

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday March 9th	5:00 p.m.	Gordon Stoyles Sr.; Michael & Margaret McLean; John & Annie Byrne
Tuesday March 10th	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	James & Gertrude Quinlan; Dawn & Bill Cahill & Bart & Beryl Bartlett; Danny Jackman Confirmation Classes with Fr. Jim
Wednesday March 11th	9:30 a.m.	Mary Farhat; Bernadette Oliver; Sandra Byrne & Gerry Hayden
Thursday March 12th	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Helen Dwyer; Gordon Power; William, Mary Ann & Gwen Tremblett Reflections on Your Church Life with Fr. Jim
Friday March 13th	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	The Way of The Cross Phyllis Pearl Smith; Special Intention; Richard Beresford
Saturday March 14th	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Eveleigh, Hammond, Stone Families, & Herb Laurie; Frank Pendergast Sr. & Jr.; Ted & Terry Butler & Peter & Mary Conway; Theresa & John Hammond & Barry Normore; Gordon Jewer; Leonard Gibbons; Lois King; Marie Gosse
Sunday March 15th	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

Reflections on Your Church Life with Fr. Jim: Every **Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.** Fr. Jim will share his spiritual wisdom with us. Come to me, all who labour and are burdened. Do you need time to reflect and re-charge your spiritual life? Give to yourself in prayer, and reflection this Lent. Come and bring a friend. See you there at St. Michael's Hall.

Collection for Week of Feb. 28th, 2009 to March 1st, 2009		
Offertory	118 Envelopes	\$1,315.44
Dues	8 Envelopes	167.00
Initial	1 Envelope	5.00
Ash Wednesday	57 Envelopes	375.00
Easter Flowers in Memory	1 Envelope	100.00
Thank you for your Financial Collection		

Mercy Associates: Instead of the regular monthly meeting in March, the New Group of Mercy Associates will meet for a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 21st, 2009 at Mercy Convent, Military Rd., St. Johns from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS



Saturday March 14th	5:00 p.m.	Sunday March 15th	10:30 a.m.
Readers: Jody Whelan & Pat Craig		Readers: Jean Williams & Sharon Hammond	
Eucharistic Ministers: Tasha Brazil; Raymond Whelan; Cecilia Kent; Irene Delahunty		Eucharistic Ministers: Rosanne Grant; Christine Quinlan; Ros Hurley; Keith Kent	
Presentation of Gifts: Mary Power & George Jackman		Presentation of Gifts: Valerie Gorman Family	
		Children's Liturgy: Teresita McCarthy	
Ushers: Joe Bartlett; John Galway; George Hickey; Fred Carroll		Ushers: Leo Byrne; George Hickey; George Jackman	

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser 2009: The Knights of Columbus are selling tickets at the cost of \$40.00 each. Prizes are as follows: 1st \$50,000.00, 2nd \$15,000.00, and 3rd \$5,000.00. The draw takes place May 16th, 2009. You can purchase as a group, which will bring down the cost for each individual, or you may purchase an individual ticket.

Flowers for Easter: This is the time of year when we place our order for the supply of flowers for the Easter season. If you wish to donate to the purchase of these flowers in loving memory of your loved ones, please submit your donation to the office or in an envelope in the Church collection with the names of those you wish to pray for at the Easter liturgies. Thank you for your continued support.

St. Patrick's Day Stew Supper: Mark your calendar for March 14th, Irish Stew Supper at **St. Michael's Hall**. Come and bring your friends and support the cause. Tickets are on sale now for a cost of only \$5.00. **Take out from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Eat In is from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** You may contact Rosanne Grant at 488-2190, Christine Quinlan at 488-3342 or call the Parish office at 488-2525.

St. Patrick's Day Concert: Come and bring your friends on **Sunday March 15th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Michael's Hall for our St. Patrick's Day Concert. Admission for the concert is **\$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12.**

Happy Birthday: Mrs. Vickie Carbage will be celebrating her **98th Birthday on March 17th, 2009.** Mrs. Carbage will be having an open house from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 14th, 2009. Everyone is welcome.

Lenten Folders: Parishioners are encouraged to take a Lenten Folder and contribute to the many needs of our Parish. Lent is a time of self sacrifice and perhaps your giving can be a sign of your faithful concern to the financial needs of your Parish. Folders are at the back of the Church, you may take one home with you.

Church Opens During the Lenten Season: The church will be open daily for those who would like time for private prayer. Please take time to visit the Blessed Sacrament and pray the Stations of the Cross.

Making the World a Better Place ...Ten Thousand Villages is coming to The Landing!! – 3rd floor of University Centre. Memorial University Chaplains are hosting a sale of beautiful, fairly-traded gifts benefiting artisans from more than 35 Third World countries. The Festival Sale will be held Wednesday, March 11th and Thursday, March 12th from 10 am. to 7 pm. at The Landing, Memorial University, St. John's. Admission FREE. The gifts you buy at the Ten Thousand Villages Sales will give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world.

Did you Know...? that the Archdiocese of St. John's provides Chaplaincy services at the following organizations in the area: all hospitals; nursing & senior homes; H.M. Penitentiary and Memorial University on the Burin Peninsula and much of the Avalon Peninsula?

Did you Know...that the Archdiocese of St. John's supports the Family Life bureau, which provides marriage and family counseling and programs to people of all or no faith?

New Life in Our Parish: Through Baptism, our Parish welcomes the newest members of our Faith community: Christian George Bickford; Ian Henry Brian Ezekiel; Parker Justin Kenneth Hurley. You have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ. May you always grow as a child of the Light.

Volunteers Needed: The Dr. Walter Templeman Health Care Centre requires reliable new volunteers to join our volunteer team. Please contact Sharon Dawe, Volunteer Resources Coordinator at 777-5539 to discuss how you can begin the rewarding experience of volunteering.

Luncheon in the Library: For Clergy, Religious and Laity luncheon with Archbishop Martin W. Currie on **Monday, March 30th, 2009 from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.** **Cost: \$5.00 per person (only 60 persons capacity).** This is a lunchtime conversation about St. Paul, a man of the First Century with something to say to our own. Bring your own sandwiches, and we'll provide soup, tea and coffee. **Subject:** Year of St. Paul (Different Worlds? Paul's World and Ours). **Where:** at the Basilica Museum Library, Pastoral Centre, 200 Military Rd. St. John's. **Speaker:** Archbishop Martin W. Currie. Register by calling the pastoral Center switchboard at (709) 726.3660.



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*Second Sunday of Lent
March 8th, 2009*

Reflection:

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Abraham, our father in faith, was ready for sacrifice.

On the Second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear about the Transfiguration of the Lord. We join Peter, James, and John, the chosen three who witnessed the Transfiguration, because we, like them, need to draw strength for our Lenten journey from the vision of Christ in glory. The cross is coming; but the cross is not an end in itself. Suffering will give way to glory. The first two readings today are all about suffering. God does not require Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac; but he requires Abraham to love his Lord more than anything else, even a “beloved son”.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-35, 37++

God did not withhold his own Son.

Saint Paul urges the Romans to have total confidence, because the God who gave up “his own Son” for our sake will hold back nothing. At the end of the reading, Paul reminds us that it is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, not his death that gives us hope.

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-20

This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.

In the Gospel according to Mark, the Transfiguration comes immediately after Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi and Jesus' first prediction of the passion. Peter had reacted strongly to Jesus' words, taking Jesus aside and rebuking him. The vision of Christ in glory is so wonderful that Peter wants to remain there forever. The voice of God comes from a cloud, urging them to listen to Jesus. Jesus is the “beloved Son” of God, just as Isaac was the “beloved Son” of Abraham. The passion is the only way to the glory they have seen.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF Mary Brazil; Betty Murphy & Alice Carroll