

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday Feb. 11 th	7:00 p.m.	Health Intentions for Doris & George Hickey; Neil Tilley; Margy Butler; Ed Byrne
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Tuesday Feb. 12 th	7:00 p.m.	Susan Gorman; Wayne Bugden; Graham Skanes; Tom Reardon
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Wednesday Feb. 13 th	9:30 a.m.	Alice Jackman; Joseph Fitzpatrick; Marie Cahill
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Thursday Feb. 14 th	7:00 p.m.	William, Stephen & Bridget Fitzgerald; Michael & Sarah Reardon; Michael & Margaret McLean
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Friday Feb. 15 th	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Sister Paula Penny; Joan Gosse; Tom Roberts Stations of the Cross
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Saturday Feb. 16 th	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Marge Sweeney; James Pendergast Sr.; Muriel Ryan; Frank Taylor; Gertrude George; Jim Shea;
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Sunday Feb. 17 th	10:30 a.m.	For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish
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Collection for Week of Feb. 2nd & Feb. 3rd, 2008

Offertory – 91 Envelopes-----	\$1,033.70
Dues – 7 Envelopes-----	35.00
Initial – 1Envelope-----	5.00
Donations in Memory of Susan Gorman-----	30.00
Proceeds from Card Game for the month of January-----	427.00

Thank - You for Your Financial Support

World Day of the Sick – February 11th

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. Pope John Paul 11 in establishing this day stated: “I consider most appropriate, indeed, the bestowal upon the entire ecclesial community of an initiate which, as already practiced in some nations and regions, has brought forth precious pastoral fruit”. **February 11 (memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes)** highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday Feb. 16 th	5:00 p.m.	Readers:	Cathy Tulk & Pat Craig
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Rosemary O’Keefe; Tom Spracklin; Betty Quigley; Tasha Brazil
		Presentation of Gifts:	Robert Seward Family
		Ushers:	Bill Hammond; George Hickey; George Jackman; Keith Pitts
Sunday Feb. 17 th	10:30 a.m.	Readers:	Patricia King & Jean Williams
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Connie Cole; Sarah Burt; Judy Burt; Rosanne Grant
		Children’s Liturgy:	Ros Hurley
		Presentation of Gifts:	Clara Hammond & Riv Fitzgerald
		Ushers:	Ray Kennedy; Alex Newell; Charlie O’Brien; Ray Whalen

Ministry Schedule

It is that time of year again when we update our Ministry schedule for the weekly liturgies for the months from **March -June**. If you are a **Lector, Eucharistic Minister** or **Presenter of the Gifts at Mass**, please notify **Rosanne Grant at 488-2190** or the **Parish office at 488-2525** if you cannot be involved or will be away during those times. We also invite new members of our Parish to become involved. Thank - you for your dedication.

Development and Peace

The Bishops of Canada endorse the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Each Lent, in co-operation with other churches, they continue to bring the needs of the Third World before the people of our country and encourage all to respond to God’s generosity by supporting the works of CCODP.

On the 5th Sunday in Lent, a collection is taken up for developing countries. Christians are urged to share their goods with others and thus express in a concrete way their desire to come closer to God and all God’s children as a result of their lenten efforts. The offering should reflect the money saved through penitential fasting and set aside for God’s people.

Lenten Folders

Lenten folders are available at the entrances of our Church. Lent is a time for all of us to make our daily offering and consider supporting the needs of our Parish. Thank you for your support.

Confirmation

On Tuesday, April 8th, 2008, Archbishop Martin W. Currie will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our Parish. Please make a special effort to attend.

Meeting for the Preparation of Sacraments

The meeting which was cancelled for last week for the Preparation of Sacraments is rescheduled for **Saturday, Feb. 16th, 2008.**

Mercy Associates

The next meeting of the **New Group** of Mercy Associates will take place on **Feb. 14th, 2008 at 7:45** at the Sister's Residence.

Dates to Remember, 2008

Please schedule the following events into your calendar :

March 8th St. Patrick's Day Stew Supper & Pub Night

March 9th St. Patrick's Day Concert

March 10th St. Patrick's Day Card Game

April 8th Sacrament of Confirmation

July 19th Annual Dinner Theatre

Cemetery Mass Schedule – 2008

St. Michael's Cemetery, The Front: July 20th at 2:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Cemetery, Lance Cove: August 3rd, at 2:30 p.m.

Sympathy

Our Parish extends sympathy to the family and friends of the late: Margy Butler; Jim Shea and Tom Reardon and Gerald Hutchings & Grenville Hunt. May the Lord comfort you in your grief and grant eternal peace to our beloved. We assure the families of our continued prayers.

.. 49th International Eucharistic Congress ..

Quebec City June 2008 Theme .. "The Eucharist, gift of God for the life of the world". We are all encouraged to pray for the success of the Congress, and to deepen our sense of the importance of the Eucharist in our life of faith. For more information about the Congress please call Joanne Chafe at (709) 579-7924 or email lchafe@cccb.ca.

MARRIAGE*6 months notice required***PREPARATION PROGRAM – Must be completed before the wedding takes place.**

MARRIAGE INFORMATION: Are you aware that Catholics are obliged to marry in the Catholic Church? If they marry elsewhere without permission, the marriage is not recognized by the church. Permission is available and readily granted provided that both parties are free of impediments and fulfill the church's requirements for marriage. Please speak to your Parish priest for information and to apply for permission. You may also contact the Pastoral Centre at (709) 726-3660.



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Feb. 10th, 2008

REFLECTION:

Each year, the Gospel of the particular year in the three-year Lectionary cycle always recounts the temptation of Jesus in the desert on the First Sunday of Lent. This year, the proclamation is according to Matthew. The evangelist records that it was the Holy Spirit who led Jesus into the desert where he fasted for forty days and forty nights. His forty-day fast in the desert is the model for our forty day journey through the Lenten season. As this fast served to prepare Jesus for his mission, so too does it serve as **our** preparation for the renewal of our call to mission, given through our Baptism.

The First Reading for the Sundays of Lent trace the great stories of salvation history—the record of God's saving action and presence in the world. Today, the first Reading is the second story of creation as given in the book of Genesis. It is the account of the fall of our first parents in the Garden of Eden. Lent reminds us of the cause for our great need of God's mercy---sin.

Saint Paul's letter to the Romans reiterates the second story of creation, noting that it was through one person that sin entered the world. However, Jesus' one sacrifice acquitted all of humanity, giving everlasting life.

First Reading: Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3. 1-7

The creation and the sin of our first parents.

Second Reading: Romans 5.12-19

Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.

Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

Jesus fasted forty days, and was put to the test.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN HAWCO