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES February 21st \$ 3608.00 Catholic Missions in Canada \$ 35.00 – THANK YOU! MERCI!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels	- Feb 29 th , Monday 8:00 am	- Church
Finance Committee Meeting	- March 2 nd , Wednesday 6:30 pm	- Office Boardroom
Faith sharing group	- March 2 nd , Wednesday 7:30 pm	- Downstairs Rectory
CWL Meeting	- March 3 rd , Thursday 7:00 pm	- CWL Room Parish Hall