

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 18, 2007

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday - Solemnity of Saint Joseph

Friday - Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19TH

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. George Brewer by the Brewer Family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Edgar Turpin by George Pearson
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Novena to St. Anthony starts at 8:40 a.m.
Deceased relatives of Kent & Dorothy McConnell
Friday 9:00 a.m. Desire Lacasse by Marie-Claire & Jean Gilles
Saturday 7:00 p.m. (1) Joseph Warden by Funeral Choir
(2) Harry O'Heare by Mickie & Family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (1) Diane Levesque by Diane & Jim
(2) Oswald Foran by Gladys Hull & Family
11:00 a.m. Pastor's Mass for Parish Community

HOLY WEEK - MASS SERVICES

Holy Thursday:	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday:	Walking the Way of the Cross	11:00 a.m.
	Lord's Passion:	3:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday:	Easter Vigil	9:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday:	Easter Mass	9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION: March 10th-11th \$2,029.05

BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISIT: Bishop Roger Ebacher will make his Pastoral visit to our Parish on **March 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th**. 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 25th, 26th and 27th, from 7:00 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*.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Parish Reconciliation service will be held on **Thursday March 29th at 7 p.m.** Priests will be available for individual confessions after the service.

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.

THINK-FAST 2007: Come join us for our **Annual THINK-fast Event** which helps support Development & Peace. 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 6:45 p.m. March 30th to 7:00 p.m. March 31st (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 are 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.**

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 23rd - lead by Wardens

Friday, March 30th - lead by Development & Peace

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.** To volunteer, please call Julie: 819 684-6416.

MEETINGS:

World Youth Day: General information - Sunday March 18th at 7:30 p.m. in Marreevee Room. Contact Julie Salois at 819 682-3435.

Warden's Meeting: Tuesday, March 20th after Mass.

Baptism Preparation: Thursday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO KEEP VIGIL THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AFTER THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY: Between 6 PM & 6 AM

Keeping vigil here at the church after Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday and throughout the night is such a **beautiful way of entering the *Mystery of the Three Great Days of the Triduum.*** Many of our parishioners have participated over the years. If you haven't signed up in the past, please consider doing it

this year. There are sign-up sheets at the front entrance and rear exit of the church. While it is important that ALL time slots be filled in, please feel free to join any other group or individual if the time is more suited to you.

EASTER LILIES: are such a part of our Easter décor, but it is the depth of meaning these lilies signify that is so beautiful. We bring a lily to remember a loved one who is deceased and it becomes part of our Easter Vigil and Easter morning celebrations. During Holy Week, please bring your lilies (closed ones work best) to the church (open each day 8:00 a.m. until noon) and just leave on a front pew or bring to the Parish office during office hours.

AMITIE RELIGIOUS ARTICLES: We invite you to come and visit us, if you wish to purchase souvenirs for First Communion, Confirmation or Baptism, We have rosaries, plaques, medals, books, statues and crucifixes. For seniors, if you are unable to come to us we will come to you. We do not charge tax. From now till the end of June 2007, we will give an extra 20% off. Call Carmen and Gerry Proulx at 819 682-2269.

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.

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