



Our Lady of the Assumption CATHOLIC PARISH

HURON CHAPEL, 1804

Assumption Parish
250th
YEAR OF CELEBRATION
1767 — SEPTUAGESIMAL — 2017

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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Maurice Restivo CSB - Pastor
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Dcn. Paul Bezaire - Deacon
Jean Beneteau-Pastoral Minister
Melissa Pacitti-Fallone-Coordinator of Youth Ministries
Marilyn Morrison - Bereavement Ministry

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dan Hallett - Chair

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

MORNING PRAYER - ROSARY CHAPEL

Monday to Friday - 7:40am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - ROSARY CHAPEL

Monday to Friday - 8:30am to 8pm

BAPTISMS

Contact Dcn. Paul Bezaire at the Parish Office for details of the program.

MARRIAGES

Couples should be registered and active in the parish. Contact the Parish Office.

RCIA

Program for those interested in the Catholic Faith. Contact the Parish Office.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Guardians of the Gospel
For students in JK to Grade 8 and those preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Contact Dcn. Paul Bezaire for arrangements.

FUNERALS

Please have the Funeral Director contact the office for arrangements.

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED SUPPORT

Contact Rose Marie Ruston at cdsg.assumption@gmail.com.

CAMPUS MINISTRY (519-973-7033)

Fr. Paul McGill, C.S.B. - *Chaplain*
Chrisandra Skipper, Andrea Dula - *Campus Ministers*

CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS

Assumption Parish Community Association:

Bridget Russo - Chairperson
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Tim McKinley - Grand Knight

St. Vincent de Paul:

Holy Name of Mary Chair - Tim McKinley
Blessed Sacrament Chair - Charlie Long

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.

The Epiphany of the Lord—January 7th, 2018

From The Pastors Desk...

My parents wanted children for years, and were unable to have any. Finally, my mom had two miscarriages, followed by a boy who was full term, but died the day he was born. Then I came along (followed later by two sisters). As a child I knew I was loved and wanted. My parents had so desired a child, and I was the apple of their eye. Now, as an adult, I look back on my childhood and know how nice it was to be loved, and to be considered so special. Yet there was a downside to that specialness as well. Somehow I got it into my little head that because they had waited so long for a child, and were so happy because of me, I was not allowed to disappoint them. Thus, during much of my adolescence I felt like I was living a double life. I couldn't admit any of the normal "rebellions" that most teenagers experience. Anything I did that I thought might disappoint my parents (like smoking or drinking or...) I felt I had to keep secret from them. And, of course, I lived in great fear that I would be found out. I just *knew* that if they learned the truth they would know that I wasn't special at all.

Of course, the reality is that even with my flaws and rebellions and sins, I *am* special in God's eyes. God has chosen to dwell at the core of my being. Nothing I can do can erase that. And that specialness has nothing to do with the fact that my parents wanted a child so badly, or anything at all that I have done. I am special because God created me and God loves me. And the same goes for each of you reading this, and for all other people. Somewhere down deep in each one of us, God has chosen to dwell. Sometimes we do our best to camouflage that presence; sometimes it's *really* hard to find it in some people. Yet, it's there.

I think that Epiphany, which we celebrate this weekend, points to that. Of course, Jesus is unique. God has not only chosen to dwell in Jesus, but Jesus himself *is* God. Yet most people in Jesus' day never recognized that. We celebrate the reality that the Magi recognized God where one would least expect to find God: in a poor little baby. I pray that each of us may, more and more, learn to recognize God in all those hidden places, especially in each and every human being. Wouldn't this world be a much better place if we did?

J. Maurice

Reflection for the Week

We saw the star at its rising and have come to pay him homage
(Matt. 2:2)

Like the magi, may I never lose sight of the path to Jesus amid the struggles of life.

Tax Receipts

It's that time again...any changes?

- Have you changed your name?
- Do you and your spouse want both names on it?
- Have you moved to a new address?



If you have answered yes to any of the above questions please contact the office, by email or fill out the paper provided by the envelopes at the front entrance of the church.



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As we begin the new calendar year of 2018, we look back on the many celebrations of faith and life our parish has experienced together in 2017, honoring the 250th anniversary of Assumption Parish, and worshipping together in thanksgiving and praise of our Lord, most recently through the Advent and Christmas season. What a wonderful year we have had, and what great hope for our future!

Let's begin the new year by acknowledging and thanking, and praying for all those who have offered their time, talent, and treasure, to making all of these events and experiences proceed so smoothly. Especially, we thank all those who have served the parish with their gifts through the liturgical ministries, music ministry, hospitality, decorating, formation and education, and outreach to the poor.

We are a parish abundantly blessed with devoted people of faith. There are many gifts yet to discover and offer to God for his purposes. With much gratitude we begin this new year, saying "Thank you" to each and every one who has given of themselves in ways big and small to help the Church thrive as the living presence of God in the world, particularly in this community. May God bless all of you and your families as we begin the journey God has in store for us in 2018!!



At the beginning of a new year it is fitting to ponder our spiritual life and how we might encourage our spiritual growth as the year unfolds.

Perhaps as we start this new year you may like to offer your gifts in a new ministry. Maybe you are interested in deepening your knowledge of the Catholic faith, preparing for missed sacraments, or even entering the Catholic faith through the sacrament of Baptism. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is open to new faces all year round. As a faith community we worship together, celebrate together, and support one another on this journey toward God we refer to as 'daily life'.

If the Holy Spirit is moving you to a new endeavor in your faith life, or in service to our parish, and you are unsure of the next step, please contact our Pastoral Minister, Jean Beneteau at jbeneteau@dol.ca or 519-253-2493 ext. 236 to discuss your thoughts, options, and opportunities for moving forward.

May God bless you in your desire to know him more.



That you have the option of pre-authorizing your offerings?

- To set up your gift, fill out a Pre-Authorized Payment form located at the front entrance of the church. You can put it in the collection basket after you have completed it with a "void" cheque attached to the form.
- Take advantage of the convenience of automatic withdrawals while saving paper and parish resources!

THANK YOU for supporting our parish!

Week at a Glance

Monday, January 8th

6:00pm Youth Program (McEwan Campus-Basement)

Tuesday, January 9th

3:00pm YWAR (McEwan Campus-Classroom)
 7:00pm Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
 7:00pm Cenacle of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rosary Chapel)
 7:00pm Bereavement Support Group (Rosary Hall)

Wednesday, January 10th

Thursday, January 11th

10:00am Card Games (McEwan Campus-Basement)
 5:00pm Two Hearts Prayer Group (Rosary Chapel)
 6:30pm Choir Practice with Sr. Lise (McEwan Campus-Church)
 7:30pm Nar Anon (Rosary Hall)

Friday, January 12th

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 13th

9:00am SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Basement)
 3:45pm Confessions (McEwan Campus-Church)
 5:00pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
 7:00pm New AA Meeting-All Are Welcome (Rosary Hall)

Sunday, January 14th

9:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
 11:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
 7:30pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 8th

8:00am †Lucy DiLuca by Maria Tatti
 †For the Souls in Purgatory by Bridget Russo
 †Patricia Zuech by Carol Gaspar

Tuesday, January 9th

8:00am †Jerry Van Lare by Carol Gaspar
 †Shirley Van Lare by Carol Gaspar
 †For the Souls in Purgatory by Mary Ha

 12:10pm †Ed Janisse by Anita MacLeod
 †Mitsuji Yamamoto by Bob & Charlotte Carr
 For the Intentions of Queenie & George by Bob & Charlotte

Wednesday, January 10th

8:00am †Domenica Nardone by Teresa Marrazzo
 †Gerald Van Lare Jr. by Carol Gaspar

 5:00pm For the Intentions of Chris Gillen Sr. by son Christopher Jr.

Thursday, January 11th

8:00am †Benedetto Crolla by Ercilia Cervi
 †Vincenzo & Eugenia Giannone by F & C Calamita

 12:10pm †Theresa Lemay by Dora Doig
 †Gerald Deslippe by Kevin & Sally McQuaid
 For the Intentions of Reena & Victor Desouza by Bob & Charlotte Carr

Friday, January 12th

8:00am †Judith Lechnar 12th Anniversary by Laura Gusba
 †Mark Fracas by Wayne Churchill, Coach Morgan Clark,
 Marcel Marchand, Greg Wood & Morris Cousineau
 For the Intentions of Berny Lesperance by Cecilia Lesperance



Bereavement Support Group

Tuesday, January 9th, 2018
 7:00pm-8:30pm in Rosary Hall.

Facilitator: Marilyn Morrison, Bereavement Minister
 519-253-2761

Sanctuary Light Memorial

For the week of January 7, 2018

Rosary Chapel

For the Intentions of L B & V

McEwan Campus-Church

†Greg Stretavsky by the Family

The Li'l Saints program will resume on
 Sunday January 14th, 2018 during the 11:00am mass.

Sunday Collection

December 18th, 2017

Regular	\$ 5,001.24
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,583.76
Building Maintenance	\$ 300.00
Giving Tree	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 6,885.00

December 24th, 2017

Regular	\$7,416.30
Miscellaneous	\$1,572.70
Total	\$8,989.00

December 25th-Christmas

Regular	\$6,063.00
Total	\$6,063.00

December 31st, 2017

Regular	\$5,275.10
Miscellaneous	\$ 10.00
Initial Offerings	\$ 215.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 580.00
Total	\$ 6,080.10

January 1st, 2018-New Year's Day

Regular	\$2,346.60
Initial Offerings	\$ 305.00
Total	\$2,651.60



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Guardians of the Gospel Youth Ministry



The Youth Ministry classes will resume on
 Monday, January 8th, 2018.

JUST A REMINDER TO PICK UP YOUR 2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

- **THE ENVELOPES ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, LOOK FOR YOUR NAME NOT YOUR OLD ENVELOPE NUMBER.**
- **PLEASE ENSURE YOU TAKE THE ENVELOPES WITH YOUR NAME ON THEN BOX.**
- **PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE FIRST FEW YOU USE IN 2018.**
- **DO NOT USE YOUR 2017 ENVELOPES - RECYCLE THEM!**
- **IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR ENVELOPES OR WOULD LIKE ENVELOPES PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.**
- **FILL OUT A NEW PARISHIONER FORM LOCATED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.**



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