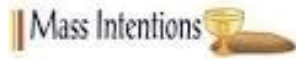


## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – February 19, 2017



Monday, February 20th	9:00 a.m.	Rob Williams
Tuesday, February 21st	7:00 p.m.	Valerie Crosby
Wednesday, February 22nd	7:00 p.m.	Francesca Scichilone
Thursday, February 23rd	7:00 p.m.	Liliane Theriault
Friday, February 24th	12:00 p.m.	Peter Joseph Surette
Saturday, February 25th	4:00 p.m.	Norman Wallace
Sunday, February 26th	9:00 a.m.	Diana Gerroir
Sunday, February 26th	11:00 a.m.	Harold Kingston

### **Weekly Thoughts**

**My Friends,**

In this week’s readings, Christ says, it is easy to love those who love us, but as Christians, we are called to a greater purpose: to love as Jesus loves. The perfect love, however, is countercultural. The world expects not love but hate, revenge, and violence.

In today’s Gospel, we are challenged by Jesus’ teaching to love our enemies and while it is difficult, as follower of Christ we must strive to love even those who will persecute us.

To be a perfect lover means to love the poor, including the poor we don’t think deserve our attention. It means to love the rich, the ones we envy, or who don’t spend their money the way we think we would do if we were rich.

It means to love the ones who love us wholeheartedly and to love the one who would stab us in the back if given half a chance. As followers of Jesus Christ, we’re expected to be different.

On another note, it is time for us to start preparing for the Season of Lent, 2017. Ash Wednesday begins this journey on March 1. Many of us use the discipline of Lent to ready ourselves spiritually for the greatest liturgy of the year, namely the Solemnity of the Resurrection at Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017.

Rather than seeing Lent as burdensome let us resolve to see this holy discipline as a time to reflect on our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Use the Season to look inward at our conscience to examine how you stand before the Lord and others.

I look forward to seeing many of you coming to Mass on the weekdays of Lent. We always have an increase in attendance; it is always beneficial to include regular prayer time in your busy schedules.

Allow Lent 2017 to be your best one ever!

Stay Blessed!  
Fr. Gerry

### **Something to Think About**

- 1) If a child cannot learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn.
- 2) “I sure feel my age; I ache all over.” “I feel like a newborn: no hair, no teeth, and I just peed myself.”
- 3) If my body was a car, I’d trade it in for a new model, ‘cause every time I cough or sneeze, my radiator leaks and my exhaust backfires.
- 4) I forgive, but I also learn a lesson. I won’t hate you, but I’ll never get close enough for you to hurt me again.
- 5) Autism is not a word to be feared. It’s a child to be loved.

**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:** Bobby Slovitt, Elizabeth Breau, Celina Ouellet, Wayne Cooke, Vera Arseneau, Brenda Logan, Nelson Gagnon

**Stewardship for the week ending February 12th, 2017**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>2506.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>239.25</b>
<b>Food Bank</b>	<b>40.00</b>
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	<b>442.40</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3227.65</b>

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

are now available at the back of the Church.  
If you have questions, please call the Office at 653-6850.

**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).

**Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament:** April 28-30 in Moncton. If interested, call Ron McGrath for details at 674-1980.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** have resumed. They are held every Thursday night at 6:30 PM in the rectory meeting room. Important items you should be providing in the next couple of weeks are: baptismal certificates (if you were not baptised at St. Rose) and the names of your sponsors. Confirmation will take place at 6:30 on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

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.**

**NEW EMAIL:** [saintrosesj@nb.aibn.com](mailto:saintrosesj@nb.aibn.com)

**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**.

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

**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.

**Alzheimer Café** Sunday Feb 26th at St. Mark's United Church Dexter Dr. from 2-4 PM. Guest speaker Rev. Canon Jim Golding. Entertainment 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)

**Annual Bus Trip to Ste. Anne de Beaupre** June 17 - 20. To register or for more information, contact Rick Bourgeois at 327-6777.

**Sanctuary Lamp**

**In Memory of Theodore and Virginie Gionet**

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.