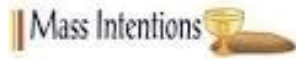


## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – February 26, 2017



Monday, February 27th	9:00 a.m.	Denise McCarthy
Tuesday, February 28th	7:00 p.m.	Leo Joseph Bourgeois
Wednesday, March 1st	7:00 p.m.	Alice Arsenault
Thursday, March 2nd	7:00 p.m.	Edmond Gaudet
Friday, March 3rd	12:00 p.m.	Eileen Gallagher
Saturday, March 4th	4:00 p.m.	Kay Morrissey
Sunday, March 5th	9:00 a.m.	Rufin Maillet
Sunday, March 5th	11:00 a.m.	Harold Kingston

### **Weekly Thoughts**

#### **My Friends,**

This Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, begins the Season of Lent. Many of us see Lent as a season of drudgery. All of a sudden there are rules and regulations imposed on us that we don't normally follow during the rest of the year. Having to remember what we should do or not do during the next 40 days sometimes hinders us from doing anything meaningful at all. The feeling we get entering into Lent is the feeling we have going to the dentist.

On Ash Wednesday you will hear there are three essential activities to make Lent a successful experience. The heart of Lent is doing penance through prayer, fasting and giving ourselves to others in word and deed, especially those who need us the most. Each of us is reminded to give attention to the ways we have forgotten the purpose through the ill-conceived choices we make that draw us away from living our Christian life.

Lent is a time to rummage through all the things that keep us from loving ourselves, our neighbour, and God. Taking stock internally is a healthy thing to do. It can be a threshold to a more redeeming and life-giving way to live each day. We make choices each day! Where do they come from? Struggling with our ability to know right from wrong helps us to choose wisely as we act.

A good Lent, for any of us will include a reflection on how we meet the challenges life presents us each day. It makes us face questions such as: How do I live in an angry and self-absorbed society? How do I love someone even when love is not returned? How do I question systems that are unjust, that diminish and destroy the human spirit, and sometimes life itself? How do I comfort my spirit when I feel alone or alienated from myself or others? How do I accept others and be kind to people who are different from me? How do I remain patient with myself and sustain myself when things never seem to change.

My encouragement to you and myself is to give Lent our best shot. Think of it this way. The gift we receive at the conclusion of the next 40 days is possibly to know ourselves better, and God, too. By using this well-deserved time and the practice of Lent to our advantage, it will lead us where we need to go. When you get there, sit and simply think of things. The things you and I think on will move us to conclude our time of Lent refreshed, renewed, and ready to embrace all God has in store for each of us..

God Bless!

Fr. Gerry

### **Something to Think About**

- 1) I'm so lucky that people can't hear what I'm thinking.
- 2) A person who feels appreciated will always do more than what is expected.
- 3) A dog doesn't care if you're rich, poor, smart or dumb. Give him your heart ... and he will give you his.
- 4) People will never truly understand something until it happens to them.
- 5) Life is like a camera: focus on what's important, capture the good times, develop from the negatives and when things don't work out ... take another shot!
- 6) You can't be strong all the time. Sometimes you just need to be alone and let the tears out.
- 7) Don't judge yourself by your past. You don't live there anymore.

**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:** George “Jim” Duffley, Bernadette Vautour, Jean Anderson, Irene Robichaud, Lena Savoie

**Stewardship for the week ending February 19th, 2017**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>2796.70</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>176.30</b>
<b>Food Bank</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	<b>442.40</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3435.40</b>

**COFFEE PARTY**  
**Saturday March 11**  
**following the 4:00 PM Mass**  
**All welcome!**

**Upcoming Events**

The **K of C Council 8094** is offering **free rides for seniors** living in the west side area who finds it a hardship to pay cab fares to get to medical appointments. For more Information please contact Ed Sullivan @ 672-5286 or email [sulli@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:sulli@nb.sympatico.ca).

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**Lectors’ Workshop** – following the 7:00 PM Mass on Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup>. All welcome!

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Tune into **107.3 FM** on Fridays at 1:00 PM for the show **Heart and Soul**. It is an hour of easy-listening music and items of interest from a Catholic perspective. If you miss it on Friday, it is rebroadcast Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. **Hosted by our own Terry Dickson.**

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**Congratulations to Ellen Brennan** on her daughter **Heidi Hanlon’s** induction into the **NB Sports Hall of Fame**. Ellen herself is representing our province at the Canada Masters’ Curling Competition in Guelph next month. Best of luck to both curlers!

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 If you are able to do **calligraphy**, please contact Rosalia at 672-8216.

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**Confirmation Class** continues this Thursday, March 2nd. Confirmation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** are now at the Rectory Office. If you have questions, please call 653-6850.

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**Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch & Supper** at Villa Madonna Tuesday, February 28. Four sittings – 11:30 – 1:00 – 4:30 – 6:00. For information or to reserve, call **849-5125**.

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The CWL will be collecting **dues of \$22** next weekend – **February 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** – at all Masses.

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**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** – Annual pancake supper, Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> in Assumption Centre from 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm. Adults -- \$7, children 12 & under -- \$3. Proceeds to benefit Our Lady of the Assumption Building Fund.  
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**Alzheimer Café** Sunday Feb 26th at St. Mark’s United Church Dexter Dr. from 2-4 PM. Guest speaker Rev. Canon Jim Golding. Entertainment by the Sea Belles Tea, Coffee, sandwiches, and sweets; no admission fee. For more information please contact Ed Sullivan @672-5286 or [emailsulli@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:emailsulli@nb.sympatico.ca)

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**To include items in the bulletin**, please call 653-6850 or email [saintrosesj@nb.aibn.com](mailto:saintrosesj@nb.aibn.com) by Thursday afternoon.

**Sanctuary Lamp**

**In Memory of William and Verna Bradbin**

We are now taking reservations for the Sanctuary Lamp for 2017. If you would like to have the Lamp lit in honour of your loved ones, please check at the office for an available date.