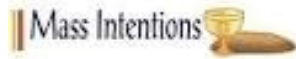


FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – April 2, 2017



Monday, April 3rd	9:00 a.m.	Ida Manderson
Tuesday, April 4th	7:00 p.m.	Edmond Gaudet
Wednesday, April 5th	7:00 p.m.	Joseph and Lea Bourgeois
Thursday, April 6th	7:00 p.m.	William and Gertrude Crilley
Friday, April 7th	12:00 p.m.	Leo and Margaret Maloney
Saturday, April 8th	4:00 p.m.	Wilfred and Fannie Comeau and Dorothy
Sunday, April 9th	9:00 a.m.	Leonard J. Upton
Sunday, April 9th	11:00 a.m.	Gerry LeBlanc

Weekly Thoughts

<p>My Friends,</p> <p>This weekend we are celebrating the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Throughout this blessed season the weekly readings remind us of God's desire to care for all people, offering us an abundant grace in this life.</p> <p>The story of raising Lazarus from the dead is an earthly example of the hope Christ offers us in His Resurrection. We hear the shortest line in the whole Bible is that "Jesus wept!" Tales in the Bible show the mercy of Jesus and are meant to inspire the faithful and to show that our faith is never in vain.</p> <p>Next weekend, I will be home to celebrate the most important week of our Liturgical Year...namely: Holy Week. Especially at the beginning of this period of Passiontide, our readings are intended to enliven our hope in the goodness and life-giving intentions of our God. Jesus' followers are promised an offer of eternal life, not because of their own merits but because of who God is: the God of the living. The Scriptures this</p>	<p>weekend, assure us that our faith in the Lord is never in vain and that the very real tragedies of life (including sin and even death) are never the final word. God's mercy, manifest so powerfully in His offer of life, will always reign supreme.</p> <p>In closing, the weather here in Mexico has been spectacular and the rest (sleep) has been renewing. Yet, I am missing good old Saint John and in particularBAILEY....who will probably punish me on my return.</p> <p>Know that you are all in my prayers as I finish off these final days. I hope Spring will be in the air on my return, as it appears from the weather news that March has gone out "like a lion".</p> <p>Finally, may this Lenten journey have been filled with growth in your Spiritual Life.</p> <p>Blessings and Adios Father Gerry</p>
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Something to Think About

- 1) At the end of the day, I am thankful that my blessings are bigger than my problems.
- 2) Happiness comes a lot easier when you stop complaining about your problems and start being grateful for all the problems you *don't* have.
- 3) Why do we only *rest* in peace? Why don't we *live* in peace, too?
- 4) I am learning to love the sound of my feet walking away from things that are not meant for me.
- 5) My To Do List for Today:
Count my blessings. Speak gently. Love much. Laugh a lot. Let go of what I can't control. Work hard. Be productive. Just breathe, and be kind.
- 6) When thinking about life, remember this: no amount of guilt can solve the past, and no amount of anxiety can change the future.
- 7) I don't need a personal trainer as much as I need someone to follow me around and slap the unhealthy food out of my hand.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER: Theresa O'Keefe, James Laviolette, Sr. Marjorie Woods, RSM, Kay Hurley, Edith Phillips, Donald Burchill, John "Jackie" Gillen

Stewardship for the week ending March 26. 2017

Envelopes	2803.00
Loose	240.30
Food Bank	20.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	454.90
Total	3518.20

"Catholic Education in Our Time" with UNB Professor Murray Littlejohn on April 3rd at 7 PM - Divine Mercy Catholic School Chapel, 30 Douglas Street. What is Catholic education? Is it just a matter of a name on the building? Or is it a fundamentally different way of learning? Why Catholic education is of crucial importance to us and our larger community...join us for an engaging lecture and discussion on the important topic of Catholic Education.

Upcoming Events

<p>Knights of Columbus (Council #6770)</p>	<p>Colla Voce, directed by Maureen Beckwith and accompanied by local soloists and orchestra, presents Part II (Credo to end) of the B-minor Mass by J. S. Bach, on Palm Sunday evening April 9th at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Rothesay.</p>
<p>Breakfast, Assumption Center, Chapel Street, on Sunday, April 9, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Adults \$7/Children \$3. Come and enjoy a good breakfast with your friends.</p>	<p>Admission is by freewill offering. An excellent way to begin your observance of Holy Week.</p>
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<p>Easter Flowers - We are now accepting donations for Easter Flowers in memory of your loved ones. Place your offering in an envelope, with the name of the person for whom you are making it and your envelope number on the front.</p>	<p>The Rectory Office will be closed on Tuesday April 4th. If you have an emergency or any questions, please call Marijke at 654-8212.</p>
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<p>Mount Carmel Girl's School Annual Reunion on Tuesday, May 23. Come join the fun. Social at 11:00 am followed by a turkey dinner at 12:30. To register contact Liz Brideau Email: 2kayak@bellaliant.net</p>	<p>MASS for LIFE will be celebrated at Divine Mercy School Chapel on April 5th at 7:00 PM. Refreshments to follow.</p>
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<p>Breakfast in Support of HOPE Centre, Sunday, 9 April, 9:00 to 11:30, HOPE Centre (St. Joseph's Church) 4347 Loch Lomond Rd, Adults \$8.00, Children \$5.00 and family of four \$23.00, eggs, bacon, ham, pancakes, hashbrowns, homemade beans, toast, juice, tea and coffee</p>	<p>Chrism Mass: Bishop Harris invites the faithful of the diocese to the Chrism Mass which is being held on Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Reception to follow in the Cathedral Rectory.</p>
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	<p>Evening Prayer at Carmel Chapel, 105 Burpee Ave., Saint John, on Thursday, April 6, at 7:00 pm.</p>

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Marianne Morin

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.