

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 18, 2007

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Thursday - Chair of Saint Peter

Friday - Saint Polycarp

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19th

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes by Vianney Rochon
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Rose Williams by Sarah & Family
7:00 p.m. **Ash Wednesday**
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Novena to St. Anthony starts at 8:40 a.m.
George Tessier by Tony & Florence Tessier
Friday 9:00 a.m. Louise McSheffrey by Louise
Saturday 7:00 p.m. Harry O’Heare by Ray & Mary McCloskey
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (1) Oscar & Lucie (Blanc) Lavigne by Claude & Family
(2) Leslie Lovasz by his friend Bill Dolgos
11:00 a.m. Pastor’s Mass for the Parish Community

ASH WEDNESDAY: On Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., there will be a Mass and distribution of ashes. At 7:00 p.m. there will be a special celebration of the blessing and distribution of ashes within the liturgy of the Word.

It is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 years and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten Season. Lent is about stripping away all the distractions that have come between us and God. Ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday can represent the “death” of the sins that keep us from loving God. As we begin lent on Wednesday, we might want to reflect on fasting and abstinence to prepare ourselves for lent and ask whether we really understand what this special season is offering us. Fasting is a spiritual exercise which tells us that our spiritual hungers are of more importance than our physical needs.

WAY OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent, the *Way of the Cross* will be conducted in the church starting from February 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Friday February 23rd 7:00 p.m., conducted by Funeral Choir
Friday March 2nd 7:00 p.m., conducted by CWG
Friday March 9th 7:00 p.m., conducted by PPC
Fri. March 16th 7:00 p.m., conducted by Youth Group & Confirmation Candidates
Friday March 23rd 7:00 p.m. conducted by Wardens
Friday March 30th 7:00 p.m. conducted by Development & Peace

WEEK-END COLLECTIONS:

February 10th -11th \$2,056.25

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Volunteers are needed to help lead the children's liturgy at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, once a month. If we do not have enough volunteers, we may be unable to continue children's liturgy. We need your help, please call Julie: 819 684-6416.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT: "Wine & Cheese", Tuesday, February 20th (immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Mass). Msgr. Roger Ebacher (Archbishop of Gatineau Diocese) will attend. This annual event is held to honour and celebrate all of the parishioners who volunteer their precious time - hundreds of hours each year - in direct support of St. Mark's Church. We are eternally grateful for the kindhearted service that each and every volunteer dedicates to our community. Anyone who would like to *become a volunteer* is also welcome, but first notify the Parish Office. **"Welcome to all Volunteers"!**

THE PARISH NEEDS A BOOKKEEPER: Our sincere appreciation and thanks to *Micheline Gillis* for having kept 'the books' for the Parish over the past few years. Unfortunately, Micheline will no longer provide this service **as of March 1st, 2007**, so we are looking for a **volunteer bookkeeper** to assume these responsibilities (a few hours are required each week). We use the "Simply Accounting" computer program and training is available. Anyone interested, ready and able to help - please **contact the Parish office at 819 684-6926**.

MEETING:

Confirmation: Third workshop, February 18, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Wardens: Monday, February 19th 7:30 p.m.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS 2006: If you used envelopes last year and would like a tax receipt for 2006, please drop a self-addressed envelope in the collection basket.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: A few church envelopes for the year 2007 are still in the Vesting Room on the right as you enter the church. Kindly pick them up as you leave the church after Mass.

WYD 2008: Fundraising meeting, Thursday, February 22nd, 2007 at 7:15 pm in the Crying room. Please bring the first payment along with the registration form. If you **CAN'T** make this meeting, please advise Julie Salois at 819 682-3534.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: The message that Pope John Paul II shared with us last week in this space could be unpopular among those who think profits come before LIFE. Our faith calls us to ensure that LIFE always comes before profit.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: St Aloysius Church Basement, February 18th after 11:00 a.m. Mass. Tickets \$5.00 for children and \$7.00 for adults – Contact church at 819 663-5244.

PHOTO DIRECTORY: If you had your picture taken at the church in February or April 2006 by IPC Photo you are entitled to a free photo directory. Please contact Keith Martinkus 819 684-3181.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Kindly remember Eileen Lennon, Jennifer Clarke, Mary Larocque, Pat Burns, Bailey Beck, Bertha Fernandez, Phillip Gomes, Wandaw Bobrowski... and all of their families in your prayers.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES: Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the Benoit family on the loss of Georges.

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS ARE WELCOME! If you are new to St. Mark Parish, please introduce yourself to our pastor (Fr. Joy) after Mass, and follow up on Monday with a call to the office (819 684-6926) to register. We are glad to have you join us. Welcome!

GIVING: We appreciate every donation gifted to the Church by our parishioners. There are many ways to donate -- whether during your lifetime or upon death, through wills or trusts. Donations can be made via cheque payable to: ***St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church***

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