

Pastor:

Rev. Father Hamish Currie

Assistant Pastor:

Fr. Ignatius Xavier

Parish Secretary:

Lisa Wyer

Office hours: 8:30AM-12:30PM

Sunday Masses:

5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 8:30 PM

Weekday Masses:

8:00 A.M.

No Mass on Wednesdays

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 P.M.

Baptism:

Usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Please make arrangements one month in advance by contacting the Parish Office.

Marriages:

Please make marriage arrangements six months in advance by contacting the Parish office.

Papal Blessing:

Please allow at least 6 months for Papal Blessing to arrive after the request has been made.

Diocesan Order of Women:

Dorothy Yadivisiak

CWL President:

Louise McGuire, 705-254-7869

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Bulletin Announcements

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2015

Pastor's Pen

St. Valentine's day is a day for love, and a reminder of the centrality of love in our lives. Even those of us not in a committed relationship know the importance of love of friends and family.

I am in awe of those in committed relationships, who day to day, year to year continue to live their vows to love and honour each other in sickness and health, riches or poverty for life. The Sacrament of Marriage is the clearest of signs for God's love for the world. Thank you for being that sign – and a good one at that!

Happy Valentine's Day Fr. Hamish

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 18. Masses at 8am and 7pm. Please remember, beginning Ash Wednesday, all weekday morning masses will be at 8:00am.

Scripture Readings: February 16 – February 22

Monday	Genesis 4.1-15, 25; Mark 8.11-13
Tuesday	Genesis 6.5-8; 7.1-5, 10; Mark 8.14-21
Wednesday	Joel 2.12-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20-6.2; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Luke 9.22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58.1-9a; Matthew 9.14-15
Saturday & Sunday	Genesis 9.8-15; 1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.12-15



Monday, February 16

No Mass

Tuesday, February 17

7:55 A.M.

For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Wednesday, February 18, Ash Wednesday 8:00 A.M.

7:00 P.M.

Thursday, February 19

8:00 A.M.

No Intentions

Friday, February 20

8:00 A.M.

Jim McIntyre by Denis LaRochelle

Saturday, February 21

5:00 P.M.

† Tony & Vincent Dulisse by Rosa Dulisse & Family

ł Mafalda Vecchio by Toni Vecchio

Sunday, February 22 9:00 A.M.

- † Deceased members Sangestini Family by Barbara Klesh
- ł Jennie Wheatley by Bob & Judy Barbeau

11:00A.M.

Intentions of Parishioners

8:30 P.M.

No Intentions

Please note

There will be no mass on Family Day, Monday, February 16 and the parish office will be closed.

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

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Do you strive to live a Christ-like life? Are you hearing Jesus' call to priesthood? Contact you Pastor or Fr. Pat Woods at the Office of Vocations 705-674-2727 ext250 or

<u>pwoods@diocesecentre.com</u> and check out <u>www.beapriest.ca</u>

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELGIOUS LIFE.

2015 Journey Lottery Winner February 8 David St. Jean

REMINDER

Please do not leave valuables visible in your car and lock your vehicle.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Feb 21/22	Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Ushers
Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Lorna Connolly Anne Marie Dupuis	Terry Colizza Michelle Inch Anne Greco	Bernard Lysiak Neil Conway John Slobodecki
Sunday 9:00 A.M.	Donna Bos Susan Colizza	Jean Scott Barbara Klesh Alfredo Bruni	Rudy Wheatley Brian Lidstone
Sunday II:00 A.M.	Danny Viotto Marie Bruno	Michael Currier Bambi Alexander Veronica Bornyi	Ted & Norma Wall Phil Bellerose
Sunday 8:30 P.M.	Ivan McCaig Tom Walton		Gino Filice

Ash Wednesday Feb. 18	Lectors	Eucharistic Minister
8:00 A.M.	Jerry Paquette Bernard Doran	Phil Bourgeois Clare Lennox Jean Scott
7:00 P.M.	Louise Bichler Joanne Dumanski	Robert Dugas Michelle Inch Denise Colizza

This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; Setting free the oppressed... Isaiah 58

Sick and Shut In

Please remember in your prayers, all the sick and shut in especially Margaret Nicholson, Mae Roberts, Bernice Corcoran, Gerald Nolan, Ted Kobinski & Robert Gough

This week at Precious Blood Cathedral

Mon. Feb. 16 7:00pm Liturgy Meeting in Boardroom

Tues. Feb. 17 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Boardroom

Thur. Feb. 12 7:00pm Choir Practice



<u>Lenten Walk with the Lord –</u> 40 Acts of Kindness:

Here is an additional or optional way to enhance and enrich your Lenten commitment and experience. "Lenten Walk with the Lord" invites you to do one (1) simple act of kindness for each of the 40 days of Lent. There is a calendar in the bulletin to help you keep track of your kindnesses along with some simple instructions to help guide you. For example, kindness can be as simple as a smile and often begins at home.

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Catholic Women's League

Please mark your calendar for the following:

Friday March 6th – The World Day of Prayer will take place this year at Central United Church. A few ladies will be needed to take part in the service. If you can help please call Denise at 949-1442.

Saturday March 7th – The Regional Luncheon will be held at the Moose Lodge on Trunk Road at 12 noon. If you need a ticket please call Louise at 254-7869. Join us for an afternoon of good food and fun. The cost is \$20.00.

Monday February 16th is Family Day. We pray for all families, that they may know the love of God.

We wish to thank those who helped at the Blood Donor Clinic.

We now have 5 ladies who would like to attend the Annual Diocesan Convention that will be held in Sudbury in April. This year is an election year for the diocesan council and what better way to show your support to all those who are running for positions.



SHARE LENT 2015 "SOW MUCH LOVE TO GIVE".

In this year's Share Lent focus we are being asked to sow seeds of love as we continue to lead the "One Human Family, Food for All" campaign across Canada, which was launched by Pope Francis in December 2013. With other members of Caritas Internationalis Organization around the world, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace works to build a world where no one goes hungry. This annual campaign raises funds to support its mission in more than 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Throughout lent there will be a series of Quotations from Pope Francis's book "The Joy of the Gospel." We hope that his inspiring words will lead you to give generously to the Share Lent Campaign.

For further information visit: devp.org/sharelent or contact: Jan Poulin-Zurawinski 705 253-7536 or e mail: jezurawinski@shaw.ca

How is the money you contribute to Share Lent used?

On March 9, 7pm, The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace will be welcoming Fr. Alberto Franco, a solidarity visitor from Columbia, South America, to Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, to speak to us about his work in Columbia.

Fr. Jesus Alberto Franco is the Executive Secretary of the Comisión Intereclesial de Justicia y Paz (CIJP), a D&P partner. The CIJP is based in Colombia and works with conflict-affected communities in their struggle for justice, by affirming their rights and advocating for the return of their lands. For over 20 years, Fr. Alberto has defended human rights and supported Afro-Colombian, indigenous and peasant farmers in resisting the occupation of their land by paramilitaries who are forcing communities to grow cash crops, such as African Palm, and by powerful mining corporations who are trying to develop projects. Fr. Alberto's work with these communities and on important cases of impunity against senior members of the security forces has also made him a target of multiple death threats and attacks.

D&P has been working with partners in Columbia on many initiatives including: projects to strengthen democracy and citizen participation, conflict resolution and peace building, food sovereignty, ecological justice, and access to and control over resources. We invite you to come out and listen to Fr. Alberto as he explains to us how our Canadian Share Lent Campaign supports the development of the indigenous peoples of Columbia.

In the Community

<u>ARCH Hospice</u>: Have you lost a loved one? ARCH Hospice Adult Grief Support Group. All are welcome. Free of charge, eight-week sessions, small, personal group sizes, warm atmosphere with friendly, trained volunteers & professionals. Pre-registration is required. 2015 sessions are Jan 14-March 4; March 25-May 13; June 3-July 29; Aug 19-Oct 14; Oct 28-Dec 16. Call Shaunagh Gravelines, Support Care Coordinator at 705-942-1556 ext 224 or email graveliness@archhospice.ca

SHALOM PLACE invites you to consider the place of prayer in your Lenten journey. To enrich your Lenten practice, why not come to a RETREAT EVENING on **February 24, 6:30 – 8:30 pm** at St. Jerome's Parish Hall? The theme of the retreat is **LENT: A TIME FOR LISTENING**, facilitated by Sr. Lea Joanisse, CSJ. Free-will offering. Pre-register by calling SHALOM PLACE at 705-254-4690 or email: shalomssm@shaw.ca. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm at St. Jerome's Hall and the first session will start at 6:30. A varied selection of books, including Lenten material, and also many music CD's will be available for purchase.

<u>St. Mary's Catholic Church</u>: St. Mary's Men's Club will be holding their All U Can Eat Breakfast Brunch on Sunday February 15 from 10am-12:30pm in the parish hall. \$8 adults/\$4 children under 12/No charge for children under 6.

The Knights of Columbus, in partnership with ARCH and the Moose Family Centre will be hosting a **St. Patrick's Day Pub** on March 17th, from 7-11 pm. Music is by Blarney and Webb Surround, together. Contact Bill O'Donnell for tickets (\$10.00). 705-949-8334.

Knights of Columbus 11608

<u>Emplification of the First Degree</u>: On Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 7:00pm at St. Joseph College Board Room, we will be enrolling new members into Council #11608. Council members are requested to attend. Refreshments will follow.

<u>Pasta & Meatball Supper</u>: Our monthly supper is growing in attendance. A special thank you to all who have attended & helping make this event a success. Monies raised at this supper is dedicated to the Journey. The next supper will be held on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March 3</u> at the <u>Grand Gardens on Dennis Street</u> from <u>5pm</u>. <u>7pm</u>. <u>Adults \$9.99/Children \$5.99</u>.



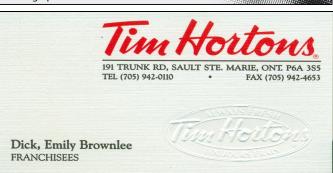
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Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

We have only three days of the **Sixth Week of Ordinary Time**. Ash Wednesday begins the season of **Lent**.

The first few days of this week are the last of the Ordinary Time readings until May 25, the day after Pentecost Sunday, which will end the Easter Season. The **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** offers a dramatic look at leprosy. The first reading from **Leviticus** has clear instructions: A leper has to live away from the community, cover his head and call out, "Unclean, unclean!" as people go near him. It emphasizes even more what it means that Jesus speaks with and touches someone who was such a pariah as he heals the leper in **Mark's Gospel**.

On Monday and Tuesday in **Mark's Gospel**, we witness Jesus' discouragement as he again encounters the challenges of the religious leaders: "he sighed from the depth of his spirit." As they retreat to the other side of the lake, Jesus warns his disciples against the rebellious "leaven" of the Pharisees and reminds them of the meaning of the miracle of the loaves - he is like God, come to feed them in whatever desert journey they encounter.

Beginning of Lent

The **Season of Lent** begins with four days that serve as an introduction to the four Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, Repentance and Almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. We wear ashes on our foreheads to remember who we are and express our desire to turn away from sin and to believe the Good News. The Prophet Joel helps us begin our journey: "return to me with your whole heart." "Rend your hearts, not your garments," reminds us that this is an interior journey. The Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 51, has the antiphon: "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians says, "be reconciled to God ... we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain ... Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." In Matthew's Gospel Jesus gives us a guide for our Lenten practices, "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them."

On Thursday we read in **Deuteronomy** how Moses urges his people to turn away from sin. "Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him."

Friday and **Saturday**: It is the long tradition of Lent to prepare us for our journey by having us reflect on **Isaiah**, **Chapter 58**, as we begin. "This is the fasting that I wish" gives us the true picture of fasting: letting God's Spirit transform us. It is a call to conversion. Jesus confirms his desire to help us, "I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners."

On the **First Sunday of Lent,** as we begin our Lenten journey, remembering how God re-established the covenant after the flood, and we reflect on how Jesus began his public ministry with a retreat of forty days - driven to the desert by the Spirit.