

Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS - WEEK OF MARCH 15

Sun.: 5:00 p.m. Fr. Floyd Gallant
Mon.: 12:05 p.m. Catherine Miller
Tue.: 12:05 p.m. Colman O'Hare
Wed.: 12:05 p.m. Brandy Anderson
Thur.: 10:00 a.m. Andrew's Lodge – Bobby Evans
Thur.: 12:05 p.m. Brian Kelly (A)
Fri.: 12:05 p.m. Sharon Scully (A)
Sat.: 9:00 a.m. Doug Young
Sat.: 4:00 p.m. Kailer Hondrado

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.

MARCH 8 OFFERING	\$3,429.00
MARCH 8 PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT	\$ 645.00
MARCH 8 CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 125.00
MARCH 8 FUEL COLLECTION	\$ 517.00
OTHER COLLECTIONS	\$ 250.00

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 22

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6 – 7, 10 - 13
2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.8 – 14
Gospel: John 9.1 – 41

PARISH NEWS

OUR FATHER'S ADORATION CHAPEL 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: In Memory of Brian Kelly, Leoncio Yu, Inocita Yu, Denis Yu; Private Intention for Rick Thistle; Special Intention (1).

LENT: Reserve Sunday evenings, March 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.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: This Monday, March 16, 7pm. Additional priests will be available for individual confessions.

OUTREACH MINISTRY: *When you give alms...* Thanks so very much to all who signed up to supply a menu item for our March 24th Soup Kitchen Meal. Please have your items in by next weekend. **If you would like to be involved in preparing or serving future meals, please contact the Parish Office to leave your name and contact info. All are welcome to be involved in this ministry.**

ADDITIONAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS are needed for all the weekend Masses. If you are not already involved in a liturgical ministry, and would like to serve, please contact Joyce White: 902-367-5701, Judy Goulden: 902-368-7134 or Fr. Keith 902-894-3486. Formation will be provided. Many thanks to those already serving.

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.

EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners are invited to make a donation towards Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one. Please indicate your loved one's name, your name (Env. number) and place it in the collection basket or by dropping them off to the office. To be printed in the bulletin, names and donations must be received by noon Tuesday, April 7. Special remembrance of your loved one will be included in the Easter Masses.

THE CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE (CWL) will meet Wed. March 18 at 7 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room (Enter through the Adoration Chapel Door on Dorchester Street). All are welcome.

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

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, until April 1, and a special Holy Week evening service: April 8, 7 pm at St. Dunstan's Basilica. **This week, the service will be at First Baptist – "Forgiveness".**

MARTHA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE: Benevolent Universe - a video series on Thursdays at 7 pm March 26, April 9 and 23. Must register. Cost is \$30 for the series or \$10 per session. To register for Spirituality Centre offerings, call 902-367-3103 or message srgemma@eastlink.ca

STEPS TO JUSTICE SOLIDARITY WALK: Sunday, March 15. 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.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY: Join Fr. Martin Carter for a look at three major themes of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans as follows, on **March 18** (The Gospel of Salvation), **March 25** (Salvation in Christ and the Spirit), **April 1** (A New Way of Life in Christ), 7 - 8:15 pm in the McMahon Room at Our Lady of the Assumption, Stratford. All welcome.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – CARITAS Canada' annual Solidarity Sunday Workshop, Sunday March 29, 2 - 4 pm, St. Pius X Church. Speaker: Adah Ogbe, M.A., Intn'l Development, D&P animator. Title: "Caring for our Common Home: The Amazon and the Global South." Sharing table. All Welcome.

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: Weekends are taking place April 16 - 19 for Men and April 23 - 26 for Women at Marguerite Bourgeois Retreat Centre, Summerside. For more information, please contact Tony Gallant @ 902-432-7774 or Bonnie Hood @ 902-940-6706.

STEOBENVILLE ATLANTIC: July 3-5, 2019. 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

NURTURE LIFE, OPPOSE DEATH ON DEMAND! Contact Your Member of Parliament Today! The federal government has tabled legislation to expand what they refer to as medical assistance in dying but is more accurately called euthanasia/assisted suicide. More than 13,000 Canadians have been euthanized since 2016. New legislation would make assisted death available to those without life-threatening illnesses including those with disabilities and those no longer capable of making decisions for themselves. Some Canadians may even be euthanized on the same day they make the request. Visit www.helptheliving.ca to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament expressing deep concern. The process takes less than 5 minutes. More information can also be found at: www.arch-toronto.org/euthanasia.

The following has been received this week. Health officials are reminding the public to (a) take precautions seriously and (b) to avoid panic. A balanced response is essential.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

REGARDING: CORONAVIRUS (COVID – 19)

No case of Covid-19 has been reported in Prince Edward Island. However, authorities are now referring to the spread of the virus as a pandemic so people are becoming anxious; Parishioners are wondering what precautions should be taken during our Liturgies. I therefore ask you to consider implementing the following until further notice.

Hygiene and Sunday Obligation: Anyone with flu like symptoms and other serious symptoms of ill health are excused from Sunday obligation.

Sign of Peace: A simple head bow or similar non-contact gesture may be used. A handshake or other physical contact is not advisable.

Reception of Holy Communion: Each communicant is *encouraged* to: *) Receive communion on the hand and immediately consume the host *) Refrain from communion on the tongue to prevent the spreading of saliva to other communicants *) Refrain from communion from the cup if such is the practice in your parish.

Ministers of Communion: *) People with symptoms of cold or flu should avoid distributing communion. *) All ministers should use a hand sanitizer before distributing communion. This gesture is **not liturgical** and therefore should be done **discreetly**. *) People preparing sacred vessels before Mass for bread and wine should hand-wash before and after handling the sacred vessels, bread and wine.

Holy Water: Please empty the holy water fonts at the Church entrance until further notice.

With appreciation for your cooperation in this important health matter,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Bishop Richard Grecco