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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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Assumption Parish Community Association

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Knights of Columbus

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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.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 17, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In our family, a wedding is a big deal. My dad's side of the family is Sicilian, and all of them live in Texas. A Sicilian Texas wedding reception has become more Texan than Italian: After the church ceremony, there is a barbecue brisket buffet and kegs of beer, followed by dancing and visiting. Lots of food, LOTS of beer, and then it's time to dance and party. My mom was from Belgium, and I've had the privilege of attending a few family weddings there. They were much more elegant, but the principle was the same: gourmet dinner, fine wines, and then dancing.

When I lived in Colombia as a newly ordained priest, wedding receptions went on from Saturday evening until Sunday evening, usually, unless it was a three-day weekend—then the party went on until sometime Monday. Loud music, dancing, and lots of *aguardiente* were part and parcel of any celebration. The wedding parties we North Americans usually throw are very subdued in comparison.

In Jesus' day, there was no equivalent to the "church wedding." Marriage was in three stages: First, there was the contract between the bride and groom, or their families. (This is the stage at which it seems Joseph and Mary's marriage was at the time of the Annunciation.) Then, sometimes several years later, the marriage is "consummated"; for the first time, the couple have sexual relations. At this point the couple emerges from the bedroom and the feast begins. It would go on for days.

Our gospel passage this weekend occurs at this third stage, during the wedding feast. People have been feasting and rejoicing, because the bride and bridegroom have been united. Lots of wine has been drunk. And then the unthinkable occurs: *They've run out of wine!* This would be a great embarrassment for the groom and his family, who were the hosts of the feast. Jesus, though, at the urging of his mother Mary, remedies that, in a story that we all know and love. It is one of the three "epiphanies," (along with the arrival of the magi and Jesus' baptism) that the Eastern Churches celebrate as one, and we Catholics separate into three special moments when God is made known.

It is really quite radical to think that God is made known in allowing a groom to save face and a party to continue, and a beautiful way to enter into this liturgical season of *Ordinary Time*. God is there in our parties. God is every part of our lives. Elsewhere in the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us that he came in order that we may have life and have it to the full. The 13th century poet Hafez says to stay close to anything that makes you glad you are alive. I think Jesus would agree. I pray that we all may *live* all the days of our lives.

Speaking of life, I imagine you know of Fr. George Beaune's birth into eternal life. Let us rejoice in thanking God for his many years of service to the parish, to the Church, and to all God's people, in so many different ways. I am quite sure that he is now at the great wedding banquet in the Kingdom. St. George, pray for us!

J. Mannara

Liturgy Corner



The new banner in our sanctuary displays one of the oldest Christian symbols. The Alpha (Α) and Omega (Ω) have been found in Christian art dating to the 4th century and have a biblical basis, being found three times in the Book of Revelation.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty." (1:13)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

(21:6)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (22: 13)

Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet (most of the New Testament was written in Greek) and Omega is the last letter. That would be like saying "I am the A and the Z..." in our language. They are used to express God's eternal presence and to affirm Christ's divinity.

The banner is green because green is the liturgical color for Ordinary Time. Green is a sign of life in nature and as such it represents growth, life and hope.

—Kevin Mannara C.S.B.

Quotable Pope Francis



It is most fitting that we invoke the Blessed Virgin Mary above all as **Mother of mercy**... because she bore in her womb the very Face of divine mercy, Jesus. She joins us on our pilgrimage through this life, so that we may never be left alone, especially at times of trouble and uncertainty.

We welcomed into the Church . . .

On Sunday January 10, 2016
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish welcomed
Charlotte Elizabeth Philpott
daughter of *Mark and Diana*



Archbishop Dennis O'Connor Council #14969 Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be having a **Church Recruitment Drive this January 16th & 17th** after all masses. There will be Knights of Columbus members present with sign up applications and available to answer any questions you may have. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical Catholics in union with the Holy See. If you are interested in joining the order to assist the Church and Community please contact me at 519-890-7612, sammysleiman29@gmail.com.

The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide

Divorced? *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* 12-week group begins a new session on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 @ 7 pm in Rosary Hall (basement of Rosary Chapel) at the Huron Church campus of Our Lady of Assumption Church. Cost of registration is \$20 and includes a "Personal Survival Guide".

This Christian program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after divorce (or separation).

To register call Rose Marie Ruston – 519-967-1782 or email: assumption@cogeco.net



Bereavement Support Group

Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed and they shall be comforted. This Christ centered faith sharing bereavement group will meet on a bi-weekly basis.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday evening, January 19, 2016 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in Rosary Hall. In the time we spend together, we will walk with you on your journey, offering support, comfort and sharing in this new chapter of your life.

This is an opportunity to talk about your loss, to express your grief, ask questions, and to walk alongside you through life's most difficult experiences.

Facilitator: Marilyn Morrison, Bereavement Ministry

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Marilyn at 519-253-2761.



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Thursday, January 21, 1 – 4pm
Movie: "Young @ Heart"

This movie is a moving portrayal of various facets of the aging process. Come and enjoy!

Facilitators: Fr. Joe & Sr. Janine

Suggested offering: \$10 includes refreshments

Please pre-register by phone or email.

Sunday Collection

January 10, 2016

Regular	\$4,392.50
Miscellaneous	\$ 485.00
Total	\$4,877.50
Giving Tree & Refugees	\$990.00



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 18th

8:00am †Antonio & Rosalia Quadrini by the Venditti Family
For the Intentions of Antoneta's friends Mother by Antoneta Tunaj

Tuesday, January 19th

8:00am †Domenic Timperio by his Family
†Richard Keeley Jr. by Suzanne Malette

12:10pm †For all Souls in Purgatory by Cecil Collins

Wednesday, January 20th

8:00am †John Guiry by Mr. & Mrs. John Nassr

5:00pm †Margaret Fader 5th Anniversary by husband Gerald & Family
†Sebastian D'Cunha by Bob & Charlotte Carr
For the Intentions of the Gatto Family by Veronica Gatto

Thursday, January 21st

8:00am

12:10pm For the Intentions of Bob & Dina McPhee by Lisa & Michael
†Malcolm Parker by Marion MacLeod

Friday, January 22nd

8:00am †Doda Vulaj by the Family
†Diana Villalta by Dennis Malette

Saturday, January 23rd

5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

Sunday, January 24th

9:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parishioners
11:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

Week at a Glance

Monday, January 18th

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

Tuesday, January 19th

10:00am Mom's & Tots (McEwan Campus-Hall)
7:00pm Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
7:00pm Choir Practice (McEwan Campus-Hall)
7:00pm Cenacle of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rosary Chapel)
7:00pm Bereavement Group (Rosary Hall)

Wednesday, January 20th

Thursday, January 21st

10:00am Card Games (McEwan Campus-Hall)
7:30pm Nar Anon (Rosary Hall)
7:30pm Hour of Power (Rosary Hall)

Friday, January 22nd

9:00am SVDP Forgotten Harvest Produce (McEwan Campus)
3:00pm Divine Mercy Hour (Rosary Chapel)
6:30pm Confessions (Rosary Chapel)
7:00pm Apostolate of Fatima Mass & Rosary (Rosary Chapel)

Saturday, January 23rd

8:30am SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Hall)
3:45pm Confessions (McEwan Campus-Church)
5:00pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

Sunday, January 24th

9:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
11:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
12:00pm Weekend Coffee Social after Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

After explaining the commandment to honor your father and mother, a Sunday School teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters. One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

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