



March 19th, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 21st

6^{pm}- Jerome Cousineau – Jeanette, Adele & Melody
Intentions of Marg Haley – Monica, Pauline & Diane

Wednesday 22nd

9^{am} –Special Intentions

Thursday 23rd at Rainycrest

10^{am}- Albert Hogue – Margrit Schaum

Friday 24th

9^{am}- Rosina, Domenico, Teresina & Dino Morelli –
Francesco & Julian

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Saturday 25th

5^{pm}- Robert McNay – Anna
Intentions of Marg Haley – Sr. Francine Cayer

Sunday 26th - (9am at Our Lady of Lourdes)

9^{am}- Yves DeGagné – Nora & Joan

Katie Jourdain - Family

11^{am}- Intentions of all Parishioners

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1st reading: (Exodus 17.3-7)

2nd reading: (Romans 5.1-2, 5-8)

Gospel: (John 4.5-42)



In your prayers, please remember those who are sick Eva Mattson, Arlene Steinke,

Ewan Mackintosh, Rosalie Cousineau, Shirley Fraser, Nick Mutz, Kari Urquart, Ernie McColeman, Queenie Leschinski, Maurice DeGagne, Sr. Francis, Nicole LePine, Larry Mattson, Diane Pattison, Noella & Rick Hamilton, Laurent Smits, Lena Mercure

Offertory Collection for St. Mary's
Weekend Of

Counting Team

March 20 – Marg Haley
March 27 – Linda Fleming



CWL NEWS: Ladies - let's get together! Thursday, March 23rd, at 2:00 pm - we will be gathering in the church hall for a lap quilt project for the Diocesan Convention. Demonstration and work on a ragtop, patchwork quilt will take place along with refreshments and fellowship. Please come join us!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH NEWS

In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:

Buddy Loyie, Gladys McPherson, Jan Adams, Linda Anderson, Greg Perreault, Doug Cross, George Supinski, Dorothy Cargill, Peyton Calder, Rosie Bird, Curtis Jourdain, Florence Lampi, Dempsey Calder, Jan Glueheisen, Elmer Mainville, Grant Perreault, Linda La Fleur

**Offertory Collection for Our Lady of Lourdes
Weekend of**

**April 2, 2017 – Sacrament of Confirmation
Celebration at 9am Mass**

What's going on?!

March 21 – Parish Council Meeting -6:30pm

March 24-**Stations of the Cross** – 7pm led by The Associates of Ste. Marguerite

March 30-Confirmation Rehearsal -7pm @ St. Mary's

March 31-**Stations of the Cross** -7pm led by the KofC

April 1-Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration -5pm

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, 8 April 2017, 5:00 pm

Sunday, 9 April 2017, 9:00 am OLOL

Sunday, 9 April 2017, 11:00 am

Holy Thursday ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, 13 April 2017, 7:00 pm

Good Friday Solemn Service

Friday, 14 April 2017, 3:00 pm

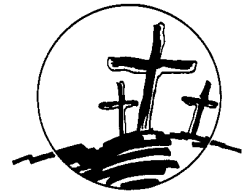
Solemn Easter Vigil

Saturday, 15 April 2017, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, 16 April 2017, 9:00 am OLOL

Sunday, 16 April 2017, 11:00 am



JOB OPPORTUNITY:

Applications are being accepted for the position of "St. Mary's Parish Office Secretary/bookkeeper".

The position is a 30-hr per week full-time job.

Qualifications required:

-Secretarial/reception skills

-Simply Accounting program knowledge

-General computer skills

Full job description available at St. Mary's Parish office during the hours of 9am-3pm Monday-Friday.

Resumes and cover letter must be submitted to the Parish Office in a sealed envelope clearly addressed: Attention St. Mary's Financial Council.



EDGE : Youth groups for grades 6-9

Our next EDGE will be on March 23rd



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

LIFE TEEN Youth groups for grades 9-12

We need everyone to come and bake bread and buns next weekend, March 25th & 26th for our annual Soup and Bun fundraiser for Development and Peace. This is something you can do for Lent. It's lots of fun for a good cause, social justice. Next Lifelight will be April 22nd. Mark your calendars. Also, sign up for TEC if you are 16 or older. Applications are at the back of the church or from Betty.

Lifeteen Lunches: The next lunch will be March 20th. Lunches are held at the home of Deacon Bob & Betty Grynol, 651 Keating Ave. on Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

TEC: Next TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekend will be held April 28- 30th at Corpus Christi Parish in Thunder Bay. We asked the last tecites what they would tell others about TEC and they said, "Just Go!" Applications for team and tecites are available at the back of the church. Sign up soon. Adults are welcome also. Please pray for the success of the weekend. TEC changes lives and is one thing that will guarantee the future of the Catholic church.

DISCOVERY BIBLE CAMP: Our Discovery Catholic Bible Camp will be held at Sunny Cove from July 10th - 14th, 2017. Mark your calendars and sign up your children and grandchildren. We only take 65 campers so get your applications in early.



ANNUAL SOUP AND BUN FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:

We will be having our annual parish "Soup & Bun" fundraiser for Development and Peace on March 25th & 26th. We need help in the kitchen to bake bread and make soup. If you would like to help with this worthy cause, please give your name and phone number to the Sec. or call Kenny at 276-4079. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for items we need, if you wish to help in that way. Thank you to those who donated money or signed up for items already. We are so grateful for your support. If you have any questions call Gemma at 274-9592.

Lent 2017 – Everyone is a Gift

The holy season of Lent is an opportunity for each of us to take stock of our relationship with the Lord and with each other. Pope Francis in his lenten message this year, asks us to see the word of God and each person as a gift to us. He uses the Gospel story of Lazarus and the rich man to help us identify the need to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need, and to stay attentive to the temptations that can lure us away from God and one another, especially the desire for wealth, power and riches. The Pope says: "Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: Fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply." Through the Lazarus story, we learn that "other persons are a gift, and a right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value." Through the opening of our hearts to others, especially to the poor and the stranger, we can recognize the face of Christ in them. In meeting people every day, each life, says the Pope, is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. Lent is also a time, through our prayer and fasting, to make an account of how we are living our call as Christians and followers of the Lord. As the Pope notes in his letter, sin and temptation, can lead us away from good and from God, and can make us blind to the needs of our brothers and sisters around us. As the rich man was blind to Lazarus and his needs, so we too can become blind and unaware of the struggles of our sisters and brothers around us, even in our families. That is why during Lent we make a special effort through Development and Peace to raise our awareness of these needs and to reach out in generosity to our brothers and sisters struggling throughout the world. This is a duty that compels us through our works of mercy and in our Christian calling. As we enter this holy season, let us in particular, make it a time of true prayer and reflection, a time of true reconciliation and forgiveness, a time of deepening our awareness of the gifts of those whom we meet daily in our lives, and a time to strengthen our relationship with God through the forgiveness of our sins in the sacrament of Penance. God's word in the scriptures can help us realize our need for this conversion and direct us in our daily encounters with one another. Again Pope Francis notes: "Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need." This is the best advice for all of us, as we enter this holy season of our journey to Easter joy.

~Bishop Fred J. Colli