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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
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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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent—March 6, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



At the parish where I grew up in Houston, there was a family that was quite involved in the parish. You could count on them to be around when the church needed them, whether that was the pastor, the Knights of Columbus, the Altar Society, or whatever else. They were at Mass every Sunday. One day everybody was so surprised to learn that one of their sons had been arrested and charged with murder. Eventually he was tried and found guilty. They were crushed, yet they never wavered in their love and support for their son. I think that these loving parents mirrored, in a sense, the father that we hear about in this weekend's gospel passage, commonly known as "the story of the Prodigal Son." Actually it would probably be more aptly named "the story of the Compassionate Father."

It's hard for us in 21st century western culture to realize just how powerful that story is, and how shocking it must have been for its first century Jewish audience. For the son to have asked for his inheritance it would be the same as telling the father, "You are dead to me. I want nothing to do with you ever again." And, if he were to come back, society would dictate that the father would be sternly seated on his chair while the son came grovelling back, begging for some measure of forgiveness. Instead, we hear the story of a man who is already out looking for his son (the only way he would have caught sight of him while still a long way off), who then goes running to meet him! People would have been shocked to hear this. The father goes even further by putting a ring on his finger and having a big welcome party. Meanwhile, we all know the story of the elder son, who is upset at the father's forgiveness. That would be a more common situation for most of us, I would guess. Why would we want our father to go against society's norms? Why wouldn't we want that renegade brother punished for his misdeeds?

All in all, it's a pretty shocking picture of our God. Most of us tend to think of the father in the story as being a portrait of our own loving God. Think about it, though: Neither of his sons turned out perfectly. One disowned him, and the other won't forgive. For me, that gives great hope to parents whose children did not turn out exactly as they would have hoped. Most of you have not had to deal with your child murdering someone, or disowning you (although I'm sure some have). For most of us, it is something more mundane: My daughter is not married in the church. My son doesn't come to church any more. My child uses drugs, or drinks too much. I don't like the way they're raising the grandkids. Many examples abound. The message here today, though, is how each of us is called to be a model of mercy and forgiveness. It is one of the clearest examples in Scripture of God as the very face of mercy. I pray that we do the same.

Fr. Maurice

Father Robert Holmes CSB will be speaking in Rosary Hall on Sunday March 6, 2016 at 3:00 pm
The Topic will be Walking with Jesus toward Jerusalem: A Peacemaker's Journey

Liturgy Corner



Popular devotional practices are not part of the Church's official liturgy but serve to enhance our spiritual lives. They are often tied closely to culture. Examples include pilgrimages, novenas, processions and celebrations in honor of Mary and the other saints, the rosary, the *Angelus*, the Stations of the Cross, the veneration of relics, and the use of sacramentals. They must lead us to liturgy and never replace it.

A popular devotion during Lent is the Stations of the Cross. Few people can go to Jerusalem to literally retrace Jesus' footsteps to the Calvary, so we make a spiritual journey recalling its key events, or stations. The value to this devotion happens when we connect Jesus' journey to our own. Even today the Passion of Christ continues in current suffering, and the Stations reveal that to us. When we suffer from illness, oppression, etc. the Stations remind us that we follow one who suffered too, and united to him our own suffering leads to new life. We are using various sets of reflections that help us to do that.

—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.

YEAR of MERCY

In three days, on Wednesday, March 9, all Catholics throughout the Diocese of London will have the opportunity to share in God's healing and forgiveness. We need to ask for the grace to abandon all that keeps us from living a full relationship with Christ. We need to allow the Lord to wash away our sins in his forgiving love and mercy and to make us whole once again.

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

Set Clocks Ahead



Just a Reminder
It's that time again!!

Change your clocks on
Sunday, March 13th at 2:00am.

Day of Confessions: March 9

Frequent Confession has so many benefits, including:

- *helps us to overcome sin and vice*
- *brings us peace*
- *helps us become more saintly, more like Jesus strengthen our will*

Jesus is waiting to forgive you—all you have to do is ask! Don't miss out any longer on the healing power of Confession...go to Confession this week, and invite someone else too, as part of this "Year of Mercy" called for by Pope Francis.

See: www.goodconfession.com



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Monday March 7, 2016

1pm to 4pm

Movie: "Harry and Tonto"

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

Facilitators: Fr. Joe and Sr. Janine

Suggested offering: \$10 includes refreshments

Wednesday March 9, 2016

1 pm to 4pm

Taking Our Burdens to the Cross and Leaving Them There

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt. 11: 25)

Jesus invites us to come and leave our burdens with him and he promises to give us rest.

The choice to come is ours to make. Join us!

Facilitators: Sr. Janine and Fr. Joe

Suggested offering: \$15 includes snacks

Please pre-register by phone or email.

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CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

For over 20 years now, men of all ages and from all over Windsor/Essex County meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8:30am to help each other grow in their love of God and neighbour. It begins with breakfast at the Lumberjack Restaurant (Howard @ Tecumseh) and includes a talk by a guest speaker, who, on March 12 will be Deacon Mike Rovers. Newcomers are always welcome!

For more info, please contact Deacon Mike Horoky 519-969-1348

Our webpage is: CatholicMen.yolasite.com

Sunday Collection

February 28, 2016

Regular	\$5,831.85
Miscellaneous	\$ 391.96
Total	\$6,223.81



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 7th

8:00am †Vincenzo & Eugenia Giannone by F & C Calamita
†Carole Dywelska by Don Gray

12:00pm †Alessandra Macri by Ralph & Gina Romeo
†For All Souls in Purgatory by Chris & Pat Gillen

Tuesday, March 8th

8:00am †Leo Quimby by his wife Daisy

12:10pm †Wiesh(Veesh) Pitulko by his wife Nancy & Family
†For All Souls in Purgatory by Jerry & Jeannine Halliday

Wednesday, March 9th

8:00am †Denise Pageau by Dennis Malette
†Maria Perrotta by the Family

12:10pm †Alessandra Macri by Matteo & Nilda Cirino
†Adrienne Collison by Joseph & Margaret Porto

5:00pm †Mickey Firman by Vitarelli Donato

Thursday, March 10th

8:00am †Bob McPhedran by Marion Tarte

12:10pm †Fr. George Beaune by Fran & Alfredo Letteri
†Tony Lopes by Toni Laberi

Friday, March 11th

8:00am Intentions of Dianne & Ron by Yvette Bernatchez
Intentions of Doug Raper by Dennis Malette

12:10pm †Alessandra Macri by John & Antonietta Tortola

Saturday, March 12th-McEwan Campus

5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

Sunday, March 13th-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, March 7th

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

Tuesday, March 8th

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, March 9th-Day of Confessions

9:00am-11:30pm Confessions
1:00pm-5:00pm Confessions
6:00pm-8:00pm Confessions
1:00pm Scripture Sharing (Rosary Hall)
7:00pm Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide Program (Rosary Hall)

Thursday, March 10th

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

Friday, March 11th

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 12th

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

Sunday, March 13th

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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