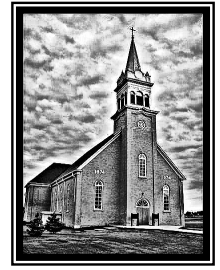


Blessed Sacrament Church

Our Parish Bulletin

Easter Vigil, March 31st, 2018
Easter Sunday, April 1st, 2018



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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Mass Schedule March 31st – April 15th

Holy Saturday, Mar. 31st - 9:30 a.m. – St. Eustache – Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m. – Elie – **Easter Vigil on the Resurrection of the Lord**

Easter Sunday, Apr. 1st - 9:00 a.m. – St. François Xavier
11:00 a.m. – St. Eustache
** Father Michel is on holiday from April 2nd – April 9th*

Sunday, Apr. 8th - 9:00 a.m. – St. François Xavier – **Communion Service**
11:00 a.m. – Elie – **Communion Service**

Tuesday, Apr. 10th - No mass today

Wednesday, Apr. 11th - 5:00 p.m. – Elie

Thursday, Apr. 12th - 9:30 a.m. – Elie Manor

Friday, Apr. 13th - 2:30 p.m. – St. Eustache – Adoration
3:30 p.m. – Mass

Saturday, Apr. 14th - 9:30 a.m. – Elie

Sunday, Apr. 15th - 9:00 a.m. – St. François Xavier
11:00 a.m. – St. Eustache – **Mass intention in Thanksgiving to St. Joseph requested by anonymous**

Ministry Schedule

April 8th, 2018

Readers: First: Matthew Lachance **Second:** Sylvia Allard **Intercessions:** Lorraine Bernardin
Welcoming ministers/Collection ushers: Vince & Nicole Gillis
Presentation of gifts: Len & Mona Desilets
Communion ministers: Vince Gillis, André Allard, Lucille Beaudin
Collection counters: Vic & Louise
Church cleaners: **Elie:** (Apr 2- Apr 7) – Richard & Brigitte Beaudry
Elie: (Apr 9 – Apr 21) – Vince & Nicole Gillis
St. Eustache: (Apr 2 – Apr 14) – Rick Senecal and André Laramée families

Please pray for those who are sick, awaiting tests or receiving medical treatment. Paisley Amyotte, Roger Menard, Linda Stewart, Robert Boudreau, Louise McKay, Fernand Menard, Joan Regnier, Jackie Harapiak, Ray Snow, William McKay, Linda Ross

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 their names in our Sunday bulletin.

Catechism Program: We are preparing our Catechism classes for the Fall 2018. If you have a child going into grades 1-5 (ages 6-10) please contact us to register them right away. The sooner we know our numbers, the sooner we know how many teachers are needed, so please register ASAP! This includes First Communion and Confirmation prep. Contact Nickole Bernardin at nickole@shaw.ca or 204-353-2851.

Pastor's Easter Message 2018

Dear Parishioners,

With great joy in my heart I announce to you: "Christ is risen. This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118). This then is the Joyful Good News: Christ by his death and resurrection has conquered sin so we may live. The Resurrection is the foundation and cornerstone of our faith. As St. Paul says if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and our faith too is in vain (Cf. 1 Cor 15:14).

On Easter Vigil we recall God's story – in our story of salvation. The liturgy of the Word re-enacts that story and we joyfully celebrate the risen Lord in our midst as He offers Himself anew in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We do this in a spirit of thanksgiving to God who gives His own Son to die in order to rescue us from the slavery of sin. May we live as people deeply touched by the resurrection and proclaim: Christ is risen, Alleluia!

May our encounter with the risen Lord on our journey of faith touch us deeply and transform us as He did for His Disciples. May the resurrection lead us to be the **best version of ourselves**; committed to live out our Baptismal covenant. When we live the new life of the resurrection we become the best version of ourselves. We become what St. Augustine referred to as an "**Easter People**", a people transformed into disciples and stewards who commit to give their time, talent and treasure in witness. My prayer for you this Easter is that you live as people deeply touched by the resurrection and proclaim: "**Christ is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! He is risen indeed!**". This ancient greeting sums up what we celebrate this Easter Sunday, the joy of Christ risen and alive in our midst.

Love and Blessings this Easter!

Fr Michel Nault ☺



The Easter bookmark has a fish with Greek letters: the meaning is as follows....

ΙΧΘΥΣ (Ichthus) is an acronym/acrostic for "Ιησοῦς Χριστός, Θεοῦ Υἱός, Σωτήρ", (Iēsous **Ch**ristos, **Theo**u **Y**ios, **Sōtēr**), which translates into English as "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour".

- Iota (i) is the first letter of *Iēsous* (Ιησοῦς), Greek for "Jesus".
- Chi (ch) is the first letter of *Christos* (Χριστός), Greek for "anointed".
- Theta (th) is the first letter of *Theou* (Θεου), Greek for "God's", the genitive case of Θεός, *Theos*, Greek for "God".
- Upsilon (y) is the first letter of *(h)uios*^[5] (Υἱός), Greek for "Son".
- Sigma (s) is the first letter of *sōtēr* (Σωτήρ), Greek for "Savior".