

# First Sunday in Lent

March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019



SUNDAY READINGS
<b>First Reading:</b> Deuteronomy 26: 4~10
<b>Psalm 91:</b> Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
<b>Second Reading:</b> Romans 10: 8~13
<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 4: 1~13

## REFLECTION

It is fitting, at the beginning of Lent, that Moses invites us to see our very lives as a gift offered to us by God. We are opening this gift, moment by moment, each and every day. So what are you doing with it? Leaving it unopened, re-gifting it to someone else, tearing through the paper only to be disappointed and stuff it under your bed? Moses makes an important suggestion: what if you offered it back to God? Today, and this week, what could you receive as gift and offer back to God for Him to bless? Maybe your work or your attitude, your loved ones or your frustrations, your rest or your exhaustion? How would your life change if you offered it back to God?

**REMINDER: Stations of the Cross** devotion will be every Friday evening throughout Lent after the 6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Please note there will be no morning Mass on Friday's during Lent.

## RENOVATION UPDATE

## HALL

The hall renovation is taking considerably longer than originally planned. We had hoped for completion last year; however we ran into some issues with the previous architect. A review was undertaken, with the Chancery Office, both Finance and Building Committees. The result is we now have a new architect and a design that is essentially the same with some effort being made to address the headroom issue with the hall ceiling. We are confident that the work will be completed this calendar year. There will be additional updates provided by the Building Committee as the project proceeds.

## SANCTUARY/SACRISTY

These renovations are moving along slower than originally anticipated. It's unfortunate that the flu bug hit 2 of the workers and took its toll and the 3rd worker had major knee surgery. All in all, we look forward to the completion of painting the remaining body of the church. Upgrades to the audio sound system are ongoing, and in the near future you will see 2 new Tabernacle Candlesticks and a new sacred Vigil Lamp.

In the Sacristy, the floor and ceiling have been replaced along with painting the entire room and existing cupboard. We are awaiting the 2<sup>nd</sup> custom made cupboard to be installed, and a new sink and countertop. The 2<sup>nd</sup> set of cupboards includes a work desk/bench and an area to hide misc. stepstools and ladders. Everything will have its place and will be organized! I look forward to opening up the Sacristy door and giving you all a tour once it's all finished.

*"I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank my dear parishioners who have supported me throughout all these ups and downs of renovations. I also ask for your continued patience and understanding as we experience together the inconveniences that accompany the realization of our many years of preparation to restore and renew our beautiful church building. Please feel free to contact the parish office with any questions or concerns. My door is always open".*

## **PARISH NEWS**

**Thank you to our Knights of Columbus** for the delicious brunch the parish enjoyed last Sunday. Everyone enjoyed themselves and there wasn't even a pancake left. Well done Brother Knights!

## **SACRAMENT CLASSES**

**REMINDER: First Holy Communion Class** will meet after a short snack after Mass this morning. The next **Confirmation Class will meet on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 3:15 pm** in the hall. Please keep all these young students in your prayers.

## **FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**

The Ladies of the Parish invite all parishioners to a Soup & Sandwich Lunch to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on **Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> after the 11 am Mass**. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. Hot dogs will also be available. The event will be held downstairs in the Hall.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** *Pam Bassett, Bob Bernier, Candice Boccocio, Nicola DeLuca, Dr. George Emery, Herman Evertman, Jean LeBlanc, Pat Mallen, Michael Martin, Penny Muston, Lillian O'Neill, Margaret Quinn, Margaret Reilly, Rosa Maria Santos, Jim Smith, Dorothy Stewart, and Pete VanMil.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

We join in prayer with those who have requested that Masses be offered for their loved ones, \* living or + deceased.

<b>March</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Mass for</b>
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	5 pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	+ Jean (John) Labrie
	11 am	+ B. Dodens & * Family
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	+ Souls in Purgatory
Wed. 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	+ A. Mistelbacher
Thurs. 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	* A. Gouvia
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	* C. Lewis
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5 pm	+ Bob Ness
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	+ Alcide Babineau
	11 am	Pro Populo

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

### Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

Maintenance	\$ 365.00
PAG (Pre-Author Giving).	1,725.00
Offertory	968.24

### March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Maintenance	\$ 210.00
Offertory	1,352.75

**Thank you for your kind and generous donation!**