

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 30	4:00 pm	Confessions
Saturday, Jan. 30	5:00 pm	Vince, Mae, Janet, John & Margaret Murphy & Deceased Family; Mary & Kareem Farhat; John & Geraldine (Carroll) Nolan; Fred, Bride & Tony Carroll; Anne (Sis) Fowler; Henry & Ethel Fowler; Elsie Maddigan
Sunday, Jan. 31	10:30 am	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 24, 2010: “You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact: Fr. Steve Courtney 726-3660, or stjohnsvocations@gmail.com.

BROTHER JIM MCSHEFFREY DIOCESAN COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: Please be advised that the Share Lent Workshop Is entitled “Working our land, Fighting for our rights”. A workshop will be held for all parish representatives and those interested in Development and Peace: Date: Saturday, Jan. 23rd - 9:30am to 2:30pm at The Gathering Place. Light lunch provided. Representatives are advised that the Share Lent materials are available from the national office of Development and Peace or online www.devpc.org/devpme/eng/sharelent/resourses-eng.html.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
JANUARY 17TH, 2010**

Offertory (113 Envelopes)	\$1299.50
Dues (2 Envelopes)	\$10.00
Insurance (2 Envelopes)	\$10.00
New Years (3 Envelopes)	\$35.00
Initial (3 Envelopes)	\$13.00
2 Advent Folders	\$45.00
In memory of Jack Matthews	\$25.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, JAN. 30 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, JAN.31 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Amanda Curnew Colin Taylor	Patricia King Sid Rees
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Lydia Brazil Tasha Brazil	Des McCarthy Teresita McCarthy
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	The Bill Newell Family	Valerie Gorman Family
USHERS:	Joe Bartlett John Galway George Hickey Jason Hickey	Ray Kennedy Alex Newell Ray Whalen Charlie O'Brien
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:		Ros Hurley

HOME RELIGION PROGRAM: We had a very productive meeting of parents and children on Sunday, January 10. The turnout was fantastic! Parents are to be commended for their efforts and for their dedication to their children's faith formation. The scrapbooks and banners were wonderful, and we look forward to seeing their continued development. These books are a precious keepsake. We would like to thank you for your dedication and offer our continued support. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to spend some quality time together, and we appreciate your commitment to the program.

The next meeting of parents and children is scheduled for **February 14 at 2 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Please bring along the scrapbooks again at that time. The **Themes for Lent** will be distributed then. **Please Note:** For children registered in **Years 2 and 3** of the program, we will be holding **additional focus meetings during Lent** to ensure proper coverage of the materials prior to reception of the sacraments. **We will keep you posted in the Church bulletin.**

We would also like to remind you that attendance at Mass and Children's Liturgy on Sunday mornings during Mass is crucial for the faith development of your children. The children enjoy it so much, and they learn so much in the process.

Again, we ask God's blessings on all the parents and children completing the Home Religion Program.

LEGION OF MARY: St. Paul calls us to PRAY ALWAYS, and so we must. The Legion of Mary counts on prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit always. We all need to pray, so on Wednesday, Feb. 10th (a week before Ash Wednesday) from 2:30 to 3:30 the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and a Holy Hour will take place at St. Teresa's Church. All Legion of Mary members, their families and all people connected to the Legion are encouraged to attend this time of prayer.

COUNSELLING SERVICES: Individual, couple, and family counselling is available at the Family Life Bureau. One call to 579-0168 brings help.

FAMILY LIFE BUREAU: Winter 2010 classes beginning! The Foundations Program includes: Changes That Heal, Power of Positive Parenting, and DivorceCare. To register for any of the above groups call Sr. Loretta Walsh or Helen MacKinnon at 579-0168 or email: flb@nf.aibn.com. Space is limited. For a listing of all our programs refer to our website: www.stjohnsarchdiocese.ca/flb.

BEREAVEMENT TEAMS: Our bereavement teams are vital to our Parish. They help families at one of their most difficult times to become involved in planning the liturgies for their loved ones. There is a need to increase the number of teams in our Parish. Please give some serious consideration and call the Parish office 488-2525.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 – MADRID, SPAIN: For all those interested in finding out more about World Youth Day: Pilgrims must be 18yrs as of August 2011 to attend. Information session will be held on Wednesday Jan. 27th, 7:00pm at the Pastoral Centre, Archdiocese of St. John's.

MUN CHAPLAINCY:

Weekly Mass: Held at St. John's Chapel at MUN. **Begins Sunday, Jan. 17th at 6:00 pm.** Archbishop Martin Currie will preside at the mass and various priests from the Archdiocese will preside at the subsequent masses. If you know a University student, please pass on this information, however ALL ARE WELCOME. For further information or to register for these events please contact the office at 726-3660 and speak to Noreen, Anne or MaryLou.

CABOT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Now accepting applications from interested partner families for a four-home build to take place in Pleasantville in 2010. If your family meets the financial requirements, is willing to contribute 500 hours of sweat equity, has the ability to pay an interest-free mortgage, does not currently own or have previously owned a home, and have a need, you are invited to submit the enclosed application to Cabot Habitat for Humanity by February 12, 2009. Eligibility criteria and applications available at www.cabothabitat.ca or by calling 737-5743.



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 24TH, 2010

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

The people understood the book of the Law as it was read to them.

Although the people are moved to tears, Nehemiah challenges the assembly to turn from mourning to rejoicing, for God's law is a gift that signals God's blessing. As we rejoice in the gift of God's word, we are strengthened by the Lord to live it.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 12: 12-30

You form the body of Christ, yet each of you is a different part of it.

The source of unity and of the unique gifts of each member is the Holy Spirit given in Baptism. As members of the one body, we share in one another's suffering, honor, and ministry on behalf of others. We are invited to surrender those attitudes of envy and jealousy that keep us from living out the gift of unity bestowed on us in the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

Today this Scripture has been fulfilled.

Jesus affirms that Isaiah's prophecy of God's Holy Spirit resting upon his chosen one has been fulfilled. Jesus is God's anointed. As Nehemiah invited delight in the proclamation of God's word, today's Gospel calls us to delight in Jesus our Messiah and Lord, for God's word is both proclaimed and fulfilled in him.

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of William & Dianne Ford