

MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday 7:00 p.m. Thomas Reardon; Grenville Hunt ; Billy Gosse & Cyril
March 3rd Jackman**

**Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Blanch Taplin; James Shea; Joe Ryan
March 4th**

**Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Bride & Charlie Power; Pete & Nell Power
March 5th**

**Thursday 7:00 p.m. Gertrude George; Susan Gorman
March 6th**

**Friday 9:00 a.m. Fred Watson, Patrick & Minnie Dohery & McCarthy &
March 7th Monghan Families; Steve & Ann McLean & Gerald Nolan
9:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
March 8th 5:00 p.m. Louis Brown; Joseph Fitzpatrick; James Pendergast Sr.;
Dominic Slade; Michael Fitzpatrick; Mary (Marg) Butler**

**Sunday 10:30 a.m. For Parishioners Living and Deceased
March 9th St. Michael's Parish**

Collection for Week of Feb.23rd & Feb. 24th, 2008

Offertory – 70 Envelopes-----\$777.00

Dues – 26 Envelopes----- 265.00

Thank - You for Your Financial Support

Visitation of the Sick & Shut Ins

Sister Phyllis & Fr. Jim will be visiting the Sick and Shut Ins of our Parish on **Friday, March 9th, 2008**. During this time Fr. Jim will be anointing the sick. Please prepare for their visit and if you are not going to be home, please call the office to let us know, as this will give Sister Phyllis & Fr. Jim extra time to spend with the Sick and Shut Ins. If you know of anyone Sick or Shut In and would like to have a visit, please call the office at 488-2525.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands

Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus: October 23-November 06, 2008: pilgrimage to the Holy Lands for 15 days at a cost of **\$3,150 Canadian**. Including air fair Toronto-Tel Aviv and return with 1st class Hotel Accommodations. For further information you may contact **Fr. Dave Butler at (437-6628)**.

Liturgical Ministers

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| Saturday March 8th | 5:00 p.m. | Readers: | Karen Seward & Amanda Curnew |
| | | Eucharistic Ministers: | Lydia Brazil; Jasmine Brazil; Art Whelan; Helen Pitts |
| | | Presentation of Gifts: | Shirley Murphy & Carol Clarke |
| | | Ushers: | Leo Byrne; Fred Carroll; George Hickey; Brian Tulk |
| Sunday March 9th | 10:30 a.m. | Readers: | Rosanne Grant & Sid Rees |
| | | Eucharistic Ministers: | Riv Fitzgerald; Teresita McCarthy; Des McCarthy; Keith Kent |
| | | Children's Liturgy: | Ros Hurley |
| | | Presentation of Gifts: | Patricia & Michael King |
| | | Ushers: | Tom Cole; Kevin Delahunty; Sidney Rees; Ray Whalen |

Dates to Remember, 2008

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| 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.

Knights of Columbus State Lottery Tickets

We are asking members of the Parish and members of the Knights to purchase one or more of these tickets and/or take one or more to sell to friends and relatives. The cost of the ticket is \$40.00 and there are a number of prizes to be won including the \$50,000.00 first prize. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be available with tickets after Mass each week. Thank you for your past support.

Lenten Folders

The Lenten Self- Denial folders for adults and young people are at the back of the church.

World Day of Prayer –March 7th

The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. Each year it recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community. World Day of Prayer is celebrated in 165 countries.

Parish Penance Celebration

On Sunday, March 9th, at 4:00 p.m. at **St. Michael's Parish** we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will listen to the message of Sacred Scripture, acknowledge our sins and avail of the Sacrament individually, if you wish to do so. Please make a special effort to attend as there will be a number of visiting priests attending our Parish for this Penance Celebration.

For those who would like to attend the Parish Penance Celebration at Mary Queen of Peace, this will be held on Thursday, March 13th, at 7:30 p.m.

Mass of Chrism

On Tuesday, March 18th, at 7:30 p.m., The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist. The Archbishop will bless the oils to be used in all parishes for the year. The Mass of Chrism is a special celebration and all parishioners are invited to attend. Our Parish is looking for three volunteers to receive the Holy Oils from the Archbishop. **If you wish to volunteer you may talk to Fr. Jim (488-2525) or Rosanne Grant at (488-2190).**

The Televised Daily Mass

The Televised Daily Mass will be seen on **Vision TV every Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. and every Saturday at 9:30 a.m.** from St. Basil's Church in Toronto.

The National Catholic Mission for 2008: Keeping a Mellow Heart in a Bitter Time Part 1 & 2; will be seen on **Vision TV : Newfoundland time 8:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. - Monday, March 3, 2008 and repeated on Tuesday, March 4th, 2008 with Fr. Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I.**

Choir Practice

1. There will be Choir practice at **St. Michael's Church** for the Easter Triduum on **Thursday, March 6th after 7:00 p.m. Mass.**
2. Anyone who is interested in joining the Basilica Choir for the Chrism Mass please contact **Ann Marie Metcalfe** for the music selection, there will be a warm –up and run-through at 6:30 in the Basilica choir room, just at the top of the stairs beside the Marine Chapel.

Development and Peace Collection

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.

Newfoundland Pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.

In memory of Philomena Chafe, organized by her son Frank Chafe. With visits to Cape de la Madeleine and St. Joseph's Oratory; from St. John's to and from Montreal via Air Canada, **August 7th. – 14th.** Interested parties please write to: Newfoundland Pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupre, 33 Newhook Place, St. John's, NL A1A 6A9. Or Phone: **(709) 754-0745 or (709) 368-6533.** Register early to avoid disappointment.



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Fourth Sunday of Lent March 2nd, 2008

Anointed with the Spirit:

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

“Samuel anointed David in the presence of his brothers.”

Every once in a while God gives us a sign of hope. The clouds of winter yield to the sun of spring. A new friendship develops. An infant brings joy to a family.

Although the season of Lent urges us to think about sin, it does so against a background of hope. We do not hear the story of sin without hearing also the story of salvation.

When Samuel visited Jesse to anoint a king from among his sons, Israel received a sign of hope. God chose not the eldest son, a man of lofty stature, but the youngest son, who was busy tending sheep. Samuel anointed him with a horn of oil and God's spirit rushed upon the young man. We learn his name only in the last words of today's reading: David.

David, overlooked by those who should have seen with God's eyes, became a symbol of Jesus. The legendary kingship of David foreshadowed the blessed kingship of Jesus. Jesus is the one we call “Christ,” a title that means “anointed.”

You too were anointed in the Holy Spirit at baptism. On your journey through Lent, you have entered a period of renewal. Are you beginning to see God at work within you this season? Can you see the Spirit of God in yourself and in others where you had not noticed the Spirit before?

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

David was anointed king over Israel.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel: John 9.1-41

The man who was blind washed his eyes and came back able to see.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF SUSAN GORMAN