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Sr. Connie Harrington SNJM - Youth Programs

Marilyn Morrison – Bereavement Ministry

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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

### **EUCHARISTIC 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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### Fifth Sunday of Lent—March 13, 2016

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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This past Wednesday was the annual diocesan-wide Day of Confessions. I write these words beforehand. Last year we had around 150 people take advantage of this opportunity. What a privilege it is to be able to show God's mercy and forgiveness to so many people!

I am constantly awed by how much God can show mercy, under so many circumstances. I remember once when, as a seminarian, I was visiting with my confessor. After I had told him my sins, there was one that I just wouldn't let go; I told him how guilty I still felt. Finally, he looked at me and said, "Who the h\*Il do you think you are?! If God can forgive you, how can you not forgive yourself? Do you think you're more important than God?" And then he started laughing, because he knew full well that I was not the first, nor the last person to hang on to my guilt.

Since those days I've moved on. I started forgiving myself more easily, but also holding on to grudges. Or, I would forgive you, but only after I let you know just how much I suffered because of what you did. When I'm honest with myself, I think it's a way of trying to show myself how important I am, and how much I suffer at the hands of others.

What I'm best at, though, is thinking you need to be punished when you break a rule that I either follow or want you to believe I follow. I may have just run a yellow light five minutes ago, but if you run one that I stop at, I want a police officer to be right there to give you a ticket. I'm the one who has to suffer and abide by the rules, and I don't like it when you get away with breaking them. I think that's the attitude of the elder son in last week's story of the prodigal son, and it certainly is in this weekend's story of the woman caught in adultery. I think that's the point to this story—and Jesus' response to her accusers is priceless: "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Of course, nobody is sinless, and nobody threw a stone. Jesus does not condemn her either.

Once again, when I am insisting you be punished, especially when I am the one hurt by your sin, I am making myself more important than God. The Lenten season during this Year of Mercy is an excellent time to remind myself that there is only one Judge... the One who makes all things new.





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# **Liturgy Corner**



Throughout history oil has been used for practical (cooking, fuel, healing) and symbolic purposes (welcome, consecration people and objects). In the Old Testament times, the priest, prophets and kings of the Jewish people were anointed with oil.

In every diocese during Holy Week the bishop, joined by the priests of the diocese, gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the **Chrism Mass**. Here the bishop blesses three oils that will be used for sacraments. Anointing with the **oil of catechumens** symbolizes the person's need for the God help to break past bondage of sin in order to profess faith, come to baptism and live as a child of God. The **oil of the infirm** is used in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. **Holy Chrism** is a mixture of olive oil and balsam, and is used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. The blessed oils are then distributed to all the parishes in the diocese, and presented at each parish during Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper.

The Chrism Mass for the Diocese of London will be celebrated at 7pm Monday March 21 at St. Peter's Cathedral.

#### All are welcome!

-Kevin Mannara C.S.B.



#### **HOLY THURSDAY**

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the Mass Until 10pm

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Stations of the Cross (presented by the youth of the parish)
12pm
Solemn Service of the Lord's Passion
3pm

#### **EASTER VIGIL**

8pm

#### EASTER SUNDAY

9am and 11am

NO 7:30PM MASS (this weekend only)

#### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN ACTION!**

In the future, I hope I will be a nun. I want to be a nun because I can travel and help God's children. I will take care of the old and sick . I am following Mother Teresa. I want to follow Mother Teresa because she took care of the children.

Written by Jayla— a student from St. John's School

### Week at a Glance

#### Monday, March 14th

Tuesday, March 15th

10:00am Mom's & Tots (McEwan Campus-Hall) 6:30pm Choir Practice (McEwan Campus-Hall) Bereavement Group (Rosary Hall) 7:00pm

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

7:00pm Cenacle of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rosary Chapel)

Wednesday, March 16th

1:00pm Scripture Sharing (Rosary Hall)

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

Thursday, March 17th

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

7:30pm Taize Hour of Power (Rosary Chapel)

Friday, March 18th
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)

Saturday, March 19th8:30amSVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Hall)3:45pmConfessions (McEwan Campus-Church)

5:00pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

Sunday, March 20th

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)



#### **Bereavement Support Group**

Our next support group will be on Tuesday March 15th 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



#### TAIZE HOUR OF POWER

Thursday March 17th 2016

7:30pm to 8:30 pm in Rosary Chapel



#### **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.



ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES OF 2-8? IF YOU ARE THEN.....

The Easter Bunny plans on leaving a few of his Easter eggs on the lawn next to the church for you to find on Easter Sunday!!

Join us after the 11:00 mass on Easter Sunday to hunt for some "eggs" and get a small treat!!

### Mass Intentions

†Mickey Firman by Jerry Curtis †Dan Réaume by Dennis Malette

12:00pm †Alessandra Macri by Antoinetta Laberi

†Sr. Bernice Gignac by Anne & Ernie Jolie

Tuesday, March 15th

†Maria DeRubeis by Maria Digioia & Family 8:00am †Fr. George Beaune by Marija Prepolee †Ben Comartin by Rose Marie Ruston

12:10pm †For All Souls in Purgatory by Chris & Pat Gillen

Wednesday, March 16th

8:00am +Sek Por Chee by the Family

12:10pm †All Souls in Purgatory †Tony Lopes by Tom & Mary Lou O'Brien †Alessandra Macri by Domenic & Amalia Magri

5:00pm †Jeanne Cormier by Denis & Family

Thursday, March 17th

†David Koren by the Koren Family 8:00am

†Maria Cervi by Rita Torti

For the living and the decesed members of the former St.

Patrick's Parish

12:10pm †Fr. George Beaune by John & Dora Doig

†Brian Natalie by Kevin Mannara

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Friday, March 18th

†John Guiry by Mr & Mrs John Nassr

†Tony Lopes by Lana & Hub Dube

Intentions of Berny Lesperance by Cecilia Lesperance

12:10pm †Alessandra Macri by Giovanna Sbrocca

†Cliff Treleaven by Pat Treleaven

†All Souls in Purgatory by Chris & Pat Gillen

Saturday, March 19th-McEwan Campus

5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

Sunday, March 20th-McEwan Campus

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### St. Vincent de Paul Collection

January 01 \$566.15 February 07 \$342.30 January 10 \$237.55 February 14 \$428.05 January 17 \$317.20 February 21 \$729.11



Thank you to our parishioners for the continued support each week to help those in need.

February 28 \$521.06

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March 6, 2016

January 31 \$232.25

Regular \$6,300.20 Miscellaneous \$ 890.30 Total \$7,190.50



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