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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.

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Bulletin Announcements

Email your to pbcathedral@on.aibn.com

before 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday

First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2015

Pastor's Pen

Lent has begun. Forty days of returning to essentials and who we really are as children of God. First of all we fast from sin and unhealthy behaviours, then open ourselves to God who has arms open ready to embrace us. Of Lent and reconciliation, Pope Francis says that

Confession comes straight from Jesus...

"The Sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation [...] flow directly from the Paschal mystery...In fact, the same evening of Easter the Lord appeared to the disciples, closed in the Upper Room, and, after addressing to them the greeting 'Peace be with you', he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven.'"

...and that when we sin, it isn't just between us and God...

"Someone may say: 'I confess only to God.' Yes, you can tell God: 'Forgive me', and say your sins," he said. "But our sins are also against the brothers and sisters, against the Church, and for this it is necessary to ask forgiveness to the Church and to the sisters and brothers, in the person of the priest."

...and that no matter how ashamed we feel, we shouldn't be afraid...

"Do not be afraid of Confession! One who is in line to confess feels all these things – even shame – but then, when finished confessing, leaves free, great, beautiful, forgiven, [...] happy. And this is the beauty of Confession."

There will be many opportunities to celebrate God's forgiveness this Lent with Penance Services at:

St. Veronica's, March 4; St. Jerome's, March 5; and on March 13 – Together with the Pope's desire for 24 hours for Jesus, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions here from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Enjoy your week
Fr. Hamish

Scripture Readings: February 23 – March 1

Monday	Leviticus 19.1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25.31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55.10-11; Matthew 6.7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3.1-10; Luke 11.29-32
Thursday	Esther 14.1, 3-5, 12-14; Matthew 7.7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18.21-28; Matthew 5.20-26
Saturday & Sunday	Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8.31b-35, 37++; Mark 9.2-10

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 23 8:00 A.M.

† Sam Colizza by his Family

Tuesday, February 24 8:00 A.M.

† Ray Gasparetto by his wife Gloria & Children

Wednesday, February 25 No Mass

Thursday, February 26 8:00 A.M.

† Joseph John Mancuso by Phyllis DiBattista

Friday, February 27 8:00 A.M.

† John Cano by Ben & Tina Cano

Saturday, February 28 5:00 P.M.

† Jim McIntyre by Robert, Annette, Nicole & Mark Dugas

Sunday, March 1

9:00 A.M.

† Mary LaRochelle by Denis

† Ludvik Kosir by Angela Kosir

11:00 A.M.

Intentions of Parishioners

8:30 P.M.

For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

***“Baptism now saves you as an appeal to God
for a good conscience.” Mk 3.21***

Are you aware of God’s response to your appeal?
Are you hearing the God’s call to the priesthood?

Contact your Pastor or Fr. Pat Woods at the
Office of Vocations 705-674-2727 ext250 or
pwoods@diocesecentre.com and check out
www.beapriest.ca

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE
PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.

We offer our prayers and condolences to
the family of Jim McIntyre.



REMINDER

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visible in your car and lock your vehicle.

Sunday, February 15
Building/Journey Fund YTD

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\$916,091

2015 Journey Lottery Winner
February 15 Laurie & Lonnie LaHaie

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Feb 28/ March 1	Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Ushers
Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Janet Brown Maria Esposito	Ralph Esposito Monique Staruck Laura Castellarin	Bernard Lysiak Neil Conway John Slobodecki
Sunday 9:00 A.M.	Bernie Doran Fil Lettieri	Jean Scott Clare Lennox Bill Denny	Rudy Wheatley Brian Lidstone
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Gary Dumanski Joanne Dumanski	John Bruno Sophie Ostrowski Maria Santelli	Ted & Norma Wall Phil Bellerose
Sunday 8:30 P.M.	Catherine Mansfield Rico Iacoe		Gino Filice

*Whatever
you did for
one of these
least
brothers of
mine, You
did for me.*
Matthew 26

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. 23	12:00pm	CWL Executive Meeting in Boardroom
Wed. Feb. 25	1:30pm	ARISE Meeting in Ste. Anne's Room
	6:30pm	ARISE Meetings in Boardroom & Ste. Anne's Room
Thurs. Feb. 26	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Fri. Feb. 27	3:00pm	Fundraising Committee Meeting in Boardroom

Lenten Penitential Services

March 4 – St. Veronica's, 559 Douglas St., 7:00pm

March 5 – St. Jerome's, 26 Carmel Rd., 7:00pm

March 13 – Together with the Pope's desire for 24 hours for Jesus, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions here at the Cathedral 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Catholic Women's League

Monday, February 23rd – Executive Meeting will be held in the boardroom at 12 noon. Please bring your policy book as we will finalize the last pages.

Friday March 6th – World Day of Prayer. It will be held at Central United Church at 2 pm. The host country this year will be the Bahamas.

Saturday March 7th – Regional Luncheon will be held at the Moose Lodge on Trunk Road. Time will be 12 noon. Tickets are \$ 20.00 and can be obtained from Louise at 254-7869 Please join us and show your support

Memberships – We still have close to 10 who still have not paid their dues, Remember the cut off date is February 28. By paying your dues before that time it ensures that you will receive the League Magazine.

We pray for all the sick especially those who are confined and are alone.



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For nearly 50 years Development and Peace has been committed to nurturing the bond between the faith of Canadian Catholics and the poorest of our brothers and sisters in the human family. Since our founding in 1967, Canadian Catholics have supported 15,200 local initiatives around the world through your generous donations to the annual Share Lent Campaign. These initiatives, in areas such as agriculture, education, community action, peacebuilding and citizen participation, continue to help the poor today. Please consider generously supporting the Share Lent Campaign again this year. For more information visit www.devp.org or contact Jan Poulin Zurawinski 705 253-7536 or email: 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

ARCH Hospice: 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 Joannis, 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.

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.

Ladies Aid Luncheon: A Luncheon will be held March 1, at 12noon after in the downstairs' hall at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 134 Brock Street. Menu: various kinds of quiche, sausages, salad, muffins & loaves, tea, coffee & juice. The cost will be \$8.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children. Tickets are on sale after church Sunday, 22nd & at the door. Please plan to come to this event. The profits go to the support of our church.

World Day of Prayer: Friday, March 6th at 2:00 pm., Central United Church, 160 Spring St. @ Albert St. All are welcome to join women from all over the world, as we celebrate the region known as The Bahamas. Reception to follow service in Edwards Hall.

Knights of Columbus 11608

Pasta & Meatball Supper: 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 **Tuesday, March 3** at the **Grand Gardens on Dennis Street** from **5pm -7pm. Adults \$9.99/Children \$5.99.**





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First Week of Lent

On the **First Sunday of Lent**, 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 - led to the desert by the Spirit.

After last week's first four days, the next three weeks of Lent represent a period of instruction, originally designed for the Catechumens (those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil). We can read these readings as a catechism of renewal for us all.

The first weekday reading for the first full week is the great giving of the Commandments: "Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy." Jesus gives the great parable about the last judgment - separating the charitable from the uncharitable: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Then, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray. He says that it is an evil generation that looks for "signs." He is the sign - a call to repentance. On Thursday, when we hear the desperate but faith-filled prayer of Esther, Jesus tells us to pray confidently. And he sums up the whole law and the prophets for us: "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you." Jesus says our holiness has to go beyond the letter-of-the-law holiness; it must touch our anger, our judgments of others, and be reconciled with those we've wronged. The holiness Jesus proposes for us calls us to love our enemies, even to pray for those who persecute us. We are called to love the way God does.

For the **Second Sunday of Lent** we read of how God tested Abraham's faith. In the gospel we witness how Jesus showed his disciples his glory, to prepare them for what is to come. A voice from a cloud said, "This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him." All we need to do for the journey ahead is to listen to him.

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