



February

26 Knowing Jesus – see inside for details.

28 Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Supper, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. See details inside.

March

1 Ash Wednesday Mass
schedule – 8:30 am & 7 pm.

Parish Retreat begins – see inside for details.

Parish Lenten Project begins
– see inside for details.

3 Youth Group meeting,
6 to 9 pm.

19 An Irish - Coffee Sunday!
Details to follow.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February

Comfort for the Afflicted:

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.




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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

Saturday (vigil) 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday – Wednesday 7:00 pm
Thursday – Friday 8:30 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-4:45 pm;
Sunday 9:30-9:45 am, or anytime on request.

BAPTISM

It is necessary to arrange an appointment with Fr. Robert for preparation. Baptisms are scheduled on the third Sunday of the month at noon.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish before setting the wedding date.

VISITING THE SICK

Please contact Fr. Robert if you or a family member is homebound or in the hospital. He will gladly visit.

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2017: Winston Redman, John T. Sullivan;

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2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich.

PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK:

Lent is just around the corner (Ash Wednesday is next week, March 1st)! Why not make more time for Jesus by joining us for one or more of these three activities:

2 Wouldn't it be great if you could attend a retreat for a few minutes a day in the comfort of your own home? The **Parish Lenten Retreat** is exactly that: a retreat that takes place mostly at your own home. Over the six weeks of Lent, participants will be paired up with a trained prayer companion. At a time that fits your busy schedule, you will meet once a week. What you two talk about is entirely up to you. The point of the conversations is to bring you into a conversation with God, to invite you to pray and reflect, be it on an important decision, or personal suffering, or relationships, etc. For more information, please contact Mary. To register, please sign-up at the back of the church or contact the office.

Parish Lenten Retreat



Breaking Open the Word: Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 6: 24 – 34.

Step One: Listen to the Word: Food, drink, clothing are mentioned in this passage. What anxieties do you feel when you release control of these things and put your trust in God?

Step Two: Look into your Life

Question for Children: What do you worry about? What can you do to stop worrying and rely on God?

Question for Youth: Do you serve two masters? If so, what can you do to stop and serve only God?

Question for Adults: Who really is the master of your life?

THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 9 am to 12 pm
Friday 9 am to 4 pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays - No Mass
Tuesdays & Wednesdays – 7 pm
Thursdays & Fridays – 8:30 am

ASH WEDNESDAY
March 1: 8:30 am & 7 pm

TAKE ST JOSEPH HOME!

1 As part of this year's vocation theme, we invite parishioners to pray for vocations in their home with a small statue of St. Joseph, provided by the parish. Begins the weekend of March 4 & 5. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION

O Great me the grace to know the state of life that God in His providence has chosen for me. Since my happiness on earth, and perhaps even my final happiness in heaven, depends on this choice, let me not be deceived in making it. Obtain for me the light to know God's Will, to carry it out faithfully, and to choose the vocation which will lead me to a happy eternity.




BREAKING OPEN THE WORD:
Join us **this Sunday February 26** at 11:15 am in the boardroom as we discuss the following Sunday's Gospel reading. Attendance at previous sessions is not required. All are welcome, adults, youth and children. Sharing is not required! Listeners welcome!



GET YOUR LENTEN BUCKET!!!

At our parish meeting last Saturday, we looked at how our sacrifices, great and small, contribute to the holiness of our family members, friends, co-workers, etc... Our **Parish Lenten Project** continues along this theme. If you are fasting (ex. not eating sweets) or making some other sacrifice during Lent (ex. skipping your favorite program), take a bucket from the communion rail home with you (one bucket per household please). We invite you to put the money you save because of your sacrifice into the bucket. Return your bucket to the parish office at Easter. All money collected will be redistributed to the needy – details to follow.



Mass Intentions

Saturday February 25, 2017 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday February 26, 2017 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 am Patricia Lemieux
Requested by Virginia and Gilles St-Cyr

Tuesday February 28, 2017
7:00 pm Evelyn McMenamin
Requested by the Estate

Wednesday March 1, 2017 – Ash Wednesday
8:30 am Pro Populo
7:00 pm Richard Baruk
Requested by the Baluch family

Thursday March 2, 2017
8:30 am Gaetano Martinez
Requested by Giovanna Martinez

Friday March 3, 2017
8:30 am Patsy Rochon
Requested by Teresa Rochon and family

Saturday March 4, 2017 – First Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday March 5, 2017 – First Sunday of Lent
10:00 am Georges Gharib
Requested by Leila El-Hage



The Sanctuary Lamp signals the Presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. We invite you to have the Sanctuary Lamp memorialized in the name of a sick person, a deceased loved one, or a special intention for a donation of \$20.00. Please contact the office to arrange a memorial for the Sanctuary Lamp. **This week** the Sanctuary Lamp burns for the repose of the soul of Margaret Groves.



YOUTH GROUP MEETING

All high school students are welcome to join us this Friday, March 3 from 6 to 9 pm. Cost is \$5 for pizza.

Our **ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER** will be held this Tuesday February 28. Service begins at 5:30 pm and ends around 7:30 pm. Admission: a non-perishable food item for Multicaf. We also need people to bring in juice boxes, maple syrup, fruit, etc... and to help clean up after the event. A sign up sheet is available at the back of the church or call/email the office to let us know how you can contribute.



PRAYERS:

For the sick: Jean-Pierre Belair, Michael Coady, André and Marie Coupal, Patricia Paul, Nevine, Jacques Viau, Judith and Marina Zogalis.

For the recently baptized: Emilia Elaine Ryan.

For vocations: The Lord cannot forget us. The Lord does not forsake us. Pray for the men and women in our parish who are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. (Isaiah 49: 14 -15).



STEWARDSHIP:

Our collection last week was for \$1,987. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth).” Mt. 6:24

For many people, God and money run “neck and neck” as their first priority. Making money and spending money becomes the center of their life and they actually become a slave to money. The solution – become more generous. Giving money to Church and charity frees us from slavery to money and from making money a “god” before God.