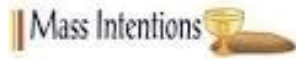


## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – March 26, 2017



Monday, March 27th	9:00 a.m.	Denise McCarthy
Tuesday, March 28th	7:00 p.m.	Margaret Robichaud
Wednesday, March 29th	7:00 p.m.	Shirley Creamer
Thursday, March 30th	7:00 p.m.	Medor Arsenault
Friday, March 31st	12:00 p.m.	Pauline Mazerolle
Saturday, April 1st	4:00 p.m.	Emilie Thibodeau-Ouellette
Sunday, April 2nd	9:00 a.m.	Carolyn McNulty
Sunday, April 2nd	11:00 a.m.	Jack McCrossin

### **Weekly Thoughts**

<p>My Friends,</p> <p>Already we have reached the 4th Sunday in Lent and in our Scriptures we hear that very often, we reject the teaching of Christ and judge others because of our own prejudices and preconceived notions. The Pharisees in John's Gospel reject that Christ is indeed the Son of God; accepting His Divinity would mean rejecting their own beliefs.</p> <p>This weekend is Laetare Sunday and Fr. Mike will be wearing the Rose coloured / pink vestments (better him than me). This Sunday is a time of rejoicing, for Easter is coming, signalling the end of sin and death.</p> <p>Here in Puerto Vallarta the crowds are large at daily Mass...both locals and tourists. It seems that the Lenten journey allows us to come to grips with our own obligation to be responsible for our actions toward another. The truth is, if this is to occur, we have to stop doing battle with ourselves. We aren't perfect. We don't.</p>	<p>always get it right. Each day is another opportunity to work at being patient, forgiving and loving towards ourselves. The Gospels during the Lenten Season remind us the only way to stay the demons within us is to believe deeply in the truth of the Paschal Mystery. Jesus suffered and died, so we might live.</p> <p>Going through this Lenten Discipline and examining our relationships, hopefully we can be those people who stand above the crowd and exhibit the kind of behaviour we recognize from God through Jesus Christ, especially when we are at odds with Him. His response is always mercy, founded on His unconditional love for each of us. He sets a powerful example for us as we strive to live together, especially when we don't get along and we feel compelled to do something about it.</p> <p>Lenten Blessings from the Sun in PV, Father Gerry</p>
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### **Something to Think About**

- 1) When you're tempted to lose patience with someone, think about how patient God is with you.
- 2) To all people who are loving and kind to me: thank you for the love and patience you bring into my life.
- 3) Love is not what you say; Love is what you do.
- 4) Forgiving someone is easy, but being able to trust them again is a different story.
- 5) The Elimination Diet: Remove anger, regret, resentment, guilt, blame, and worry. Then, watch your health and life improve.
- 6) True strength is the courage to admit weakness.
- 7) Prayer is the bridge between panic and peace.
- 8) To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. You just have to care.

**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:** Diana Dowd, Father Louis Vermeersch, Theresa McAuley, Oliver Emery, Juliette Brideau, Rita Barry, Elaine McGirr

**Stewardship for the week ending March 19. 2017**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>2942.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>315.50</b>
<b>Food Bank</b>	<b>74.00</b>
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	<b>454.90</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3786.40</b>

**"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**

**We invite you to join us in "raising up" Alicia & Jamie Walls with a fundraising evening of song on Sunday, March 26th, 7:00 pm at Quispamsis United Church.** "We Raise You Up" is a fundraising concert where the free-will offering will go directly to the Walls family to assist with their ongoing medical expenses. Performers include The Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick/UNBSJ Choir, "Heartbeat!", Quispamsis United Church's Sunday Night Jammers, The AussieScots Duo, Christopher Lane & Terri-Lynn McNichol and the Quispamsis United Church Choir. For more information, please contact Terri-Lynn McNichol at: 650-4005, terrilynnmcnichol@gmail.com, or visit the event page on Facebook.

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**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.

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Les Miserables will be performed this week at Saint John High. For more information call 658-5358.

**Forget NETFLIX - DO SOMETHING AMAZING** – Bring a friend and Experience energetic music, skits and passionate worship at a NET (National Evangelical Team) Canada Worship Youth Rally on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, for **youth aged 14-18** at St. Joseph's H.O.P.E Centre starting at 6:30 pm. Cost: \$5. Please contact Mary Alice Glasgow to register your Youth 506 653 6829, sjreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org BY Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

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**Mass for Life** – Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at Divine Mercy School Chapel at 7:00 PM. This will be celebrated by Father Peter Stephen. Refreshments to follow.

**Knights' Notes:** March is **Membership Drive Month** for **Council 8094**.

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**Alzheimer Café Sunday:** 2:00-4:00 P.M. at Saint Mark's United Church Dexter Dr. Guest Speaker: YMCA Representative. Entertainment: Rick Benson and his Banjo.

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**Pro-Life Rosary**  
March 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
**In Memory of Cindy Boucher**

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.