

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday March 30th	7:00 p.m.	Carl Nolan; Patrick Quirke; Dean Morrissey
Tuesday March 31st	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Shirley Jackman; Bill Clarke; Mary O’Neil; Confirmation Classes with Fr. Jim
Wednesday April 1st	9:30 a.m.	Ronald Kavanagh; Mary Farhat; Marie Gosse
Thursday April 2nd	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	William & Lillian Power; Theresa Gabriel White; Mary Cobb Reflections on Your Church Life with Fr. Jim
Friday April 3rd	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	The Way of The Cross Margaret Kent; Mary Farhat; Arthur Cummings
Saturday April 4th	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Bobby Power; Geraldine “Carroll” Nolan; John & Helen Brazil & Dec. Family Members; Helen & Tom Morrissey; Maureen Simon; Emma Boone; Arthur Cummings; Danny Jackman; Kevin Dobbin
Palm Sunday April 5th	10:30a.m.	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael’s Parish

Visitation of Sick and Shut Ins: Fr. Jim and Sister Phyllis will be visiting the Sick and Shut Ins of the Parish on **Friday, April 3rd, 2009**. Please prepare for their visit. If you are not going to be home on that day, please call the Parish office at 488-2525 to let Fr. Jim and Sister Phyllis know, as this will give them extra time to spend with others who are in need.

Collection for Week of March 21st & March 22nd, 2009	
Offertory - 85 Envelopes-----	\$1,061.00
Dues - 1 Envelope-----	5.00
Development & Peace – 1 Envelope-----	10.00
Easter Flowers in Memory-----	140.00
Thank –You for your Financial Support	

Archbishops Dinner & Auction: The beginning of the Annual Archbishops Appeal Campaign is **April 24, 2009**. It will be held in the Main Dinning Room of the Battery Hotel, Signal Hill Road. **Tickets are \$150.00 per person** with tables of eight or ten people. Perhaps enough individuals in the parish would be able to afford a ticket to make up a table. Those attending the dinner will receive a receipt of \$100.00 for tax purposes. For tickets please contact the Parish office at **488-2525**.

Reflections for Lent’: National Catholic Mission Broadcast: **Newfoundland Times:** will be 10:30 p.m. and repeat time at 12:30 a.m. on Monday, April 6th, and Tuesday, April 7th.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS



Saturday April 4th	5:00 p.m.	Sunday April 5th	10:30 a.m.
Readers: Amanda Curnew & Colin Taylor		Readers: Geraldine Fitzgerald & Sister Phyllis	
Narrator: Rosemary O’Keefe		Narrator: Des McCarthy	
S1 & 3: Jasmine Brazil		S1 & S3: Sharon Hammond	
Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Craig; Jasmine Brazil; Tom Spracklin; Art Whelan		Eucharistic Ministers: Ros Hurley; Rosanne Grant; Vanita Bartlett; Shirley Murphy	
Presentation of Gifts: Lydia Brazil Family		Presentation of Gifts: Betty & Kevin Quigley	
		Children’s Liturgy: Diane Delaney	
Ushers: Joe Bartlett; John Galway; George Hickey; Fred Carroll		Ushers: Ray Kennedy; Alex Newell; Ray Whalen; Charlie O’Brien	

Garden Party Photographs: The annual Parish Garden Party was in many parishes throughout the province one of the most important days of the year and for the parish the major fundraising event. We would invite anyone that has any photos of Garden Parties to loan them to us. We want to be able to document the history of the garden party and its important place in the life of the parish. If you have any photo’s of the “Garden Party” please send them to Larry Dohey, Archives of the R.C. Archdiocese, P.O. Box 1363, St. John’s, NL A1C 5M3 or call 709-726-3660 or ldohey@nf.aibn.com.

Funeral Masses During Holy Week: In Canada, a funeral Mass may be celebrated any day except Sunday, holy days of obligation, Holy Thursday, and during the Easter triduum (from the Mass of the Lord’s supper through Easter Sunday inclusively.) On these days the funeral may be celebrated without Mass, using only the rites for the reception of the body, the liturgy of the word and the final commendation, as given in the ritual.

Music-Choir Rehearsal: There will be a Music-Choir rehearsal practice on **Tuesday, March 31st, at 7:00 p.m.** This is to practice for the Easter Tridium service. **“All are welcome.”**

Parish Penance Celebration: **This Sunday, March 29th at 3:00 p.m.,** we will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. Please gather for this celebration of Forgiveness as we cleanse our hearts from sin and anticipate the joy of Easter.

Mass of Chrism: On Tuesday, April 7, 2009 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 will be taking part in the celebrations and we require two people to collect the Holy Oils for our Parish. If you would like to participate and collect the Holy Oils to bring back for our Parish, please call Fr. Jim at 488-2525.

Right To Life -Essay or Video on Life Contest 2009: 1st place: \$200, 2nd place \$100, 3rd place \$50. Teens in the province are invited to write a pro-life essay or create a pro-life video about abortion, euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research and submit it to the Right to Life Association by June 19th for a chance to win cash! For details search for the "Essay or Video on Life Contest 2009" group on Facebook, email nlfriendsforlife@nl.rogers.com, or call 709-579-1500.

Dates to Remember, 2009

Please schedule the following events into your Calendar:

Holy Week:

Holy Thursday - April 9th Mass at 7:00 p.m.
Holy Thursday - April 9th Evening Prayer 11:30 p.m.
Good Friday - April 10th Passion and Death of Our Lord at 3:00 p.m.
Good Friday - April 10th Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday - April 11th Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday - April 12th Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Annual Dinner Theatre July 18th, 2009

Cemetery Mass Schedule – 2009

St. Michael's Cemetery, The Front: July 19th at 2:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Cemetery, Lance Cove: August 9th at 2:30 p.m.

Seniors Lenten Reflection: Thursday, April 2nd, 1:00 -4:00 p.m. Facilitator: Ann Walsh, Archdiocesan Director for Adult Faith Formation. To register call Sr. Loretta Walsh at 579-0158.

R.T.L. – The Annual Good Friday Vigil: will be held on April 10th, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Health Science complex parking Lot. Join the Right to Life Association and show your support against abortion. Call 579-1500 for further details.

St. John's and Area Council of Churches: Annual Dinner and General Meeting on Friday April 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army citadel, Ashford Drive, Mount Pearl. Cost is \$15.00. Special Guest is Sister Elizabeth M. Davis, RSM, leader of Health Care in Canada.



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*Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29th, 2009*

Reflection:

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are coming when I shall make a new covenant with the house of Israel and remember their sin no more.

In the reading from Jeremiah, God promises that the new covenant will not be like the old-when "I had to show myself their master" (Jeremiah 31:32). In this relationship, the law will be written on the hearts of the people, not on tablets of stone, and God will have an intimate relationship with every one of them, a relationship built on forgiveness of sin.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9

Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all.

The reading from Hebrews shows us Jesus: man of prayer, man of suffering. It is through his sufferings that Christ learns obedience; and it is through his obedience that he is made "perfect" and becomes the salvation of all who obey him in turn. What kind of obedience? The obedience that seeks God in prayer and trusts in the will of the Father.

Gospel: John 12: 20-33

If a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it bears much fruit.

All through this Gospel, we hear references to the "hour" of Jesus (think of Jesus' words to his mother at the wedding feast in Cana -"my hour has not yet come" (John 2:4). Now the time is fulfilled. Jesus is the "grain of wheat" (12:24) that can only bear fruit if it "dies". Jesus prays with great honesty: "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? "Father, save me from this hour?" But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour." Jesus is afraid, but he never stops trusting in the Lord.

Sanctuary Candle:

In Loving Memory of Michael & Margaret McLean