

**HOLY MASS**

Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year A  
 READINGS: Exodus 17.3-7, Romans 5.1-2, 5-8  
 Psalm 95 Gospel: John 4.5-42

3:30pm Stations of the Cross  
Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00pm  
 Offered for: Jacqueline "Jackie" Francis  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Memorial birthday  
 Requested by the family

9:30am Stations of the Cross  
Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am  
 Offered for: Sarah Cecilia David 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary  
 Requested by the family  
 Alberta Linda Jacob memorial Birthday Mass  
 Requested by Charlie & the boys

Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm  
 Offered for: Edward "Rateh" Lazore  
 Requested by the family

Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup> 12:10pm  
 Offered for: Chase Seymour, Justin Maier, Faye Francis, &  
 Jacob Stehlin requested by Helen Cole

Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> 12:10pm  
 Offered for: Gordon Caldwell 1<sup>st</sup> memorial birthday Mass  
 Requested by the family

Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> 12:10pm  
 Offered for: Barney J. Cole 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary  
 Requested by the family

3:30pm Stations of the Cross  
Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm  
 Offered for: Hattie Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary  
 Requested by the family

9:30am Stations of the Cross  
Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00am  
 Offered for: Patrick Chubb Sr. 2<sup>nd</sup> memorial Birthday Mass  
 Requested by the family

Thank you to Shari's team & all the church cleaning  
 teams!  
 March 27<sup>th</sup> Team #1 Liz Sundays team  
 April 3<sup>rd</sup> Team #2 Donna Arbour's team

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Next Baptism Seminar April 17<sup>th</sup> 4pm

You have to BE PRE-REGISTERED to attend. Please call or visit the Pastor's Residence to obtain application. To insure your registration, please submit completed application form and birth certificate of person to be baptized **before** the scheduled seminar.

**PARISH MEETINGS**

Parish Council	March 30 <sup>th</sup> 1:00pm 2014 K.H.
Finance Council	Will be announced

**Sunday Collections**  
 For the week of March 16<sup>th</sup> 2014  
 CDN 1293.35 US 593.50

Faith Formation Ministry	Wed. April 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6:00 pm K.H.
Communications Ministry	Wed. April 9 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm K.H.
Youth Ministry	Fri. April 11 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm K.H.
Liturgical Ministry	Will be announced.
Family Life Ministry	Will be announced.

**Sanctuary Lamp**

Howie Oakes	Roy Adams
Amber D.& Jessica L.	D. Arbour

**Meditation:**

In the first reading, the thirst for water caused Israel to grumble (and so stumble) because of their lack of trust in God. In the Gospel, the thirst for water led the Samaritan woman to encounter Jesus, the source of living water Himself, and to believe in God. What is remarkable is that Jesus broke all human barriers to bring this woman to faith in God, which made her a missionary – who brought in her own people to faith in Jesus. First she was a Samaritan, from the 'unclean race' in the understanding of the Jews. Secondly, she was a woman in a patriarchal society. Thirdly she was of a bad reputation; had had five husbands and presently living with one who was not a husband. But for Jesus, these are no obstacles to faith. Noteworthy is the gradual process through which the woman came to the full recognition of the identity of Jesus. At the beginning of the discussion, Jesus was simply a Jew (v.9) and a native foe of hers. But as the discussion progresses, the woman could address him with the more respectable title "Sir" (v. 11). Later, she mulls on the possibility of Jesus being greater than the Patriarch Jacob (v.12); and following Jesus' insightful but non judgmental revelation of knowledge of her past life, she imagines him to be a 'prophet' (v. 25) and ended with declaring him the 'Messiah,' the Christ (v.29). Jesus succeeded in winning this woman over because he was not judgmental on her. This woman was accepted by Jesus because she was open and cooperated with the invitation of Jesus. She was no longer ashamed of herself and of the fact that Christ knows about her life and her sins. And Jesus did not drive her away because of her sinfulness. Rather, her admission and acceptance of her misdeeds brings her to faith in the merciful God. We are called today to imitate both Jesus and this Samaritan woman. **Fr. Anthony**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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 re ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ni on 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.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY 2014**

<b>Revenue:</b>		<b>Expenses:</b>	
Ordinary Sunday Collections	4,805.69	Payroll	Administrator 1,200 Secretaries I and II 3,800
Funeral Collections (3 funerals)	1,420.91	Visiting priests (Jan.)	981.12
Lamps, candles, certificates	353.05	Gas/food/ministry exp	803.00
Bulletin Advertising	750.00	Building/Maintenance	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,329.65</b>	Heating Church/rectory	3763.68
		Hydro Church/Rectory	337.70
		TV/Telephone/Computer software	1,001.74
		Cleaning supplies	304.00
		Payment for Xmas flowers	378.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,570.06</b>

(Remarks: Deficit of 5,330.41)

**PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK & ELDERLY**

May the Lord comfort all in our hospitals and nursing homes. We pray for all the sick commended to our prayers, especially Sandra Terrance, Josephine Poore, Pauline Boots, Abe Francis, Caroline Oakes, Helen Cole, Ted Mitchell, Theresa Mitchell, Lila Caldwell, and Betty Swamp. Eternal rest unto Dolores Phillips and let perpetual light shine upon her!

**FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION, MARCH 25, 2014**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38). With those words—her *fiat*—the Virgin Mary placed her trust in God. She was only a young girl; betrothed, but not yet married. God was asking her to become the Mother of His Son. How easy it would have been for Mary to say, "No!" or to ask God to choose someone else! Mary had to have known what others would think, how people would look at her. For some people, pride would prevent them from accepting God's Will. But not Mary. In humility, she knew that her entire life depended on God. How could she turn down even this most remarkable of requests? From a young age, her parents had dedicated her to the service of the Lord; now, this humble servant would devote her entire life to the Son of God. Yet the Annunciation is not only about the humility of the Virgin Mary. In this moment, the Son of God "emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled himself . . . " (Philippians 2:7-8). If Mary's humility was remarkable, how much more so that of Christ! The Lord of the Universe has become one of His own creatures, a man like us in everything but sin, but even more humble than the best of us, because the Author of Life, in the very moment of His Annunciation, became "obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:8).

**Announcements/Notices**

**Response from the Bishop's office Philippines**

**The Roman Catholic Diocese of Bayombong**  
 St. Regis Mission January 8, 2014  
 Greetings from the Philippines!  
 With this letter, we acknowledge receipt of your parish's donation for typhoon victims in the amount of \$1760. Rest assured that your donation will be served as intended. The Diocese of Bayombong had already sent eight truck-loads of medicines, canned goods, noodles, bottled water, beddings, and clothes to the victims through the CBCP-National Secretariat on Social Action and the St. Paul De Chartres Sisters of Cebu (our partner Religious Congregation in the Visayas) since November, 2013. Your generosity is clear manifestation of God's indwelling in your hearts. Thank you so much and may the Good Lord, who cannot be outdone in generosity will continue to shower you and your community with his abundant blessings.  
 God Bless  
 Sincerely yours in Christ  
 Rev. Fr. Jocson O. Ogaya Most Rev. Ramon B. Villena, DD

**Children's Liturgy Program**

**Children's Liturgy Schedule for March 2014**

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Angie & Liz Sunday  
 March 30<sup>th</sup> John & Amy Tarbell

**Don't forget!**  
**Next Children' Mass is April 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 10:00 am**

If you wish to volunteer for teaching, please call the Kateri Hall 518-358-2931

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