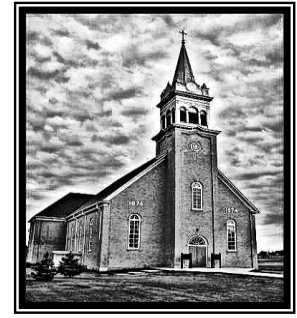


Blessed Sacrament Church

Our Parish Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8th, 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.

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This Week's Mass Schedule

- Sunday, March 8 -** 11:00 a.m. – St. Eustache – Mass intention for deceased family members requested by Jocyn Gillis
- Tuesday, March 10 -** NO MASS
- Wednesday, March 11 -** 5:00 p.m. – Blessed Sacrament Church
- Thursday, March 12 -** 9:30 a.m. – St. Eustache Manoir
- Friday, March 13 -** 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
7:00 p.m. – St. Eustache Church – The Way of the Cross
- Saturday, March 14 -** 9:30 a.m. – St. Eustache Church – Votive Mass to Our Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, March 15 -** 11:00 a.m. – Elie – Mass intention for Marcel Bernardin requested by the Bernardin family.

Church Cleaners: Elie – (Mar 1 – Mar 14): Daryl & Pat Beaudry
St. Eustache – (Mar 8 – Mar 21): Yvonne Fleury and Andre Allard families

- **Knights meeting:** March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Francois Xavier.

- **Fish Fry Dinner:** Come out and join us for our annual fish fry dinner. The dinner will take place at Elie Veterans Hall on Friday, March 20th between 5-7 PM. All are welcome... hope to see you there!

- **First Communion Celebrants:** We are pleased to have Ryland Dufresne, Elizabeth Bowland, Taylor Mckenzie, Carson Legault and Malayna Deczycal preparing for Reconciliation and 1st Communion. Let's keep them in our prayers and wish them and their families well.

**Sharing God's Gifts
February 2015**

Blessed Sacrament Parish Goal	\$ 9,220.00
Monthly Goal	\$ 768.00
Contributions for February	\$ 1,480.65
# Of Households - 9	
To Date	\$ 1,702.30
St. Eustache Parish Goal	\$ 5,690.00
Monthly Goal	\$ 474.00
Contributions for February	\$ 190.25
# Of Households - 8	
To Date	\$ 440.15

Make cheques payable to "Sharing God's Gifts"
*Please use the designated envelopes with your **name written** on it.*
You should be receiving your tax receipts soon. Thank you.
If you have any questions, please call Jeanine (204) 353-2360

Weekly Humour

Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The flight to Egypt," said Kyle.

"I see ... And that must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus," Ms. Terri said.

"But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh, that's Pontius -- the Pilot!"

A young boy was talking to God and asked God the question, "What is a million years like?".

God answers back and tells the boy, "A million years is like a second."

The boy then asks God, "What is a million dollars like?".

God replies, "A million dollars is like a penny".

So the little boy asks God, "Can I have one of your pennies?", to which God replies, "Just a second".

Homily for Evening Prayer and Examination of Conscience March 1st, 2015

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Holy Season of Lent is above all a time of renewal for the whole Church, for every Christian community and for each individual believer. It is a time for making people new –a time of Grace, a time for new life, that is, a time for God’s life to grow within us.

It is very fitting therefore, that our Scripture Reading this evening be about what constitutes true worship of God and what indeed, is God’s House.

The Gospel story of the cleansing of the temple brings to mind both of these thoughts. We can see by the zealous way in which Jesus cleared the temple from the money changers that he was very much concerned about authentic prayer and worship. Jesus teaches us that true worship of God means that only God alone is to be worshiped and every idol is to be cast aside. This is as true today as it was during the time of Jesus. Today, the worship of money, pleasure, power and our own unrivaled autonomy have become idols in every sense of the word. The real battle that each of us faces is centered on this question throughout our lives, namely: Who or what do we really worship? This is such an essential question that it takes the first place among all the Commandments given to Moses: “*I am the Lord your God, you shall not have strange gods before me*”. Jesus would frame this teaching in these words: “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.*”

And as for God’s House, when Jesus was asked for a sign to prove his authority for cleansing the temple, he stated: “*Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.*” Jesus was really speaking of his own body as a temple not made by human hands. This was in stark contrast to the thinking of the religious leaders who looked upon the temple in Jerusalem as the most important temple and they took great pride in its architecture and physical significance. Jesus teaches, rather, that his own body is where the Father dwells and by extension each of the Baptized is a temple of the Holy Spirit within that Body. Pope Francis, in his Lenten message for this year, reminds us that: “*The Church is the communion sanctorum not only because of her saints, but also because she is a communion in holy things: the love of God revealed to us in Christ and all of his gifts.*”

As we gather this evening for this Lenten Examination of Conscience, we do so as one Local Church, as one Body of Christ. We gather as a community of Faith, seeking Lenten Renewal during our Centennial Year. We are called to reflect on each of the individual meditations that are read this evening and recall that as the Body of Christ over the past 100 years, many times our brothers and sisters in the Church have failed to give God true and undivided worship and have sadly been indifferent and even hurtful towards others. In this way we have not honored the gift of the Holy Spirit we have received as members of Christ’s very Body.

Pope Francis has based his Lenten message for this year on the question of the indifference that tempts the heart of Christians, an indifference to the suffering of others which has become a sort of globalized indifference throughout the world. He suggests three remedies for this sin of indifference which weakens the human heart:

1. We must seek opportunities to pray for others, not only privately, but in communion with one another, so that the power of prayer will overcome barriers to peace and justice, hatreds and violence.
2. We must commend ourselves to acts of charity, reaching out to those both near and far, through small individual actions as well as through the Church’s organized charities.
3. Our hearts must become sensitive to the suffering of others so that we will remember that we too are vulnerable and our lives filled with uncertainties. This is an antidote to the culture of self-sufficiency and autonomy that we live in today. We must come to realize that we are not independent from God, that we were created by him and that we belong to him –we are not gods who own ourselves.

Instead, Brothers and Sisters, let us humbly ask the Lord to reveal his heart to us so that we can receive a heart which is firm, merciful, attentive, generous, a “*heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to indifference.*”

May God be with you,
- Richard Gagnon