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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 CHAPEI

Monday to Friday - 8:30am to 8pm

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.

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 Chrisandra Skipper, Andrea Gallo

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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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 7, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



When I was a seminarian in Toronto, the residence for Basilian priests needing nursing care was on the top floor. The men who lived there represented the spectrum of Basilians: There were parish men, teachers, campus ministers, and missionaries. Some had the minimum studies needed for ordination; others had more than one doctoral degree. Some were quite nice and others had more acerbic personalities. Time after time, I would learn that some of the men up there who were the best loved, who treated the staff nicely and always found something good to say were men who had experienced some kind of defeat earlier in their life: Some were recovering alcoholics, others had failed at a job, or in some way knew that they had a fatal flaw. And the opposite seemed to be true as well: Quite a few of those who were demanding to the staff, who could always find something wrong with what someone did for them, were people who had always done everything "right." They had always made sacrifices to do what was expected of them, and now they demanded that others make sacrifices for them. They reminded me of the older brother in the story of the prodigal son, the one who is angry that the father is throwing a party for his son who has come home. And they reflect what Pope Francis recently said in a homily, that humility is the way of holiness.

I think that's why I like Luke's version of the call story in this weekend's gospel. Peter recognized that he is in the presence of Greatness, and he falls on his knees and says, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" He recognizes his own inadequacies, his own weaknesses—and in a sense, this is what makes him able to recognize Jesus, and to commit to being a disciple.

For me, Lent is an opportunity to grow in humility—to recognize my own shortcomings and inadequacies, in order for God to enter in and heal them. I find that when I don't admit things to myself, God also tends to leave those flaws in place. But when I acknowledge them and ask God for healing and mercy, God is right there.

So I invite you to truly enter into this sacred season of Lent. I pray that any penances or sacrifices you choose to do may help reveal your true self to yourselves and to God, and that this may be a time to experience God's love and mercy.





There is a new bulletin board on the way into Rooney Lounge that will display parishioner's "milestones:" newspaper announcements of births, special birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, retirements, etc. as well as memorial cards of parishioners who have passed away.

As new postings are added, older ones will be removed. If a parishioner would like to add a posting, please give it to the parish office. As long as it meets the criteria it will be laminated and posted. Please do not add anything directly on there; the office staff is happy to post it.

Liturgy Corner



The liturgical season of Lent begins this Wednesday and lasts 40 days, ending before the Great Triduum begins on Holy Thursday. Forty days reminds us of the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert praying and fasting. The season includes fasting, penance and alms-giving.

We begin Lent by receiving ashes on our foreheads, a sign that marks us for repentance. The ashes are made from last year's palms, and remind us of penance and humility: that we are dust of the earth and to dust we will return. That is not to be a morbid thought, but a sobering one. My number of days is finite, so am I spending them somehow glorifying God, or am I focused on myself? What am I trading a day of my life for?

There are only 2 days each year that Catholics fast: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. For healthy adults this means one full, simple meal with 2 lighter meals. No snacking. (If you think that fast is challenging, our Muslim brothers and sisters fast an entire month eating nothing at all from sunrise to sundown!)

—Kevin Mannara C.S.B.



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBUARY 10TH

ROSARY CHAPEL
8:00am
12:10pm
5:00pm
MCEWAN CAMPUS
7:00pm



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.

Your family is invited to participate!

Quotable Pope Francis

We too, then, are called to make compassion, love, **mercy** and solidarity a true way of life, a rule of conduct in our relationships with one another. This requires the conversion of our hearts: the grace of God has to turn our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh, open to others in authentic solidarity.



The 2015 tax receipts have been mailed out! Please allow at least 2 weeks before calling the office if you have not received your receipt. When you do receive your tax receipt check it

over and if there are any issues with it, please call the office and ask for Sally.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



The Assumption Mission Club Valentine Weekend Bake Sale

Saturday February 13th Sunday February 14th



After all Masses at the back of the Church Proceeds to various organizations in Canada & Overseas.



If you would like to donate any baked goods please drop them off at the church on Saturday February 13th after 3 o'clock.



In honor of Valentine's Day next weekend there will be special blessings for all married and engaged couples, so be sure to come with your sweetheart!



HOUR OF POWER - ROSARY CHAPEL

Due to family and other commitments, the music team is forced to cut back from weekly to bi-weekly Thursdays.

We will meet this Thursday February 4, then every other Thursday after that. If you've never experienced this hour of contemporary worship music before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, come any time between 7:30 and 8:30 pm. You'll be

Bi-weekly reminders will be posted on Facebook. If you'd like an email reminder, contact mailloux.greg@gmail.com.

Opportunities to serve

Hospitality: If you are able to occasionally wash some tablecloths this would be greatly appreciated. This is a good opportunity for someone who is at home a lot and would like to help the parish.

Sewing: If you can sew a straight line you can help with some banners for the church and the parish hall.

Call and ask for Kevin Mannara at the office to let him know if you can serve our parish in either of these needs.

Sunday Collection

January 31, 2016

Regular \$5,168.15 Miscellaneous \$ 267.81 Total \$5,435.96



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 8th

†Vincenzo & Eugenia Giannone by Mr & Mrs Calamita 8:00am † Vito & Domenica Quadrini by the Venditti Family

Tuesday, February 9th

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

12:10pm †Fr. George Beaune C.S.B. by Toni Laberi

†Eliseo Arca by Gloria Ymana

Wednesday, February 10th-Ash Wednesday

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

5:00pm †Maria & Anthony Dias by Bob & Charlotte Carr

Thursday, February 11th

12:10pm

Friday, February 12th

†Fortune Tam 1st Anniversary by Gloria Ymana Intentions of Berny Lesperance by Cecilia Lesperance

Saturday, February 13th-McEwan Campus

5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

<u>Sunday, February 14th-McEwan Campus</u> 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, February 8th

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

<u>Tuesday, February 9th</u> 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, February 10th-Ash Wednesday

7:00pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

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

Thursday, February 11th

10:00am Card Games (McEwan Campus-Hall)

7:30pm Nar Anon (Rosary Hall)

Friday, February 12th 9:00am SVDP Forgotten Harvest Produce (McEwan Campus) 9:00am

3:00pm Divine Mercy Hour (Rosary Chapel) 6:00pm Soup Supper (Rosary Chapel)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Rosary Chapel)

Saturday, February 13th
 8:30am SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Hall)
 3:45pm Confessions (McEwan Campus-Church)

5:00pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

Mission Club Valentine's Weekend Bake sale after mass

Sunday, February 14th

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)
Mission Club Valentine's Weekend Bake sale after all masses

The Pope's prayer intentions for February

Universal: Care for Creation

That we may take good care of creation-a gift freely givencultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Evangelization: Asia

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

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