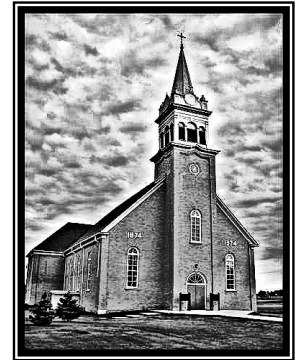


Blessed Sacrament Church

Our Parish Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent February 22nd, 2015



St. Eustache Church

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Infant Baptism /Baptism Preparation – Please call the Parish rectory office.
Sacrament of Reconciliation – Before or after weekday Masses; half an hour before Sunday Masses or call when in need.
For the Sacrament of Marriage – Six months notice is required; Marriage Preparation Course is very necessary. Couples may be asked to go where the program is offered.
Sacrament of the Sick / Needing to talk to someone – Please call the Parish rectory office.
Bulletin Announcements: Contact Len Desilets – phone: (204) 353-2116 email: lenmona@shaw.ca
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This Week’s Mass Schedule

Sunday, February 22 - 11:00 a.m. – St. Eustache– Special mass intention requested by the Ducharme family
Tuesday, February 24 - 5:00 p.m. – St. Eustache Church
Wednesday, February 25 - 5:00 p.m. – Blessed Sacrament Church
Thursday, February 26 - 9:30 a.m. – St. Eustache Manoir
Friday, February 27 - 3:00 p.m. – Blessed Sacrament Church – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:30 p.m. – Celebration of the Holy Eucharist – Mass intention for +Maria Paul requested by the Lavallee family
7:00 p.m. – St. Eustache Church – *The Way of the Cross* (led by Marie Anne Fitzgerald)
Saturday, February 28 - 9:30 a.m. – St. Eustache Church – Votive Mass to Our Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday, March 1 - 11:00 a.m. – Elie– Mass intention for Aimé Bernardin and family requested by Carole & Larry Morissette
7:00 p.m. – Blessed Sacrament Church – *Evening Prayer and Examination of Conscience*

Church Cleaners: Elie (Feb 15 – Feb 28) Bernie & Bonnie Chabot
St. Eustache (Feb 22 – Mar 7) Yvonne Fleury and André Allard family

Please pray for those who are sick, awaiting tests or receiving medical treatment, especially: Baby Paisley Amyotte (cancer), Vera Jenkins, Fr. Marlon Lumanas.

We encourage everyone in our parishes to pray for those who are sick. If you know of others who may be sick and in need of prayer, please let us know so we can include the names in our Sunday bulletin.

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**From the Archdiocese - Evening Prayer and Examination of Conscience:** As part of our celebrations for the Centennial Year, all parishioners are invited to attend Evening Prayer and Examination of Conscience on **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** As a sign of unity, all parishes throughout the Archdiocese will be gathering at the same time for this service. The purpose of this gathering of the Faithful of the Archdiocese will be to acknowledge our sins of the past as a Church with the resolve to better “proclaim Christ Always”. Our parish celebration will take place at **Blessed Sacrament Church in Elie.**

## SOME NOTES REGARDING CURRENT LEGISLATION ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

1. Abstinence means avoiding the consumption of meat, but eggs, milk products and condiments made of animal fat may be eaten. Chicken meat is covered by the prohibition on eating meat on days of abstinence. Many commentators hold the opinion that the current law forbids only the meat of warm-blooded animals. Thus, the meat of cold-blooded animals like frogs and turtles may be eaten on days of abstinence. [Hallelujah to lovers of exotic food!]
2. Abstinence from meat is required on all Fridays of the year (not just on Fridays of Lent), unless a solemnity falls on a Friday. (It is also required on Ash Wednesday.) The obligation of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year and older. The completion of the 14th year occurs at midnight at the end of one's 14th birthday.
3. Fasting means eating only one full meal per day with two other lighter meals. The quantity of the "lighter meals" is to be measured according to local custom. In the Philippines, one prevalent standard holds that the two lighter meals should, when combined, not equal a full meal. This area leaves much room for individual estimation.
4. Fasting is obligatory only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The obligation to fast binds one beginning at midnight at the end of one's 18th birthday up to midnight at the end of one's 59th birthday. Note that the law on abstinence specifies the completion of the 14th year, while the law on fasting mentions the attainment of the age of majority until the beginning of the 60th year. [Praise God for the precision of canonical time!] No snacks are allowed in between meals on days of fasting.
5. Universal law provides that the conference of bishops can determine more particular ways in which fasting and abstinence are to be observed. The conference can substitute in place of abstinence and fasting other forms or penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety (cf. can. 1253).
6. An important presumption must be cited: the laws on fasting and abstinence bind only those who are healthy enough to observe them.

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The Way of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent. Please check the weekday Mass schedule for time and location. We encourage everyone to make a special Lenten effort to attend.

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**Parish email address:** Please note that the parish office has a new email address: [blesst@shaw.ca](mailto:blesst@shaw.ca).

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Tax receipts: Personal tax receipts are available at the church entrance. Receipts not picked up will be mailed out on the February 25th.

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**First Communion:** There will be a short meeting for the children and parents wanting the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist following today's Mass, in St. Eustache. Books will be distributed and more information discussed. If you cannot attend, please call Jocy Gillis at 204-353-2178.

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### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fry

Friday, March 20

5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Elie Veterans' Hall

Adults \$12 Children \$6

Come and enjoy a great meal!

Proceeds to the Blessed Sacrament parish

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