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WEEKEND MASSES MCEWAN CAMPUS

Saturday Vigil - 5 pm
Sunday - 9 am, 11 am, 7:30 pm

CONFESSIONS - MCEWAN CAMPUS

Saturdays - 3:45pm to 4:45pm

DAILY MASSES - ROSARY CHAPEL

Monday – 8:00am
Tuesday – 8:00am & 12:10pm
Wednesday – 8:00am & 5:00pm
Thursday – 8:00am & 12:10pm
Friday – 8:00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - ROSARY CHAPEL

Monday to Friday - 8:30am to 8pm

BAPTISMS

Baptisms for children of parishioners are celebrated monthly. Contact Dcn. Paul Bezaire for details of the program.

MARRIAGES

Couples must arrange one year in advance and be active in the parish. Contact the Parish Office.

RCIA

Program for those interested in the Catholic Faith. Contact the parish office.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMING

For children preparing for First Confession, Communion, Confirmation and for all other grades at well. Registration is required in September.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Contact Dcn. Paul Bezaire to make arrangements.

FUNERALS

Please have the Funeral Director contact the office for arrangements.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

(519-973-7033)
Fr. Paul McGill, C.S.B. - *Chaplain*
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- *Campus Minister*

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Assumption Parish Community Association
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ASSUMPTION PARISH WELCOMES ALL VISITORS AND WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU WITH US.
NEW PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO INTRODUCE YOURSELVES TO A MEMBER OF OUR
PASTORAL TEAM AND TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH.

Third Sunday of Lent—February 28, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



When I first joined the Basilians I was sent to Rochester, New York, once, just before leaving for my holidays with family in Texas, I mentioned that I was going to the Holy Land. "You're going to Israel, where Jesus was born?" somebody asked, and I responded that I was going to the *real* Holy Land: to Texas. And, even though I said it as a joke, there was some truth in what I said. For me, the land where I was born and raised, and where my family lived, was indeed sacred. Here in Windsor, I've been so moved by how many of you come from families that have been here for generations. I know that for you, *this* is the Holy Land. It is sacred. There are memories here; there is history.

Part of the reality, though, is that it's not just "the" Holy Land; instead, we are on Holy Land, or more precisely, holy *ground*. The earth itself—all of it—is holy, as Pope Francis reminds us in his encyclical *Laudato Si*. Even so, we consider some places holier than others. In this weekend's first reading (except at the 11:00 Mass), God speaks to Moses out of the burning bush and says, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." When I was on a pilgrimage at the places of the Central American martyrs (like Archbishop Romero), at every site we visited where someone in ministry had been killed, we sang a little song: "We're on holy ground. We're standing on holy ground. For the Lord is holy; and where God is, is holy." From my earliest childhood, my parents taught me that I was to behave differently in church because God is present in a special way, and God deserves my attention and reverence.

I think that is why our church buildings are so sacred to us. The buildings themselves are consecrated. The altar is dedicated and anointed. The tabernacle contains the sacramental presence of God. The building provides shelter for the church community that gathers for the liturgy, when we listen to God's word proclaimed and receive Christ into our very bodies. There is sacred art that lifts our minds to the reality that there is something more than just this life on earth. And in addition to all that, the place is a repository for our memories: "This is where our daughter was baptised." "We buried grandpa from here." "This is where I was confirmed." It is no wonder, then, that it is hard to let go of a building. Unless you are newly arrived at

Assumption Parish, established at Holy Name of Mary Church, you have experienced loss. St. Patrick's was closed. Blessed Sacrament was closed. Holy Name was closed. Assumption was closed—and now we are here at Holy Name, which is "back home" for some of you, and new ground for others.

Lent is about death and resurrection. We focus on Jesus' death, in order to truly celebrate his rising to new life. It is my sincere prayer that the deaths we have each experienced may lead to new life in our hearts and in our community. Wherever we may be, now or in the future, God is with us and *we are standing on holy ground.*

J. Maurice

"Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!" (Pope Francis)

Liturgy Corner



Lent at Assumption: our focus and the meaning of the logo

Part 3 of 3

Our parish's focus for Lent *Be the Face of the Father's Mercy* invites us to reflect on and demonstrate to others what the Father's mercy looks like in daily life. How does one encounter God's mercy when encountering us?

One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

—Kevin Mannara C.S.B.



Holy Heroes Lenten Adventure

Each Sunday during Lent there will be a special program during the 11am Mass for children ages 3 to 7.

Holy Heroes Lenten Adventure will have fun activities appropriate for that age level to help them develop in faith. The children will be dismissed during the Opening Rite and return before the Lord's Prayer.

Your family is invited to participate!

YEAR of MERCY

Pope Francis has said: "Do not be afraid to ask God's forgiveness! He never tires of forgiving us, like a father who loves us." This year, once again, we will provide the opportunity for all Catholics to ask for God's forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation.

On **Wednesday, March 9** the sacrament of penance (confession) will be celebrated throughout the entire day by every priest in every parish in the diocese.

**Our Day of Confessions will be held in
Rosary Chapel--University Avenue & Huron Church Road**

9:00am to 11:30am

1:00pm to 5:00pm

6:00pm to 8:00pm



Bereavement Support Group

Our next support group will be on
Tuesday March 1st, 2016
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in Rosary Hall.

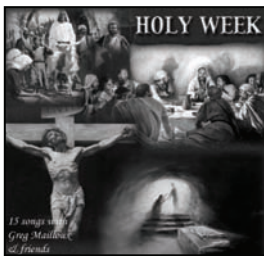
Facilitator: Marilyn Morrison, Bereavement Ministry
If you have any questions or require further
information, please contact Marilyn at 519-253-2761



The Assumption Parish Mission Club

We would like to thank everyone who so generously supported our Valentine's bake sale. We are very grateful to those who contributed baked goods as well as all those who purchased them. Because of your generosity, we raised \$1,100, half of which went to Catholic Missions in Canada, the remainder to Development and Peace, the Downtown Mission and Pure Witness Ministry to help build houses in Mexico.

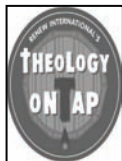
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Join Greg Mailloux and the Sunday evening choir in preparing for Holy Week. This CD contains 15 songs that reflect on the final days in the life of Jesus. Professionally recorded and now available for a FREE download at mailloux.yolasite.com/holy-week-cd.php.

If you have no internet access or savvy, a real CD is available for \$15 after the 7:30 pm Mass.



All young adults from Windsor and Essex County are invited to Theology on Tap. Theology on Tap is an opportunity for young adults to hang out, have a drink, and grow in their faith. It takes place at 7:00 pm on the 3rd of each month at Applebee's on Huron Church Road.

The next meeting is March 3rd and Fr Chris Pietraszko will be speaking about Mercy. There will be free appetizers and many new faces.

Contact harrington_conni@hotmail.com or kmannaracs@gmail.com for more information.

HEALING MASS at Immaculate Heart Parish 2153 Parkwood Ave at Tecumseh Rd E
Friday March 4, 2016 at 7 pm
Teams are available to pray with you after Mass. Elevator accessible.

Sunday Collection

February 14, 2016

Regular	\$5,508.90
Miscellaneous	\$ 770.05
Total	\$6,278.95

February 21, 2016

Regular	\$4,947.75
Miscellaneous	\$2,432.74
Total	\$7,380.49



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 29th

8:00am †Doug White by his wife Marguerite
†Tony Lopes by Ling Sum & Betty Toy

12:00pm †Arnaldo Cervi by his wife Anna & Family
†For All Souls in Purgatory by Chris & Pat Gillen
Intentions of Christopher & Sarah by Chris & Pat Gillen

Tuesday, March 1st

8:00am †Maria DeRubeis by Mr. & Mrs. Attilio Mollicone
†Gaetano Soave by Anna Di Ponio

12:10pm †Dan Barron by his wife Dorene
†Jim Vervynck by Jacques & Celina Hogue
†Alessandra Macri by Michele & Palma Lepera

Wednesday, March 2nd

8:00am †Juliette Tousignant by the Handsor & Tousignant Families
†Maria & Antonio Perrotta by the Family

12:10pm †Mickey Firman by Glyn & Nancy Conn

5:00pm †Giovanni Greco by Tony & Bridget Russo

Thursday, March 3rd

8:00am †Emeterio & Patrocenia Leonida by Cecile Leonida

12:10pm †Fr. George Beaune by Marija Prepolee
†Tony Lopes by Ed & Gloria Duda & Family

Friday, March 4th

8:00am †Joe Slongo by his Wife & Family
†teodorico Mahinay by Cecile Leonida
†Brian Natalie by Marilyn Morrison

12:10pm †Cliff Treleaven by Pat Treleaven

Saturday, March 5th-McEwan Campus

5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

Sunday, March 6th-McEwan Campus

9:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

11:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

7:30pm For the intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

Week at a Glance

Monday, February 29th

6:00pm Catechism Class (McEwan Campus-Hall)

Tuesday, March 1st

10:00am Mom's & Tots (McEwan Campus-Hall)

6:30pm Choir Practice (McEwan Campus-Hall)

7:00pm Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

7:00pm Bereavement Group (Rosary Hall)

7:00pm Seven Sorrows (Rosary Chapel)

Wednesday, March 2nd

1:00pm Scripture Sharing (Rosary Hall)

7:00pm Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide Program (Rosary Hall)

Thursday, March 3rd

10:00am Card Games (McEwan Campus-Hall)

7:30pm Nar Anon (Rosary Hall)

7:30pm Hour of Power (Rosary Hall)

Friday, March 4th

9:00am SVDP Forgotten Harvest Produce (McEwan Campus)

3:00pm Divine Mercy Hour (Rosary Chapel)

6:00pm Soup Supper (Rosary Hall)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Rosary Chapel)

8:00pm Alliance of the Two Hearts Vigil (Rosary Chapel)

Saturday, March 5th

8:30am SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Hall)

3:45pm Confessions (McEwan Campus-Church)

5:00pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

Sunday, March 6th

9:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

11:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

11:00am Holy Heroes Lenten Adventure (McEwan Campus-Hall)

7:30pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

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