

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ Year C

February 24, 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 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
Leverre

Tuesday, February 26th

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of George
Chyzyj by Mira Chyzyj

MASS ~ St. Thomas Aquinas School Chapel

Wednesday, February 27th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Claudette
Cornwall by the St. Thomas staff & students

Thursday, February 28th

9:00 am No intention

Friday, March 1st

9:00 am For the intentions of Isaac Berkers by
the Mother Teresa Catholic School Families

Saturday, March 2nd

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

Sunday, March 3rd

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Monica
Baker by Betsy & Jean Villeneuve

10:45 am For the intentions of the Parishioners
by the Pastor

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 17th ~ \$3159.83

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PASTOR'S CORNER

"Lord, it is good for us to be here..."

Transfigured in Christ

On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of Jesus becoming radiant and aglow in the presence of three of His apostles and two great OT figures, Moses and Elijah. The Transfiguration event is an invitation for us to be changed, transformed and transfigured. Perhaps, too often we look at the transfiguration as something that happened only to Jesus, forgetting that our Lord himself wants us to be changed, transformed and transfigured in the same way; allowing the divine to shine forth through us so that we in turn transfigure each other by the power of God's love in us.

The Mass

The mass is where we can come to experience the glory of the son of God, our wounded messiah. This is the only place we can come and be filled with his spirit. At our Sunday mass and indeed all masses, we are like Peter, James and John going up the mountain with Jesus. The peak of this mountaintop experience for us is during Holy Communion when we will all come up as if we are indeed going up to the mountain. This supreme meal will transform us into the image of God's son. Yes! It is awesome! It's amazing!

The power of Prayer

Jesus and the three apostles went up the mountain to pray! It was during this moment that the apostles saw the glory of Jesus which prompted Peter to cry out: "Lord, it is good for us to be here..." Indeed wonderful things can happen when we draw close to God in prayer; when we really and truly lift our hearts and mind to God! Inner transformation happens when we enter into spiritual communion with our God in prayer; we are transfigured, we are changed!

May we always put our faith in the Lord Jesus and allow Him to transform us.

Peace to all!!
Fr. Paul

February 24, 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

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/Retreat

Monday – Wednesday March 18 – 20

Parish Penance Service

Wednesday, March 20 - 7:00pm

Share Lent 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

Edge won't be happening this week on account of
Adoration but please come and join us in adoration.
Edge will be happening next week.

If you have any questions please contact the youth
coordinator Rob ourladymmyouth@gmail.com

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.

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.

A Different Approach to Fasting

A different approach to fasting...Fasts have a tendency
to be oriented toward things like giving up food or
television. But there are many other creative ways we
can welcome Jesus' healing touch. Here are suggestions
you may want to consider:

1. Fast from anger and hatred. Give your family an extra
dose of love each day.
2. Fast from judging others. Before making any
judgements, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults.
3. Fast from discouragement. Hold on to Jesus' promise
that He has a perfect plan for your life.
4. Fast from complaining. When you find yourself about
to complain, close your eyes and recall some of the little
moments of joy Jesus has given you.
5. Fast from bitterness! Work on forgiving those who
may have hurt you.
6. Fast from spending too much money. Try to reduce
your spending by ten percent and give those savings to
the poor.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS will
be handing out paper bags after
all Masses this weekend, February
23rd/24th, for the Township of
Russell Good Neighbours Food
Bank. Our local Food Bank needs
your help. If you can, pick up a
bag, and when you bring it home,
please remember to fill it. These
bags will be collected downstairs

in the Church hall before all Masses on the following
weekend, March 2nd/3rd. Items needed are peanut
butter - 500g, canned whole potatoes - 19 ounces, beef
stew - 410g, cereal, and juices - tomato juice, v8, and
real fruit juice. Items in glass jars cannot be donated.
To learn more about the Township of Russell
Good Neighbours Food Bank, visit our web site at
www.olmm.ca/foodbank.

PARISH MISSION

Please mark your calendars

There will be a Lenten retreat in our Parish with the
theme "Encountering Christ through the Eucharist"

When: Monday, March 18 – Wednesday, March 20

Time: 7:00 pm

For: All Parishioners of Our Lady

Preacher: Fr. Terry Donahue, CC