
St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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**4th Sunday of Lent
March 21st & March 22nd 2020**

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.



*"Then the man who was blind went and washed, and came back able to see."
(John 9.1-41)*

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	Confessions: They are heard before Mass upon request. The Pastor is also available to hear you every Saturday from 14:30-15:30.

Ministers and servers	Saturday March 21 st 16:00	Sunday March 22 nd 10:00	Saturday March 28 th 16:00	Sunday March 29 th 10:00
READERS	-----	-----	-----	-----
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SERVERS	Volunteers Needed	-----	Volunteers Needed	-----
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COFFEE ASSISTANCE	N/A	Volunteers Needed	N/A	Volunteers Needed



There was no collection for the weekend of March 14th and March 15th.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	March 21 st (16:00)	NO MASS IN CHURCH	Jeanine Dumas	Succession Jeanine Dumas
Sunday	March 22 nd (10:00)	NO MASS IN CHURCH	O'Donnell McCauley Families Terence Kerwin	Constance O'Donnell Maureen Rowan
Monday	March 23 rd (11:30)	NO MASS IN CHURCH		
Tuesday	March 24 th (11:30)	NO MASS IN CHURCH		
Wednesday	March 25 th (11:30)	NO MASS IN CHURCH	Charlotte & Alfred Pichard	Helen Pichard
Thursday	March 26 ^h	NO MASS IN CHURCH	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	March 27 th (11:30)	NO MASS IN CHURCH	<i>Pro Populo</i> Katheleen Murphy	Steven Neatt
Saturday	March 28 th (16:00)	NO MASS IN CHURCH	Madeleine Bertrand (1 st Anniv.)	
Sunday	March 29 th (10:00)	NO MASS IN CHURCH	Jeanine Dumas Jacques Dumas	Succession Jeanine Dumas Maureen O'Sullivan



Please note that the meeting for the Alpha Course, to renew your faith, which is held every Wednesday, **is cancelled** until further notice.



Please note that given the current coronavirus situation, **the 95th Anniversary Celebration will unfortunately be postponed to September**, details to follow later. Meanwhile, if you have names for the Prayer Chain, please call Colleen Bilodeau at 418-657-2434 or at colleenb2@videotron.ca. For more information, call our president Marie White at 418-254-0510 or mariewhite.qc@gmail.com. May God keep you well!



Special hours for personal prayer and meditation in the church

Our parish church will be opened for strictly personal prayer and meditation from **Tuesday to Saturday from 13:00 to 15:30**. Our lay pastoral assistant or our Priest will be there to welcome you. Also, our **Pastor is presiding Mass every day in the church alone without parishioners** for all the intentions printed in the Bulletin.



Special measures during Coronavirus for Parish Office

For the safety of everyone, we will follow the recommendations of public health officials and advise parishioners and volunteers not to come to the parish office until further notice.

We will continue to monitor and follow the recommendations provided by the proper Authorities. If you have urgent matters with the office, please call us to make arrangements.

«Go and wash»

Today, in the Fourth Sunday of Lent —also called rose or “laetare” (rejoice) Sunday— all the liturgy invites us to experience a deep joy, a great exultation, because Easter is getting nearer.

Jesus was a factor of great joy for that man who had been blind from birth, and who received his eyesight from Him along with the gift of his spiritual light. The blind believed and he received Christ's light. On the other hand, those Pharisees, so engulfed in their own wisdom and light, remained blinded because of their heart hardness and their sins. In fact, «they refused to believe that the man had been blind and had recovered his sight» (Jn 9:18).

How essential it is Christ's light to face reality in its right true dimension! Without the light of faith we should be almost blind. We have been bestowed with Christ's light and we need our life to go on being enlighten by this light. Even more so, this light must flare in the sanctity of life so that it may appeal to those who are still unaware of it. All this means conversion and personal growth in Charity. Especially in this time of Lent and in this final stage. St. Leo the Great exhorts us: «Although, it is always good to exercise ourselves in the virtue of Charity, these days of Lent invite us to, in a more urgent manner».

One unique thing can move us away from the light and joy Jesus Christ gives us, and this is sin; trying to live far from Lord's light. Unfortunately, many —at times, even ourselves— go deeply into this dark and gloomy road until losing the light and peace. Out of his own experience, St. Augustine, claimed that there is nothing unhappier than the happiness of those who sin.

Easter is getting near and the Lord wants to communicate us all the joy of Resurrection. Let us prepare ourselves to receive and celebrate it. «Go and wash» (Jn 9:7), Jesus tells us... To wash in the purifying waters of the Sacrament of Penance! We shall find again the light and the joy and we shall better accomplish our best preparation for Easter.

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