

Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23

Sun.: 5:00 p.m. Souls in Purgatory
Mon.: 10:00 a.m. Mannus & Eleanor Halman
Tue.: 12:05 p.m. NO MASS *Clergy Day*
Wed.: 12:05 p.m. Special Intention
Wed.: 5:30 p.m. Jimmy Cullen
Thur.: 12:05 p.m. Special Intention
Fri.: 12:05 p.m. Loretta Griffin
Sat.: 9:00 a.m. Doug Young
Sat.: 4:00 p.m. Souls in Purgatory

PLEASE NOTE: WEEKDAY MASS IS IN GLASTONBURY HALL (CHURCH LOWER LEVEL). The 9 a.m. Mass on Saturday is cancelled when there is a funeral. The Mass Intention scheduled for that day will then be offered at a later date.

FEB 16 OFFERING	\$3,361.00
FEB 16 PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT	\$1,025.00
FEB 16 FUEL COLLECTION	\$ 702.00
OTHER COLLECTIONS	\$ 20.00

AUTOMATIC DEBIT is an option for those who would like to contribute using that means. Please contact the Parish Office for information.

REQUIRED WEEKLY TO OPERATE ST. DUNSTAN'S \$5,600.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

MASS READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 1

1st Reading: Genesis 2.7 – 9, 16 – 18, 25
2nd Reading: Romans 5.12 – 19
Gospel: Matthew 4.1 – 11

PARISH NEWS

CLERGY DAYS: This Monday and Tuesday. Note change of Mass time for Monday. No Mass or Confessions Tuesday this week.

OUR FATHER'S ADORATION CHAPEL is open daily from 6 am - 11 pm except for cleaning on Sunday, 9 am - 1 pm. You may request to have a candle burn in the Adoration Chapel during this time (\$7 Sun – Sat.) Please contact the Parish Office. This week the candles in the Chapel burn for: Special Intention (1).

MEET AND GREET: Following the 5 pm Mass, this Sunday, February 23, downstairs in Glastonbury Hall. There will be a sharing table to which you may bring something along. All welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY: Collection for the bishop's projects will go toward: Bedford MacDonald House for men, Blooming House for women, the Upper Room food ministry and to support local refugee efforts.

LENT: Reserve Sunday evenings, March 1, 15, 22, and 29. Sung Evening Prayer in *Glastonbury Hall*, 6:30, followed by Video Presentation Bishop Barron's "The Mass" concluding with questions and discussion. Holy Redeemer Parish has invited neighbouring parishes to a parish Mission, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, March 8-10, 7-8:30 pm. *Rejoice and be Glad: Pope Francis' Roadmap for Holiness and Mission*, led by Fr. Raymond Lafontaine. This will replace our gathering on March 8. **Reconciliation Service:** Monday, March 16, 7pm.

2019 TAX RECEIPTS available on the table at the church entrance. They are in numerical order. There are sheets available in alphabetical order to help you find your envelope number if needed.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Monthly Meeting: Thursday, February 27 at 7:30 pm in the K of C Room. Dorchester side entrance.

FIRST SATURDAY GATHERING INVITATION: Saturday, March 7 after the 4 pm Mass K of C room. The presentation is on The Holy Rosary, light lunch, fellowship and rosary. Please enter via the Adoration Chapel side entrance (Dorchester Street) For info Ray /Marilyn Yu 902-628-2397, raymaryu@hotmail.com.

UPPER ROOM PEI is a weekly gathering for young adults seeking deeper relationship with Christ. Every Tuesday, 7:30 pm in Glastonbury Hall, an hour of adoration followed by time for fellowship. For more info, follow us on Facebook @Upper Room PEI.

GREETERS AND GIFT BEARERS: Please see sign up sheet and info at the main entrance. An invitation is extended to everyone—individuals, couples, families, catechetical classes—to become involved at our Saturday afternoon—Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist. *Thanks to those already participating.*

DISCUSSION GROUP: (Adults 16+) on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* before the 10:30 am mass on Sunday mornings. We will meet in the parish office from 9:15-10:15. Contact Pat Wiedemer for more information, stdunstanscatechism@gmail.com

FOOD SUNDAY - FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH: Parishioners who are able to donate non perishable food items, please bring them to the weekend masses for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Donations may be left near the angel holy water fonts at the entrance to the church. Thank you!

OUTREACH MINISTRY: Our parish will be supplying, sharing, and serving a noon meal for the local Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, March 24. More info to follow on how those who would like to be involved may do so. Thanks to those involved, thus far.

DIOCESAN NEWS

LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST RULE IN YOUR HEARTS: The Prince Street Churches and St. Dunstan's invite everyone to our Noontime Lenten Services and Luncheons Wednesdays, 12:10-12:50, Feb 26-April 1, and a special Holy Week evening service: April 8, 7 pm at St. Dunstan's Basilica.

CWL AREA MEETING: Saturday, February 29 (storm date March 14) 10 am -1 pm at Assumption, Stratford Workshop theme: Mothers, Faith and Love. Bring a friend to this potluck meeting.

THE ST. DUNSTAN'S UNIVERSITY Institute of Christianity and Culture at UPEI invites the public to a lecture entitled, "Human Gene Editing: Ethics and Regulatory Landscape in Europe" by Father Emmanuel Agius professor of Moral Theology and Philosophical Ethics at the University of Malta. Wednesday, March 4, 7:30 pm in the lecture theatre of the K.C. Irving Chemistry Centre on the UPEI campus. All welcome and admission is free.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Rev. Professor Emmanuel Agius will speak on "Insights from Robotics for Theological Reflection: Challenges and Opportunities." Theology on Tap is presented by the SDU Institute of Christianity and Culture. **Thursday, March 5, 7 pm, the Pourhouse.** We look forward to seeing you!

STEPS TO JUSTICE SOLIDARITY WALK: Sunday, March 15. Hosted by the UPEI Chaplaincy Centre and Diocesan Youth Office, we will walk in solidarity and pray for the environment. Gather at 4 pm at the Chaplaincy Centre, UPEI Campus. Walk will conclude by 5:30. Participants are welcome to join the UPEI Chaplaincy Centre community for Sunday Mass at 6 pm. This event is open to all.

STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC: July 3-5, 2019. Join hundreds of other youth from across Atlantic Canada for a weekend of friendship, fun, and faith. Registration is now open. The early bird cost is \$200, and only available until March 25. For more info or to register, contact your Group Leader or Lauren at youth@dioceseofcharlottetown.com

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Weekend of meaning, rediscovery and love for husbands and wives. April 3 - 5 at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center, Stanley Bridge and June 5 - 7 at Our Lady of Grace Monastery, Monastery, Nova Scotia. For more info, email renewmarriage@gmail.com or text or call 902-314-8541.

CURSILLO: Retreats for both women and men are taking place at Marguerite Bourgeois Retreat Centre, Summerside. For more information, please contact Tony Gallant @ 902-432-7774 or Bonnie Hood @ 902-940-6706.

PEI RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION: Annual Membership Drive. Join us in supporting LIFE on PEI! Membership Forms are at the back of the church or go online: PEIRight2LIFE.ca. Call or email Pat at 902-894-5473 or Pat@peiright2life.ca for more info.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. I heard a story recently of a Catholic woman whose job required her to serve members of the public. For some reason she felt she should hide the ashes she had received at Mass on Ash Wednesday. So, she combed her hair in bangs to hide the large black smudge on her forehead. To her surprise, her first four customers displayed ashes on their foreheads.

Pressure to suppress religious expression in public is real. We all experience the expectations of society to restrict religious expression to our Churches, Mosques and Synagogues.

This Wednesday, if anyone asks why we are sporting ashes on our forehead we might respond by saying that ashes remind us that we are mortal. Everyone will die. But just as God breathed into earth to create the first man and woman, Jesus also breathes his Holy Spirit into our hearts calling us to a new, eternal life in heaven. This is our belief. And so we are happy to share this faith in public after Mass on Ash Wednesday.

The grace of Lent is the gift of repentance. Throughout these forty days we respond to God's grace of repentance with prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These spiritual exercises don't make us holy. We can't make ourselves holy by our own will power. Holiness is a gift through which Jesus gives us a share in his own life. Like physical exercises, spiritual exercises keep us in shape. Spiritual exercises don't affect muscle tone, but they do help us change those habits that keep us from loving more, being more considerate, being more forgiving and kind. The spiritual exercises of prayer, almsgiving and fasting serve to help us hear today's Gospel message to strive to be a peace-maker by turning the other cheek; by being generous to those who would cheat us; by loving not just our friends but our enemies too. In this life on earth we know that none of us will "be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect". But by staying in spiritual shape, by doing our spiritual exercises we are responding to God's grace of repentance; we are trying to become better Christians; we are not letting our weakness be a source of despair; we are allowing God's grace to give us hope that in trying to do God's will, we shall, like his Son, find our human fulfillment with God in heaven.

So let us receive the Sacrament of Penance and Eucharist regularly throughout Lent in order to see better our purpose on earth, to better understand the meaning of love and forgiveness, to better respond to God's grace of repentance in our life.

SINCERELY YOURS IN CHRIST,

BISHOP RICHARD GRECCO