

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11, 2007

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Saturday - Feast of St. Patrick

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Stanley Begg by Mickie O'Heare & Family  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Helen Haakman by Cathy Nolan  
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Novena to St. Anthony starts at 8:40 a.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. Pauline Storing Lusk by Men's Dart League  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Mass for Parish Community  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Margaret Halubowski by Jean-Gilles and Marie-Claire Guertin  
11:00 a.m. George Tessier by Leo & Madeleine Fredette

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:** March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> \$2,982.15


**WAY OF THE CROSS: EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT, the *Way of the Cross* is conducted in the church at 7:00 p.m.** The *Way of the Cross* (or *Stations of the Cross*) is a form of devotion commemorating the Passion and death of Christ, consisting of a series of 14 meditations (or stations) in which one passes before, pausing at each for prayer and meditation. In making the *Way of the Cross*, we are struck by the certainty of two things: the *destructive* power of sin and the *healing* power of God's Love. The *Way of the Cross* is a way of prayer. One walks, in spirit, with Jesus on His journey to Calvary and meditates on His suffering and death. Each meditation can be deeply personal by recalling specific persons, places and/or experiences in one's own life.

#### **Stations of the Cross during Lent: 7:00 p.m.**

Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> - lead by Youth Group & Confirmation Candidates

Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> - lead by Wardens

Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - lead by Development & Peace

**ST. PATRICK'S LADIES AUXILIARY:** Following each Mass this weekend, the CWG will be selling shamrocks  for St. Patrick's Home. Monies go to the needs of the residents, gifts, parties, etc. Thank you for your support!

**LENTEN EVENING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION:** Sister Rosemary O'Toole, who has been teaching *The Spiritual Life* series in our Parish for the past several weeks, will be offering us **an evening of prayer and reflection** on *The Spirituality of the Paschal Mystery in our Lives* on **Wednesday, March 21 from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.** All are welcome to attend! CD's of Sister Rosemary's teachings will be available for purchase as Lent/Easter gifts. Cost: \$8.00 each or any 2 for \$15.00.

**BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISIT:** Bishop Roger Ebacher will make his Pastoral visit to our Parish on **March 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**. He will preside at the Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday. In addition, during his visit he will meet with the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), the Wardens and some of the groups in the Parish.

**PARISH LENTEN RETREAT:** March 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Retreat Preacher will be Fr. Peter Pandimakal, a professor at St. Paul's University. We strongly urge you to participate in the Lenten mission so that you may prepare yourself to celebrate the great feast of *Easter*. The topic of the mission is: "***What does it take to be a Christian today?***" Through Baptism and our shared faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, each of us is called to carry out a service for others in God's name, and to do so with the characteristic ways of the *Good Shepherd*. This commits us *especially* to following Christ more closely and more faithfully. We lead our lives as individual persons in milieus often challenging and probably unknown to others. That is why the following of Christ demands from each of us to be conscious of the surroundings - to remind ourselves of who we are, what strengths and blessings accompany us, how and to what extent we share these with others - both as givers and receivers. **What does it take to be a Christian community today - in Canada, in Aylmer?** Let us reflect and pray in the presence of Christ, who has revealed to us the God of *Love without Calculation*.

**THINK-FAST 2007:** Come join us for our **Annual THINK-fast Event** which helps support Development & Peace and we will guarantee you a good time! Last year, over \$277,000 was raised across Canada to support projects in third-world countries. What is a THINK-fast Event? A THINK-fast Event is a 24-hour famine which will begin and end with a wonderful meal together. Throughout the event we will have many activities, movies and fun while learning more about issues around the world and how we can help. Location: St. Mark the Evangelist Church. Time: **From 8:00 p.m. March 30<sup>th</sup> to 7:00 p.m. March 31<sup>st</sup> (ending meal will follow the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday evening)**. Please call Bob Rutter: 819 685-1968 or Chris Santillan: 819 684-6374 for more information or to register. Participants will be encouraged to raise a minimum of \$25.00 through pledges for the event.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL:** Our **FEED A CHILD Lunch Program** is getting very low on food. **A tax receipt will be provided for large bulk food donations** such as cereal or granola bars, fruit juices, pudding and fruit cups, canned tuna, salmon or ham. For delivery arrangements, **please contact St. Mark's SVDP conference at 819 685-1343**. We are also in **dire need of a washer and dryer**.

**HELP NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We are in **urgent need of volunteers to help 'lead' the Children's Liturgy at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, once a month**. Without enough volunteers, we may be unable to continue Children's Liturgy. To volunteer, please call Julie: 819 684-6416.

**ABOUT FUNERAL LUNCHESES:** A NOTICE to new members of our Parish and a REMINDER for longtime members... when a funeral service is held in our Church for a registered parishioner, a funeral luncheon is provided by the Catholic Women's Guild (CWG) of St. Mark's. These luncheons are provided to bereaving families and made possible with the help of parishioners. From time to time, you may be called upon to contribute a loaf of sandwiches or a pan of squares. Without your generosity this service could not be provided. On behalf of all these families, we thank you in advance for your benevolent contribution.

**MEETINGS:**

Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> - PPC meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> - Baptism Preparation, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> - First Communion 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, 9:00 a.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.

**ATTENTION - 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.

**CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY WITH COMHALTAS (Ottawa)**: Irish Céilí Dance, Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave., Ottawa. Dance or just listen to live traditional Irish music. Door prizes & Refreshments. Tickets: \$25. Call: 819 778-2827 or 613 824-0284.

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

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES**: Our prayers and sympathies are extended to Marina Moore on the loss of her brother Gordon Chaput.

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