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† Mass Times & Schedule †

Monday ~ No Mass

Tuesday ~ 8 am (St. Gregory site)

Wednesday ~ 9:15 am (St. William Site)

Thursday ~ 7 pm (St. Gregory Site)

Friday ~ 8 am * (St. Gregory Site)

* or 9:30 am if there is a school mass

& 10 am (La Chaumière Retirement Home),
1023 County Rd. 22, Puce

Saturday ~ 5 pm (St. Gregory Site)

Sunday

8 am; 10 am; 12 noon (St. Gregory Site)

9 am; 11 am (St. William Site)

Baptisms

Please contact Sue Bitacola (St. Gregory Site)

Reconciliation

Sat. 9 - 10 am (St. Gregory Site)

Sun. between the 9 & 11 am masses (St. William Site)

Parish Office Hours ~ Monday - Friday

9 am - 12:00 noon (St. William Site)

9 am - 4:00 pm* (St. Gregory Site)

(*Closed 12 noon - 1:00 pm for lunch)

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

March 6, 2011

Dear Friends:



It is hard to believe that Lent begins this Wednesday. I ask you to please check the bulletin for Ash Wednesday Mass times and which site they will be celebrated. Please note that Ashes will be distributed at all celebrations. Also please note that during the Season of Lent we will have soup at stations each Tuesday (St. William Site) and Thursday (St. Gregory Site) the bulletin has more information about this wonderful form of prayer during the season of Lent. As you know our **Lenten Series begins Wednesday March 16th (at St. Gregory Site)**. Each evening, offers a wonderful speaker and an opportunity for you to be renewed spiritually. Hope you will join us & bring a family member or a friend along with you. (see more in our bulletin and the posters at the back of the Church). Finally, I thought it would be helpful to share some of our Church's teaching on Ash Wednesday, and the Season of Lent. **Fr. Gary**

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It is a day of repentance and self-examination. It reaches its peak in Holy Week, the commemoration of our Lord's passion and death. "In the Roman Rite, the beginning of the forty days of penance is marked with the austere symbol of ashes which are used in the Liturgy of Ash Wednesday. The use of ashes is a survival from an ancient rite according to which converted sinners submitted themselves to canonical penance. The act of putting on ashes symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ashes to symbolize that attitude of internal penance to which all the baptized are called during Lent. The faithful who come to receive ashes should be assisted in perceiving the implicit internal significance of this act, which disposes them towards conversion and renewed Easter commitment. The sacramental ashes are made from burned palms that were distributed during the previous year on Palm Sunday. The sacramental ashes remind us that we are dust and unto dust we shall return. A symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, the ashes help us to develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

Those who are physically healthy, they are called to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and if possible on all the Fridays during Lent. Fasting consists of one full meatless meal and other limited meatless meals as required to maintain strength. The sick, the young, the elderly are not required to fast. This sacrificial fasting and abstinence should be done with the goal of spiritual development and conversion. "Lent precedes and prepares for Easter. It is a time to hear the Word of God, to convert, to prepare for and remember Baptism, to be reconciled with God and one's neighbour, and of more frequent recourse to the "arms of Christian penance": prayer, fasting and good works." Through several stages of Christian initiation, the Lenten liturgy prepares the catechumens for the paschal mystery. The faithful are reminded of their own baptism and prepared through the penitential practices. Lent is a 40 day Liturgical Season that initiates the most sacred part of the Christian year. It begins on Ash Wednesday, covers 6 Sundays and ends at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday. During Lent, Catholics are called to meditate with awe and thanksgiving on the great Paschal mystery, the salvation God offers to us sinners through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The season of Lent is a highlight in the Catholic calendar.

Because the Season of Lent is a time of penitence, reflection and prayer that is solemn and restrained, flowers are generally removed from the sanctuary. Songs of praise such as the "Gloria in Excelsis" and the "Alleluias" are removed from the Liturgical Calendar.



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
March 8 2011 - March 13, 2011**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2011- St. Gregory Site
MASS ~ 8:00 am**

Ed Lefebvre (1st A)..... The Lefebvre Family
In Thanksgiving for Gord & Mary Ann Johnston
..... Sue & Jeff Cada
Souls in Purgatory..... Sue & Jeff Cada

**Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011 ~ St. Gregory Site
Mass ~ 8:00 a.m.**

Andy Rychel (2nd A) The Family
Harry Fraser The Closs Family
Michael Rochford (16thA) Wife, Rose & Family
St. Gregory School Mass ~ 9:30 a.m.

Don Grant A Parishioner
Helen Greff Arlene Irweis
Donald Rumble Yolanda Battagello

**Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word
at St. William School Gym ~ 9:30 am &
St. William Site Mass ~ 7:00 p.m.**

*Deceased Members of the KC Council 2775
In Thanksgiving for all Blessings ...* Dr. Thomas & Julie Poisson
Charlie Trepanier Merine & Ed Renaud

Thursday, March 10, 2011

St. Anne's High School ~ 8:20 a.m. Mass

Patricia Masse Shirley & Dude Raymond

5:30 -6:30 P.M.—SOUP & STATIONS (ST. GREGORY SITE)

St. Gregory Site ~ Mass 7:00 p.m.

Todd Janik..... Fred & Donna Hayes
John Kuzniak Jillian, Karl & Family
Giuseppe DiBacco..... Daughter, Tina DiBacco

**Friday, March 11, 2011 ~ St. Gregory Site
MASS ~ 8:00 a.m.**

Ivan & Mildred Raymond Diana, Anita & Family
Sp. Int of Dale & Kim Armstrong... The Retrouvaille Community
Sp. Int. of Malcolm & Lyn Hopkins The Retrouvaille Community

La Chaumière Retirement Home ~ 10:00 am Mass
Margaret Armaly Antonietta Cappucci
Int. for Residents of La Chaumière Retirement Home

**Saturday, March 12, 2011 ~ St. Gregory Site
MASS ~ 5: 00 p.m.**

*Special Intentions of All Parishioners
Confessions (Saturday) 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
(St. Gregory Site)*

Sunday, March 13, 2011—First Sunday of Lent
Sp. Intentions of All Parishioners (Regular Mass Schedule)
8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12:00 noon (St. Gregory Site)
9:00 am & 11:00 am (St. William Site)
*Confessions (Sunday) between 9 & 11 a.m. masses
(St. William Site)*



~ Readings for March 13, 2011 ~

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25; 1-7++
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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Prayers for vocations...

March 7 ~ Rev. Christopher Gillespie
March 8 ~ Rev. Fred Howard-Smith
March 9 ~ **Ash Wednesday**
March 10 ~ Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.
March 11 ~ Rev. Matthias Wronski
March 12 ~ Rev. Gerard Bedard
March 13 ~ **First Sunday of Lent**
Rev. Peter Sanczenko



In Memoriam

We pray for the repose of the soul of
Raymond Berger

May he rest in God's love and peace.

**WANTED—GOOD SHEPHERD
SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS**



We are looking for leaders over the age of 18 to run the Sunday School program at our **10 a.m. mass at the St. Gregory Site** on a rotating basis. The lessons are already planned & youth leaders will assist you. If you are interested in helping the young "Good Shepherds" of our parish, please contact the Parish Office at #(519) 735-9517.



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40 DAYS FOR LIFE




Christians throughout Windsor Essex are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from Mar. 9 through Apr. 17. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer & fasting for an end to abortion, volunteers may pray outside of the local abortion facility located at Met Hospital. For more info. call #519-967-8807 or visit 40daysforlife.com/windsorsex.


MEETINGS for the Good Shepherd Parish		
DATE	TIME	GROUP & ROOM
Wed. March 9	9:30 a.m.	- Faith Sharing (Marian Rm.)
	7:00 p.m.	- RCIA (Marian Rm.)
	7:00 p.m.	- Bob's Choir
	7:00 p.m.	- St. Vincent de Paul (St. Gregory Rm.) - Adoration (St. V.de P. Rm.) (7 p.m. Wed—7:00 Thurs)
Thurs. March 10	5:30 p.m.	- Soup (St. Gregory Site)
	6:30 p.m.	- Stations (St. Gregory Site)
	7:30 p.m.	- Knights of Columbus (St. Gregory Rm.)
Fri. March 11	8:30 a.m.	- St. Vincent de Paul Society (Meeting Rm.)

****Please note: Above meetings are held at the St. Gregory Site unless otherwise specified.**


 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** begins Sunday, March 13th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.


 **SOUP & STATIONS**
Are you looking for an opportunity to truly participate in the spirit of Lent by giving to those less fortunate, disciplining yourself to eat a modest meal & spending some time in prayer & reflection? Then please plan to join fellow parishioners on **Tuesday evenings (St. William Site) & Thursday evenings (St. Gregory Site) March 10 through April 14**, when different groups will host a meal of soup, bread, coffee & tea at 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the church will follow at 6:30 p.m. In return, you'll have an opportunity to help others by making a free will monetary donation to support the Downtown Mission, Essex Food Bank and St. Vincent de Paul.

PLEASE NOTE
The Diocese of London has established a new policy regarding the Offerings to be made on the Celebration of the Sacraments, Weddings, Funerals or the Imparting of Blessings **effective May 1, 2011**. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for the guidelines & details.


 **GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH LENTEN SERIES—2011**
"RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME" - PSALM 51:11
Mar. 16, Mar. 23, Mar. 30 & Apr. 13 St. Gregory Site
Please see the insert in today's bulletin for details.

ATTENTION: Senior Youth from Grade 11 – UP! NORTSHORE COR IS COMING TO A PLACE NEAR YOU! Connecting Through COR – Fri, March 25th-Sun., March 27th at St. Joseph High School. It's more than a fun youth ministry event. It's a way that brings YOU closer to friends, family and God. COR, or Christ and Other's Retreat, will ignite YOUR passion for God. YOU will have a straight up encounter with Jesus. The weekend provides a warm, caring and relaxing environment in which YOU are empowered to explore and experience your faith. It's a life changing experience! Be there—YOU'LL be glad you are! **IT IS FUN, EXCITING AND TOTALLY COOL!!** For more info. contact: Fr. David Butler.




 **Be a "Shining Star" for God**
In our Good Friday Teen Living Stations !
~ NO acting experience necessary
NO lines to memorize ~
Who?: Inviting all Grade 8, High School and Young Adults as actors, actresses, narrators, lighting, props, sound or technical assistants & costumes or makeup assistants.
What?: Good Shepherd Parish's presentation of the powerful Living Stations of the Cross - the Passion story of our Lord, Jesus on Good Friday.
Where?: Good Shepherd Parish – Both Sites
Why?: Teens from past experiences give their 12 top reasons for being involved – see the posting in the church foyer
For more info. contact Mrs. Hewer in our Parish Youth office. #735-9517, ext. 22

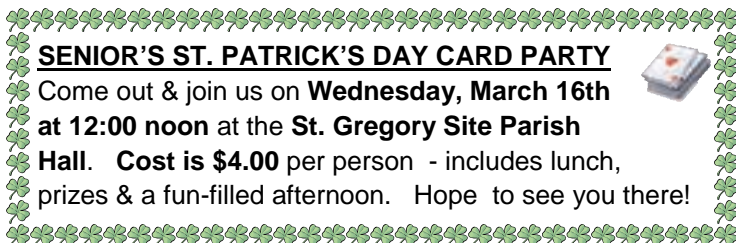
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue during Lent. If there is a large group of people who wish to partake in this devotion, we would consider having adoration in the church to avoid overcrowding. Please contact Jeff Cada at #979-9310 or Deacon Roy Brothers at #735-4836 to book your time slot.




Attention Families St. Anne Parish & Youth ministers from Our Lady of Atonement & Good Shepherd parishes invite families to a free Ice Skate & Drink event at Tecumseh Arena, Rink A on **Tues., March 15th from 7:30 –8:30p.m.**

Outreach for Justice
This year's Development and Peace, Share Lent campaign is working towards:
Building a World of Justice.
You are asked to:
~ Plan for your Lenten Offerings
~ Look for & read the bulletin inserts each Sunday of Lent
~ Pray for compassion & solidarity
~ Return your Development and Peace donation envelope on Solidarity Sunday, April 9, 2011. **Thank you.**



 **SENIOR'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY**
Come out & join us on **Wednesday, March 16th at 12:00 noon** at the **St. Gregory Site Parish Hall**. **Cost is \$4.00** per person - includes lunch, prizes & a fun-filled afternoon. Hope to see you there!





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