

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ Year C

February 17, 2013

Diocesan Theme "When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done with them and how he had opened a door of faith"(Acts 14.27)

"Increase our Faith (Luke 17.5)..."

Parish Theme "Though Many We Are One Body in Christ."

Saturday, February 16th **Mass Intentions**

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Sandra Sweeney by her Family

Sunday, February 17th

9:00 am For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

10:45 am For the intentions of Archbishop Martin Currie by Pat Redsell

Tuesday, February 19th

7:00 pm For the intentions of our Catechumens by the RCIA Team

Wednesday, February 20th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Susen Whitteker and for peace and comfort for her Family by the St. Thomas Staff & Students

Thursday, February 21st

9:00 am For the intentions of Victor Leroux by Gary Plant

Friday, February 22nd

9:00 am For the intentions of Derek Smith

Saturday, February 23rd

4:30 pm For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

Sunday, February 24th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of George Chyzyj by Mira Chyzyj

10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Devin Levere

PASTOR'S CORNER

On this first Sunday of Lent, permit me to share with you excerpts from our beloved Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI's Catechesis on the true meaning of conversion. The Holy Father gave this teaching during his weekly Wednesday's audience on Ash Wednesday.

""Conversion", an invitation that we will hear many times in Lent, means to follow Jesus in such a way that his Gospel is a real guide for life; it means letting God transform us, to stop thinking that we are the only creators of our lives; it means recognizing that we are creatures who depend on God, on His love, and only by "losing" our life in Him can we gain it. This requires making our choices in the light of the Word of God. Today one can no longer be Christian as a simple consequence of living in a society with Christian roots: even those who come from Christian families, and are brought up religiously must renew every day the choice to be Christian, that is, to give God the first place, in front of the temptations that a secularized culture presents us with all the time, before the criticism of many of our contemporaries.

The tests to which modern society subjects Christians, indeed, are many, and affect both personal and social life. It is not easy to be faithful to Christian marriage, to practice mercy in everyday life, to leave space for prayer and inner silence, it is not easy to publicly oppose choices that many consider obvious, such as abortion in the event of an unwanted pregnancy, euthanasia in the case of serious illness, or the selection of embryos to prevent hereditary diseases. The temptation to set aside one's faith is always present and conversion becomes a response to God which must be confirmed repeatedly in life.

There are, as an example and stimulus, the great conversions such as that of St. Paul on the road to Damascus, or of St. Augustine, but also in our time of eclipses of the sense of the sacred, God's grace is at work and works wonders in the lives of many people. The Lord never gets tired of knocking at the door of man in social and cultural contexts that seem swallowed up by secularization..."

IN OUR PRAYERS

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Matthew Holmes, Isaac Berkers, Ashley Egan, Maddy Nichol, Yolande Bekkers, Pat Gates, Ken Poirer, Anita Cottrell, Justin McKenna, Arthur Durocher, Bill Hayste, Pamela Thomson and Dawn-Leanne Thomson:
may Christ bless and heal them

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

Sunday, February 10, 2013- \$2872.25

Thank you for your generosity and support

February 17, 2013

**OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
PARISH, RUSSELL.**

LENT 2013

*"WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM" (Matt 16:13)
LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE*

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00pm

Feb. 15 Led by Fr. Paul

Feb. 22 Led by the Knights of Columbus

March 1 Led by our Altar Servicers

March 8 Led by the CWL

March 15 Led by the R.C.I.A group

March 22 Led by our Parish Mission Team.

Parish Mission

Monday – Wednesday March 18 – 20

Parish Penance Service

Wednesday, March 20 - 7:00pm

ShareLent Collection

Sunday, March 17

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

*Tuesday, March 26 – Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
– 7:30 pm (No evening Mass at the Parish)*

Holy Thursday – March 28

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday – March 29

Outdoor "Way of the Cross"

(Meet at the arena at 10:00am)

3:00pm Passion Service

(no confession on Good Friday and Holy Saturday)

Easter Vigil Mass – March 30, 8:00pm

Reception to follow

*Easter Sunday Masses – March 31, 9:00am and
10:45am*

EDGE KICK OFF

The Official Edge Kick Off is happening at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School Feb 22nd starting at 7pm. Edge is for everybody in grades 6-8 (11-13). Bring a friend, hear the youth band, have fun and encounter Christ. Contact Rob at ourladymmyouth@gmail.com or call the parish

In case of poor weather check OLMM Youth facebook page, or email ourladymmyouth@gmail.com and ask to be included in the Edge Email list.

Rob, Youth Coordinator

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

They are Blake Brooks, Lareina Gerstgrasser, Kate Johnson and Sean O'Reilly.

Please keep them in your prayers as they journey towards the Easter Vigil.



Your K of C will be holding on March 2, 2013 their annual Spaghetti Dinner extravaganza. This year's event is in memory of our dear Monica Baker. All funds raised will be donated to the Winchester Hospital Cancer programs. Tickets are now on sale. To reserve or buy tickets, contact J.P. Vincelette at 613-445-0536 or e-mail at jjpmd60@gmail.com.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) COLLECTION
FOR WOMEN**

In February, the CWL will be collecting toiletries and personal items for the Women's Special Care Unit and Emergency Shelter at the Shepherds of Good Hope. Please donate items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, lip balm, hand cream, body lotion and hygiene products. Small travel size products are ideal but large bottles are also acceptable as staff dispense them in small cups. Baskets will be set up in the foyer and at the back of the church. As always, we know you will be generous!

Sacraments

Any children in grades 6,7 or 8 who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are asked to contact the Parish office by March 1st for more information.

GET SET FOR KINDERGARDEN!