

Sunday, February 26, 2017
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS: Isaiah 49.14-15
 1 Corinthians 4.1-5 Psalm: 62
Gospel: Matthew 6.24-34

Saturday, February 25 - 4:00 pm

Offered for: Mary White – Memorial Birthday
 Requested by Liz and Mitch Sunday
Altar Servers: Megan, Philip and Morgan
Lectors: Jenny Dejung and Jamie Bay

Sunday, February 26 – 10:00 am

Offered for: Ida Thomas – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection
Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylie and Kenia
Lectors: Brian Thomas and Jamie Ross

Tuesday, February 28 – NO MASS

Wednesday, March 1 – ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30 am - Mass in Church

Offered for: Helen Cole – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection

10:00 am at Iakhihsotha Lodge

Offered for: Alex Arquette – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection

5:00 pm – Mass in Church

Offered for: Leoner Galan – Memorial Birthday (Feb.27)
 Requested by Delia Lazore

Thursday, March 2 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Ashley Gray – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection

Friday, March 3 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Henry Arquette – Memorial Birthday (Feb. 12)
 From the funeral collection

Saturday, March 4 - 4:00 pm

3:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

Offered for: James Christopher Jacobs – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection

Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylie and Kenia
Lectors: Bella Dejung and Nidia Dejung

Saturday, March 4 – 6:30 pm at Tri-District Elders

Offered for: Joseph Benedict – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection

Sunday, March 5 – 10:00 am Children's Mass

9:30 am = Stations of the Cross

Offered for: Elizabeth Bessie Cole – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection

Altar Servers: Cheyenne, Keon and Summer
Lectors: Children and Youth

Message from Bishop Noel Simard
For Lent 2017

According to Pope Francis, the Church must «*step out*», that is we must leave our walls to meet those who are on the periphery... March first is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, a time of conversion and renewal. Is this not a time of privilege «*to return to God with all our hearts, to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord...To deepen our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving*»? (Pope Francis, *Message for Lent 2017*).

Is it not a favorable time to step out? First of all, stepping out of oneself, stepping out of our bad habits, of our selfish locked-in attitude, of our unbridled search for money and profit, which leads to vanity and pride. Stepping out of oneself to go towards the other, who is a gift to welcome and recognize. In his message for Lent 2017, Pope Francis comments on the parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Lk 16:19-31). As he writes so well, «*The parable first invites us to open the doors of our heart to others because each person is a gift, whether it be our neighbour or an anonymous pauper*».

Yes, during this Lent, let us redouble our efforts to go towards the other, and to open our heart; step out of our comfort zone, of our protected spaces, of our indifference, of our blindness that prevents us from seeing the other; let us overcome the fear of inconveniencing ourselves that we might reach out and sustain those who are in need and to serve Christ through them.

However to step out of ourselves and to go to the other, we must «*step out in God*», that is, we must let God transform us and bring us from death to life.

Step out then, of our frantic race to stop and draw from the source of life and light that our Lord offers us in prayer and the sacraments. Step out and join the Christian community, which gathers each Sunday to be nourished by the Word and the Eucharist.

Step out of our dependence on television and the light reading that distracts us, but so often distracts us from the essential...Step out of these distractions to listen to the Word of the Lord, a living force capable of kindling a conversion in our heart and renewing our charity. Pope Francis says it so pertinently: «*When we close our heart to the gift of God's word, we end up closing our heart to the gift of our brothers and sisters*».

Let us profit by this Lent to step out by consecrating some time to prayer and participation in our Sunday celebrations, in welcoming the other through our sharing with those less fortunate and by our generous support of our Lenten Campaigns, as we let ourselves be converted by our Lord.

Enter Lent so that you may arrive at Easter resurrected!

† Noël Simard, Bishop of Valleyfield

The Lord's Prayer (in Mohawk)

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens.

NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

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ANXIETY CAN BE debilitating. Fear can not only hold our mind hostage, but can manifest itself through all sorts of physical symptoms. In today's readings – especially in the gospel – God reveals that he wants humanity to be free from the shackles of fear that can keep us from experiencing the fullness of life. In the gospel, just before Jesus implores his listeners not to worry, he states that we cannot serve two masters. Who is Jesus referring to? The one master is God, but who is the other? Evil? Satan? In a way yes, but in another way, Jesus may be referring to a more specific manifestation of evil. Evil can hold our hopes, fears and expectations hostage by crippling us with anxiety. Instead of looking towards God, we can look to fear. We cannot therefore serve God, who is Love, and evil, which brings despair and uncertainty. The other master opposed to God is one of ill-will and misery. In the first reading, God reassures Zion's people. They have not been abandoned to evil. God's love is beyond worldly limits and therefore cannot be depleted. In today's world, the media, financial concerns, success all give reason to worry. Some worrying is normal. However, to let anxiety master us, is to give up hope that God is greater than all worldly obstacles. *Andrew Hume, Toronto, ON.*

Powerful Prayer for Healing

Jesus,

*With just one touch from your Almighty creative hand,
 You have healed the sick and raised the dead.*

*How amazing is your Lordship over all the earth,
 How powerful is your redeeming love.*

*How great was your sacrifice to go before us and bring
 forgiveness and hope.*

By your stripes I ask for healing.

*Standing within your reign and rule I ask for restoration.
 May life and wellness grow in fullness until it overflows.*

Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: for all who are sick and suffering in our hospitals, nursing homes, and at home. Today we join the faithful gathered on this feast and bring to your care, Brother Bertrand Girard, S.J., Orlo Ransom, Francis Cree, Clyde Cree, Isabel Rourke, Larry Pyke, John Taylor, George Towsley, Esther Burnham, Charlotte Lazore, Nancy Phillips, April Benedict, Marie Casey, Betty Lamendola and Margaret Snyder.

PREPARE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

The holy season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1. The ashes that are blessed to be placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday are prepared by burning the old branches of blest palm received last year on Palm Sunday. If you can contribute any palms from your home to be used for ashes, please bring them to Church next weekend and place them in the special box prepared. Thank you.

Altar Servers: the Church continues the recruitment for more and if you are interested and will attend training sessions, please submit your name to Father Jerome, or call the Rectory Office at 613-575-2753.

Religious Education:

Confirmation: next class is on Mar. 1 at 5 pm at the St. Regis Church.

First Communion: next class is Mar. 2 at 6 pm at the St. Kateri Center. AMS school next class is Tuesday, March 7, immediately following school hours at 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm (for students attending AMS school).

WINTER RETREAT DAY – SAT., MARCH 4/17

The theme “Praying with Psalms”, facilitated by Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, will be held at the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center from 10 am to 3 pm. This invitation to “come aside and rest a while.”(Mt. 11:28-30) will include time for prayer, presentations, time for sharing with one another on the Journey as well as time for quiet reflection. A suggested offering is \$20.00 for the day, and includes morning and afternoon snacks, and lunch. Please call the Rectory office.

Baptism Seminar: next schedule is Mar. 14/17 at 5:30 pm at St. Kateri Center. Please pre-register with a copy of child's Birth Certificate.

Welcome Fr. Jack – Although he no stranger to our Church, please give a warm welcome for Fr. Jack who will be presiding over the Masses this weekend, while Fr. Jerome is away on Retreat.

Parish Ministry Meetings

@ St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center

Parish Council	April 26 – 5:30 pm
Finance Council	(to be announced)
Liturgy & Faith Ministry	Mar. 8 – 7:30 pm
Choir/Music Ministry	Mar. 11 – 9:30 am
Altar & Rosary Society	(to be announced)

COLLECTIONS for Feb. 18 and 19, 2017
 \$409.85 CDN \$522.09 US