

Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

God understands what is in our hearts and, through the Ten Commandments, teaches us true wisdom.

The Parish Lenten Penitential Service will be held Friday March 9 at 7 pm.

**The Stations of the Cross will be held:
Fridays at 7 pm.**

March 9 - Penitential Service

March 16 Knights of Columbus

March 23 Catholic Women's League - followed by a Lenten Supper

March 30 Good Friday - Father Shroff

Thank you to all Leaders for supporting the prayerful life of our parish.

Making these Devotions part of our Lenten journey is an excellent way to enrich our life and the life of our Parish.

PARISH BREAKFAST - The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Parish Breakfast on Sunday, March 11th after the 9:00 & 11:15 am masses. Tickets are \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 for a family. Tickets can be purchased after the masses this weekend and at the door on March 11th,

North of 60 Project – Rankin Inlet

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of our Parish is participating in the National collection of food for the people in the Canadian Far North – Rankin Inlet, who are living in extreme poverty. Our Parish goal is to collect a total of 400 cans of fruit (398 ml size of peaches, pears, mandarins, etc.) and 400 snack size packages of applesauce (6 per package). We are asking for Brand name products with an expiry date of 2019 or later. A table is set up at the back of the church with more information and a box to drop off your donation. If you prefer to make a cash donation, envelopes are available and can be deposited in the SSVF box. Please note on the envelope, “North of 60”. Thank you for your generosity.

BELOVED - MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

So you've shared an anniversary or two... or twenty... and you've learned a lot about yourselves and each other so far. But what if marriage is more than you think it is? What if God has woven into the very fabric of your humanity a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage?

Over the coming months, join us for the 8 sessions of BELOVED as it uncovers the mystery and the meaning of the sacrament of marriage, inviting all couples to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first “I do”... whether you said it last year or many years ago. The BELOVED series is enriching and transforming marriages in homes across the globe.

When: 7-9pm, Saturdays ; April 28, May 12, May 26, June 9, September 22, October 13, October 27 and November 10.

Where: The Social Space at Good Shepherd Parish

Cost: \$60.00 per married couple (covers the cost of materials and refreshments) to be paid in advance of the first session. Payment may be left at parish office.

Facilitated by: Eric & Geraldine Sharf and Sean & Gillian Keenan, parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish.

To register or for more info contact: Gillian Keenan at 613-841-6505 or gillian.keenan@gmail.com

Offering for February 25, 2018

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1840.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ <u>492.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 4992.00

Our financial requirements are approx. **\$8,000** per week to support our approx. **\$2,000** a week mortgage payment.

Fr. Shroff's Corner

This 3rd Sunday of Lent presents us with a Gospel in which Jesus is cleansing the temple of Jerusalem. The Passover festivities were at hand, and large crowds were coming to the temple from all over. Merchants were taking advantage of the fact that many were looking for animals to bring to the temple to offer in sacrifice. And so they transformed the temple, which was supposed to be a house of prayer and of worship, into a house of commerce and trade. Our Lord, in seeing this, was filled with a just and righteous anger. Motivated by zeal for His Father's House, He overturned the tables of the moneychangers and cried out, "Stop making My Father's House a house of trade and business!"

This passage from the Gospel should have us reflect on how *we* see our own churches. If the temple of Jerusalem was a house of prayer and worship, then how much more so are our Catholic churches and parishes today, in which we worship and adore the true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? How do we behave in the House of God? Are our churches places of genuine adoration? Do we take care of them as we would the House of God? Are they places where people can come and pray in silence, or are they filled with noise and chatter? Is everything in our churches ordered in the correct way and in the right place? Do the Altar and the Tabernacles have a place of prominence, and do we encourage the faithful to pray before the Real Presence of Jesus, Who is present day and night in the Tabernacle? When people are praying in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, do we maintain an atmosphere of silence and reverence around it, so as not to distract them? What kind of music do we use in our sacred liturgies? Is it reverent, conducive to prayer, and does it lead to silence, instead of simply getting us stimulated and worked up? Does it glorify God, or is it just a means of self-congratulation? How do we comport ourselves in the House of God? Do we dress appropriately and modestly, do we adopt a posture of reverence, do we walk into the House of God as we would into a palace in which our Heavenly King dwells? Do we approach Holy Communion with the utmost respect, and only after examining our conscience to make sure that we are receiving the King of Kings and Lord of Lords in a worthy manner?

All of these are points we should reflect upon, and matter for an examination of conscience. During this season of Lent, let us all make a renewed attempt to recognize the sacredness of our churches and parishes as the House of God.

Jesus displayed anger in the temple of Jerusalem because of zeal for His Father's House. *Zelus domus tuae comedit me*, as the psalm goes: "Zeal for Thy House hath consumed me." Our love for God is expressed in the manner in which we treat and behave in the House of God. Let us always strive to make our churches above all houses of prayer and adoration.

Baby Bottle Drive for Miriam Centre: The Miriam Centre is a charitable organization, which provides material and pastoral help to needy pregnant women and their families. The Centre does not receive government assistance and depends solely on donations. Baby bottles will be available in the Vestibule of the Church during this weekend. Kindly, take a bottle home place a donation inside and return the bottle to the church by Sunday 08 April. This is a good method of alms giving during the Lenten season. Thank you for assisting those in need through your prayers and financial support

A reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins on the night of March 10-11. Please remember. to set your clocks forward one hour.

INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 3 – Third Sunday of Lent (Anticipated Vigil Mass)

9:00 am †Guenter Andrews req by Myrna Andrews
5:00 pm †Jean-Guy Lauzon reeq by Gord & Linda Willick
Intention of Johnna Toine Evangelii Villarosa
Deceased family & friend's req by Joe & Monica Pereira

Sunday, March 4 – Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 am For Our Parishioners
11:15 am †Chiarina Bacile req by James & Lea Dunne
†Rosemary Pantin req by M.A. Lefebvre
†June Cheverie req by Alan & Donna Dunham
†Theresa Onyeogubalu req by a Parishioner
†Luciano Puyod req by Barbara
Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

Monday, March 5 – Third Monday of Lent

9:00 am Intention of Michael Osezua

Tuesday, March 6 – Third Tuesday of Lent

9:00 am †Ebbie Ferguson req by Sean & Anna May O'Carroll

Wednesday, March 7

8:00 am Intention of Michael Osezua

Thursday, March 8 – Memorial of St. John of God, Religious

9:00 am †John & Claire Duckworth req by the Pereira family

Friday, March 9 – Memorial of St. Frances of Rome, Religious

9:00 am †Deceased members of the Pereira family

Saturday, March 10 – Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday (Anticipated Vigil Mass)

5:00 pm †Joan Golding req by Marissa Laciak
†Rosemary Pantin req Myrna Andrews
†Clarice Gabucan req by Barbara
Mass of Special Intention req by a Parishioner
Intention of healing for Michael Laciak req by Mom & Dad

Sunday, March 11 – Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday

9:00 am †Jackson Martin req by the family
†Maurice (Moe) Stafford req by Gerry & Joan Tompkins
11:15 am For Our Parishioners

Please pray for our sick;, Joe MacDonell, Rose Dugandzic, Romina Andrews, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Jean-Ella Lemire, Michael Nortey and John MacDonald.

Please pray for our deceased, that they may be received into God's love.

Some of our parishioners have expressed interest in forming a new choir which would chant the English Mass Propers and Commons once or twice a month at a Sunday morning Mass. If you are interested in joining or finding out more (no experience necessary!), please contact Justin or Beverly at (613) 834-2561.

PRO LIFE CORNER

Let us pray that our parish family may be a faith-filled community where we reach out to all those in distress and need, especially pregnant mothers. If you know someone who is pregnant and needs help, contact:
www.stmaryshome.com www.miriamottawa.org 613-830-8623
www.birtright-ottawa.org or visit: www.abortionincanada.ca
www.adoptionincanada.ca or contact the parish office. Post abortion healing is available at www.rachelsvineyard.org or call Lynda or Terry Munroe 613-806-5522 rwr_ottawa@yahoo.ca The parish has acquired a 2016 film that is available for loan. HUSH - is a liberating conversation about abortion and women's health. Please contact Jennifer at 613-835-4201 if you wish to view this movie.