

# PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH

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## **Third Sunday of Lent**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

## **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

## **Sacrament of**

### **Reconciliation:**

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

## **Finance Committee**

George Vansevenandt

[gnlv7@hotmail.com](mailto:gnlv7@hotmail.com)

## **Baptism:**

First Sunday of the month at mass.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

## **Safe Parish Committee**

Denise Touchette

939-4401

## **Marriage/Wedding:**

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

## **K.of C.**

Jacques St. Onge

Grand Knight

939-5185

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

Sandee Blackburn

President

939-5199



## **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.

## **Sacrament of the Sick:**

Please contact the Parish Office After Hours for **Emergencies Only**  
780-645-9749.

## Focus of the Sunday Readings

*Jesus performed many signs, but it was in his death and resurrection that God's glory was fully revealed and made manifest.*

When Jesus drives the money changers and animal vendors from the Temple, the Jews demand a sign to prove his authority. They do not have the faith to see what is in front of them. Later, when Jesus dies and is risen, his disciples remember his words, and they understand and believe. Do we have the faith to see what is revealed right in front of us, in this Eucharist?

In the first reading, God presents the Ten Commandments to Moses. In the Letter to the Corinthians, Paul declares Christ as the power and wisdom of God for Jew and Gentile, alike. Today's Gospel displays Jesus' zeal for his Father's house, as he drives the money changers and animal sellers out of the Temple.

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## **Development and Peace - Defending the rights of poor communities fractured by forced evictions in Nigeria**

In Nigeria, forced evictions are carried out violently, without consulting those concerned, as well as without warning, compensation, or providing alternative housing.

Thanks to your support, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, a Development and Peace partner, can train community leaders who then work with some of the most marginalized communities so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government. This year, we invite you to join Development and Peace's monthly giving program Share Year-Round. You can register online at [devp.org/shareyearround](http://devp.org/shareyearround).

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## **Safe Parish Committee Notice**

The Safe Parish Committee was created 5 years ago to ensure that our parish is a safe place for participants in parish activities and for volunteers and ministers. Every 5 years it is required that everyone who is a minister of the parish renews their commitment to a safe parish. For all ministers, who have been involved since the beginning, there is a need to renew their Safe Parish Community pledge and for those in High Risk Ministries (children, vulnerable adults, money) there is a need for them to also provide a new criminal check. Letters with the appropriate documents will be available at the back of the church in the near future to facilitate this renewal process.

For new ministers who are **high risk ministries (children, vulnerable adults, money)** there will be a Safe Parish Community Policy Training session on **Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7 pm** downstairs in the rectory. Those in high risk ministries who missed the previous sessions also need to attend. It is also recommended that anyone considering volunteering for one of these ministries pro-actively attend this session as well. This will ensure that you have the appropriate training at the start of your service should you decide to become involved. Everyone is welcome to join us for this training.

Any questions or concerns you can call Donna or Fr. Trini at the Rectory at 780-939-4412 or Denise 780-939-4401.

## Lenten Fast and Abstinence:

### An Invitation to Awareness



“What are you hungry for?” Sometimes the answer is obvious: pizza, Chinese food, a juicy steak. Our spiritual hungers are rarely that easy to identify. The season of Lent, our 40-day preparation for Easter, is our annual invitation to grow in awareness of those deeper hungers. We need Lent to help us recognize that our meaning and mission are rooted in Jesus’ dying and rising. Together with those preparing for baptism, we join in outward signs of our inner conversion. Our year-round prayer, fasting and almsgiving take on new meaning during this season.

Catholics were once well known for their practice of not eating meat on Friday—a specific form of fasting called abstinence. Stories abound of the lengths Catholics would go to keep this law. Of course, as with any law, it was not that difficult to meet the letter of the law and violate its spirit. One might enjoy a fine lobster dinner or fish fry at a local restaurant and still meet the law’s requirements. Catholics were also called to limit their food intake on a variety of other fast days. The reforms which followed the Second Vatican Council sought to simplify the often complicated questions that arose regarding fast and abstinence while re-emphasizing the continuing need for such practices. The current laws took effect in 1966. They read simply: “Catholics who have celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent. Catholics who have celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast, i.e., eat only one full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one’s 59<sup>th</sup> birthday.”

The spirit of the law may invite us to fast from other activities as well: from television or computer games, from eating out or from gossiping. These minimum requirements make the most sense when they are combined with prayer and almsgiving. These age-old disciplines reflect our most fundamental concerns: our relationship with God (prayer), with our bodies (fasting) and with each other (almsgiving).

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## Lenten Penance Service

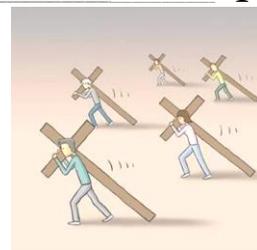
To give us all an opportunity to prepare for Easter spiritually, there will be an occasion for all of us to celebrate a Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in our parish. **It will be held on Tuesday , March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the church.**



## Stations of the Cross

Let us gaze on the crucified Jesus, and let us ask in prayer: Enlighten our hearts, Lord, that we may follow you along the way of the cross. Put to death in us the “old man” bound by selfishness, evil and sin. Make us “new men”, men and women of holiness, transformed and enlivened by your love.

**We invite you – every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm**



# Masses For The Week

| Day           | Time     | Mass Intention   | Feast     |
|---------------|----------|--|-----------|
| March 3 Sat   | 5:00 pm  | Special Intention for Marc - Nicole  | Third     |
| March 4 Sun   | 9:00 am  | RIP Joe Kieser - Celina  | Sunday of |
|               | 11:00 am | For Parishioners   | Lent      |
| March 6 Tues  | 8:30 am  | Deceased Bulger Relatives - Irma   |           |
| March 7 Wed   | 9:30 am  | (Lodge) <b>Please Note Time Change</b><br>RIP Norbert Quaghebeur - - Lucie Roy |           |
|               |          |  |           |
| March 8 Thurs | 10:00 am | (Aspen) <b>NO MASS</b>   |           |
| March 9 Fri   | 8:30 am  | RIP Philip DeRudder - Shirley  |           |
|               | 7:00 pm  | ( Church) Stations of the Cross  |           |
| March 10 Sat  | 5:00 pm  | For Parishioners   | Fourth    |
| March 11 Sun  | 9:00 am  | RIP Tom Sullivan – Claire & Elmer McKale                                       | Sunday of |
|               | 11:00 am | RIP Real Cormier – Cecile Auger  | Lent      |

**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 New Date



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

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at the Morinville Rendez-Vous Centre

There are also registration forms at the back of the Church.

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

## Gift Cards

Gift Cards for March will be on sale the weekends of March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

Collection for February 25<sup>th</sup> \$ 3,437.15

Restoration. \$ 160.00

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

|               |  |                      |
|---------------|--|----------------------|
| Dust Angels   | - March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 8:00 am, Monday    | - Church             |
| Lectio Divina | - March 7 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 pm, Wednesday | - Downstairs Rectory |

Change your clocks next Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>.

