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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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CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS

Assumption Parish Community Association
Chad McPhedran - *Chair*
Knights of Columbus
Sammy Sleiman - *Grand Knight*
St. Vincent de Paul
Ivan Benko - *Chair*

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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 24, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



When I was in Rome on studies, one of my classmates, a Franciscan from Brazil, told me about a survey they had done with children in that country. Brazilian children were asked to name a person for each feeling that they heard. For "happy," the number one answer was "a clown." For "sad," the number one answer was "a priest." What a tragic commentary!

One of the things that has impressed so many people about Pope Francis is his *joy*! He is known for his good-naturedness, his laughing with people, his accessibility, his spontaneity. I think that image is what generates the most criticism and the most praise for him: Either it's scandalous that the pope is acting so informally and is so accessible, being non-judgmental and welcoming, or it's the most amazing, Christ-like pope we've had!

I think this weekend's readings point us in the direction of the latter. They are filled with joy. We leave behind the three "epiphanies" of Jesus, and come to the beginning of Jesus' ministry, as told by Luke. Some people have called this passage Jesus' "mission statement." He quotes from the prophet Isaiah, but leaves out the line of judgment. Instead, this is what he is here to do: He is anointed to bring good news to the poor; he is sent to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. What a mission! These are radical things—and they are causes for celebration.

The same theme is found in our first reading. When Ezra the scribe reads God's law to the people, they become sad and weep. They realize just how far from the ideal they have been living. Yet Ezra's response is surprising. He does not affirm them in their sadness, nor does he chastise them. Instead, he tells them the opposite: "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." In other words, celebrate, and share what you have, because the Lord is full of mercy; God will give you life.

That is our challenge, and it is highlighted in this Jubilee Year of Mercy: we are to be people who, by our very presence, spread the happiness and the mercy of God. May the mark of the priest and the mark of the Christian today be happiness and mercy.

J. Maurice



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, February 7 Assumption Parish and the Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake Breakfast following the 11:00 Mass. Come, Enjoy and invite a friend to join us for Mass and a Mardi Gras celebration!



Sister Antoinette wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and loving support during last Sunday's "event" at the 9 a.m. Mass.

She is fine and very grateful!

Liturgy Corner

The liturgical year is made up of six seasons:

- Advent - four weeks of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' birth
- Christmas - recalling the Nativity of Jesus Christ and his manifestation to the peoples of the world
- Lent - a six-week period of penance before Easter
- Sacred Paschal Triduum - the holiest "Three Days" of the Church's year, where the Christian people recall the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus
- Easter - fifty days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit
- Ordinary Time - divided into two sections (one span of 4-8 weeks after Christmas Time and another lasting about six months after Easter Time), wherein the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people

The mystery of Christ, unfolded through the cycle of the year, calls us to live his mystery in our own lives. This call is best illustrated in the lives of Mary and the other saints, celebrated by the Church throughout the year. In the feasts of the Saints, the Paschal Mystery of Christ is proclaimed and renewed.

(from www.usccb.org)

—Kevin Mannara C.S.B.



Why Catholic? Sign – up Sunday

January 23 - 24

This weekend you are invited to sign up for a small group.

The theme this year is **BELIEVE: THE CREED.**

This is an opportunity to pray with others, read the Bible together and form new relationships while learning more about what we, as Catholics, believe. Small Christian communities are forming in Assumption Parish, you can join one today. Groups meet Monday, Tuesday & Thursday evenings and Thursday afternoon.

If you were unable to sign up at Mass today, you can contact Anne Shore at ashore@bell.net or 519-972-0589



ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 10TH

ROSARY CHAPEL

8:00am

12:10pm

5:00pm

MCEWAN CAMPUS

7:00pm

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.

Our next support group will be on Tuesday February 16, 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



**Archbishop Dennis O'Connor Council
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Knights of Columbus**



The Knights of Columbus will be having a **Church Recruitment Drive** January 30th & 31st 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 contact 519-890-7612 or sammysleiman29@gmail.com.

Yours in Christ, Sammy Sleiman, Grand Knight.

Church Humour

A Sunday School teacher said to the children, "We have been learning about how powerful the Kings and Queens were in Biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?" Tommy blurted out, "I know, Aces."

Sunday Collection

January 17, 2016

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| Regular | \$5,642.95 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 558.80 |
| Total | \$6,201.75 |



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 25th

8:00am †Edward Griffith 5th Anniversary by Kevin, Sally & Kevin Jr.
†Antonia Dominato by Dennis Malette
†Basilian Fathers George Beane and John Callaghan by Carolyn Cole

Tuesday, January 26th

8:00am †Ken Durette by Chris & Pat Gillen

12:10pm †Ruthanne Penrose by the Perera Family

Wednesday, January 27th

8:00am †Dila Markovic by the Family
†Mrija Elezovic by the Family
†Carlo Dal Bello by his Wife and Children

5:00pm †Giacomo Maiuri by Tony & Bridget Russo
†Maria Puppi by Tony & Bridget Russo
†Doris Muttersbach by John & Karen Dollar

Thursday, January 28th

8:00am

12:10pm For the Intentions of Celine Doig by Lisa & Michael

Friday, January 29th

8:00am †Fr. George Beane C.S.B. by the DeRoy Family

Saturday, January 30th

5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

Sunday, January 31st

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, January 25th

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

Tuesday, January 26th

10:00am Mom's & Tots (McEwan Campus-Hall)
6:30pm Choir Practice (McEwan Campus-Hall)
7:00pm Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
7:00pm Cenacle of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rosary Chapel)

Wednesday, January 27th

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

Thursday, January 28th

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

Friday, January 29th

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 30th

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

Sunday, January 31st

9:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
11:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
12:00pm Weekend Coffee Social after Mass (McEwan Campus Church)
7:30pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

Quotable Pope Francis

Especially in this **Holy Year of Mercy**, let us make sure that the Gospel becomes ever more incarnate in our own lives too. Drawing near to the Gospel, meditating on it and incarnating it in daily life are the best ways to understand Jesus and bring Him to others.

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