

May 10th
July 19th

Dates to Remember - 2008
Mother's Day Dinner and Dance at St. Michael's Hall
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.

Cemetery Clean Up

On Saturday, May 3rd at 9:00 a.m. we hope to see as many people as possible to help clean up our Cemetery before Mother's Day. The cemetery is very sacred ground and our loved ones deserve the most dignified and respected property in our town. In order for our Parish to maintain this property, we need your support. So let's all meet on Saturday as a community to show our loved ones the respect they deserve.

Mass for Life

With the assistance of the Knights of Columbus, Archbishop Martin Currie will be having a Mass for Life at the Basilica on Thursday, May 8th, at 7:30 p.m. preceded by a Rosary for Life led by the Knights at 7:00 p.m. All the lay faithful are invited to attend. For more information call the right to Life Association at 579-1500.

The Archbishop's 40th Anniversary

Monday, May 12th is the 40th anniversary of Archbishop Martin Currie to the Priesthood. The Archbishop will celebrate his 40th anniversary with an evening Mass at the Basilica at 7:00 p.m. All Priests and Faithful are welcome to attend.

Volunteers Needed

Touch of Class require the help of men to volunteer to put up an enclosed fence for the Green House at the Touch of Class Building. If you are available for May 4th or May 5th, please contact 488-2999.

Papal Charities – The Pope's Pastoral Works

At this time the Holy Father asks all Christians to give generously to His Pastoral Works. The funds are distributed by the Holy Father to those countries in need of financial support due to natural disasters, such as floods or earthquakes. This fund provides food, shelter, clothing and medicine at a time when it is needed most. Canada has been consistent in its giving to the Holy See to enable the Holy Father to be more generous in time of disaster.



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Sixth Sunday of Easter
April 27th, 2008

Surprising Heroes

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

“Samaria accepted the word of God.”

The story goes that Philip the deacon went from Jerusalem to Samaria to preach the gospel there. But after he baptized the people, Peter and John still had to follow after him to lay hands on the new believers so they could receive the Holy Spirit. It appears from the story that Philip needed help. It looks like he didn't do a very good job on his own.

But give credit where it is due. Samaria was hardly the place the apostles expected the gospel to take root. They must have been surprised that Philip got anywhere at all with the people who had been enemies of Jerusalem for so long.

Remember that Jesus surprised people with the parable of the Good Samaritan, and that the only grateful leper among the ten he cured was a Samaritan too. Remember how shocked the disciples were when they saw Jesus talking with the Samaritan woman at the well. None of them expected anything good of Samaritans.

But Philip the deacon made headway in enemy territory. He preached, expelled demons, and cured the paralyzed. Not a bad record. When Peter and John arrived, the Holy Spirit came with them. Look carefully at the people you think aren't doing a very good job, or people about whom you have low expectations. They may be instruments of Christ, preparing the ground for the Spirit of life.

First Reading: Acts 8 5-8, 14-17

Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.15-18

Christ was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

Gospel: John 14. 15-21

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Rose Marie Murphy