

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

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Knowing your roots—it's become an obsession for many of us. There's a wealth of resources available for researching one's family history; people enjoy knowing about their ancestors and where they came from. When we learn about our family's past we can appreciate the cultural riches our ancestors brought to us, their descendants. In today's first reading, Moses makes knowing the family history a part of the worship of Israel—and so it is to this day. As part of every Seder service, Jewish families retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt. We Catholics also bring our **"family history"** into our liturgy. Our Lenten season chooses some of the most basic stories of faith to remind us where we've come from. More importantly, these stories lead us directly to Jesus, and the story of our redemption in his death and resurrection. Today, as we hear of the Lord's temptations in the desert, let's let this very human portrait of Jesus remind us of how we're called to respond in times of temptation: To depend upon God's grace, and allow it to support and sustain us. It's the living story of our faith, our Baptismal commitment, which we reaffirm in this Lenten season.

SCHEDULE of MASSES

Monday, Mar. 1 st	Prescott	8:00 A.M.	Vince Bonneau ++++++ Gerry & Barbara Devaney
Tuesday, Mar. 2 nd	Prescott	8:00 A.M.	For our Parents ++++++ Wayne & Lois Boisvenue
Wed., Mar. 3 rd	Prescott	4:00 - 7:00 P. M. - ADORATION	
	Prescott	7:00 P.M.	Yvan Gagnon (1 st Anniv.) ++++++ The Family
Thursday, Mar. 4 th	Prescott	8:00 A.M.	Deceased Mallett Family Members +++++ Bill & Rosaleen
Friday, Mar. 5 th	Cardinal	8:40 A.M.	"STATIONS of the CROSS"
	Cardinal	9:00 A.M.	Helen Robichaud ++++++ Howard & Joan Coughler
	Prescott	6:40 P.M.	"STATIONS of the CROSS"
	Prescott	7:00 P.M.	Aurele Filion (6 th Anniv.) + Ronald & Mary Claire Filion
Saturday, Mar. 6 th	Prescott	5:15 P.M.	Ken Brennan (6 th Anniv.) + John, Edward & Leo Brennan
Sunday, Mar. 7 th	Cardinal	9:00 A.M.	Gene Ventrudo ++++++ Tom & Carmel Glynn
	Prescott	11:00 A.M.	Intentions of all St. Mark & Sacred Heart Parishioners

Sunday Offertory : FEBRUARY 21 - 10 St. Mark - \$1691.01 Sacred Heart - \$ 555.45

Thank you for your Generosity

PARISH MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR MASSES ON MARCH 6th & 7th, 2010 - (1st Sunday)



MASS	USHERS	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC	GIFT BEARERS
Sat. 5:15 - Mar. 6 St. Mark	Tony Boileau, Norm Fortier, Olivia Dixon	Linda Anderson	Marion Laton Kathy Laushway	Denise Gauthier & Marie Lambert
Sun. 9:00 - Mar. 7 Cardinal	"To be determined"	June Simpson	Giselle Wright Joan Toupin (C)	"To be determined"
Sun. 11:00- Mar. 7 St. Mark	Ed Murdock, Daniel Norton, Brent Norton	Pat Warren	Anne Wade, Gerry Botting, Kathy Putman (C)	Ushers will Carry Gifts (Need Volunteers)
CHILDREN'S LITURGY - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT			SUNDAY MARCH 7 th - SHANNON WARREN	

ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS: This year instead of having the usual *Forty Hours devotion*, we will have *Day of Eucharistic Devotion* with adoration, prayer and preaching. It will be **THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING, FEBRUARY 28TH**. And our guest preacher will be our *Dean Father Brian Price* speaking about the *Holy Eucharist* and the *Year of the Priest*. There will be a list for hours of *Adoration* in the afternoon.; please fill in your favorite hour or half hour.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA / SCARBORO FOREIGN MISSIONS - We are now receiving donations for this collection. It will remain open until **Sunday, March 7th**. Donations received after this date will be considered individual Parish donations. Please make cheques payable in the name of your Parish. This collection is used to support **Catholic Parishes in Northern Canada** as well as the works of the **Scarboro Mission Society**. *Please be generous*



ST. PATRICK'S HAM SUPPER Thursday, March 11th, at Sacred Heart Parish Centre : **BUFFET: 4:30 TO 6:00 P.M.** - Ham - Casseroles - Desserts **Adults: \$12.00 - Children 5-12 yrs. \$ 4.00 - Children under 5 Free. COME ENJOY GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP.**



ST. PATRICK DINNER / ENTERTAINMENT on **Sunday, March 14th**, at **St. Mark Parish Centre**. A **Social Hour** will begin at **4:00 P.M.** with a full **Roast Beef Dinner** being served at **5:00 P.M.** Entertainment by the **"FIDDLERS' PLUS"** will follow. The cost is

ADULT: \$ 12.00; Children under 12: \$ 5.00; Children under 5 - FREE. Tickets W will be on sale at every weekend Mass beginning February 14th, at St. Mark Church. There are a limited number of tickets available so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

PLEASE NOTE: TICKETS ARE BY ADVANCE SALE ONLY. This Annual Event is sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus, Council 5880.** **NOTE: Tables of "8"** may be reserved in advance by calling **613-345-6210 or 613-925-2207.**

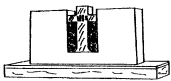
MISSION WORKS AT HOME AND ABROAD - We are now receiving donations for this collection. It will remain open until **Sunday, March 14th**. Please make cheques payable in the name of your Parish. Last year, this collection was used to support **Sisters of Providence in Peru, Holy Childhood Association, World Vision, Catholic Missions in Canada, Spirit of Giving Campaign and the CDSBEO Good Samaritan Trust Fund.** *Please be generous.*



THE 16TH ANNUAL RON BLACK MEMORIAL CURLING BONSPIEL will be held on **Sunday, March 28th** at the **Prescott Curling Centre - Henry St. W.** - Entry Fee: **\$15.00/person - Pot Luck**

Supper at 5:30 P.M. (2 Draws - 11:30 A.M./1:00 P.M.- 24 Curlers Each) 2 Games Each- Prizes - NOTE:

Experience Is Not Necessary or Required! This event is sponsored by the K. Of C. in Ron's memory as a family event. **Teenagers are welcome as well . Sign-up in the Main foyer of St. Mark Church or call 613-657-4608**



IN MEMORIAM: Kindly remember in your prayers, the souls of **Jim Hughes of Marmora**, father of **Fr. Shawn Hughes**, former pastor of **St. Laurence O'Toole**,

Eric Latimer of Algonquin, grandson of **Sandy & Steve Gibson**, of **St. Mark Parish**, & **Fiona Shankar of Ottawa**, sister of **Gauri Shankar**, of **St. Mark Parish**, all of whom died this past week. *May their souls rest in eternal peace with the Lord*

FAITH ENRICHMENT: We continue our weekly classes this **Wednesday, March 3rd**, after the evening Mass.

Pastor's Message

February 28, 2010

Year after year and for many years we have held the well established devotion of the **FORTY HOURS**, reminding us of the 40 hours from the death of Our Lord to his Resurrection. There was a time that in the Diocese here or anywhere, these Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions were held successively, covering all the parishes of the Diocese in the course of the year. This year we will simplify this devotion and call it a **EUCCHARISTIC DAY**. All parishioners in both parishes are invited and encouraged to participate in the **ADORATION**, the **PRAYERS**, the **PREACHING** and the **BENEDICTION**. **It will be this Sunday February 28th starting at 4:00 PM and continuing with the special Hour from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.**

We are surely aware of the growth of the Devotion of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed, in same parishes even 24 Hours, 7 days a week. The Lord will be mightily pleased with this outpouring of devotion and continuous prayer. Some religious orders have simply made this one of their hallmarks. To begin with we remember the inviting words of Our Lord when he said to the sleeping Apostles on th evening of Holy Thursday in the Garden of Olives: **"Can you not watch with me for ONE HOUR"** ? It may be that a full hour of attentive prayer may be quite a challenge for many of us; but it is the Lord who calls us and will only be too happy when we do come and just sit there even quietly listening or meditating; we don't have to do all the talking; let the Lord speak to us. Whenever we come into the presence of the Lord, say those simple words of the prophet Samuel: "Here I am Lord, speak to me, your servant is listening".

It is only a few years ago that our Beloved Pope John Paul II in the final years before his death he wrote no less than three great documents on the Holy Eucharist. Have we read them; the final one was: **"Mane Nobiscum Domine"** remain with us O Lord for the evening is approaching. The very words of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus on the evening of the Resurrection. Yes, Lord, remain and stay with us in the evening of our life in the darker days of our life, in the troubles and hardships of our day and in the difficult issues of our family or our own personal life.

I wish to quote again some of the salient passages of this beautiful document: It speaks about the Liturgy of the Hours. The older name for this is: The breviary, that every priest undertakes to say all his life from the day he is ordained a Deacon (in my case it was from the Subdiaconate, which is no longer conferred on those to be ordained). The breviary takes about one hour every day. In this Document it does not only enjoin this prayer on all the priests, but lay-people too are invited to participate or say the whole or parts of it for themselves or in groups: **"In this context of training in prayer, I recommend the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours, by which the church sanctifies the different hours of the day and the passage of time through the liturgical year"**. Some other week I will write a whole column of this most prayerful for of communicating with God. And for now, come and participate in our Eucharistic Day ths Sunday.

Father J. Appelman, M.F.M. Your Pastor

A Message from Archbishop O'Brien

The parishioners of the Archdiocese of Kingston have responded quickly and generously to the emergency appeal for assistance to the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. As of February 12th, over **\$271,000** was raised in the parishes of the Archdiocese. Since the Federal Government has promised to match dollar-for-dollar donations made by that date, your support has generated over **\$542,000** in relief funding.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude to your outstanding generosity. The people of Haiti will benefit greatly from your kindness and support as they work to rebuild their country and their lives.

+ Brendan M. O'Brien
Archbishop of Kingston

LENTEN SPECIALS: This coming Friday, the first of the new month, we will **NOT** have the usual First Friday devotions, but instead we will have the Friday Stations of the Cross in both parishes 20 minutes before the Mass.

All are welcome.

ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT: Archbishop Brendan O'Brien will come to visit the ***Sacred Heart Parish*** on **Tuesday, June 8th at 7:00 PM.** We like to welcome the whole parish to this event during which Mass there will be some children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. More details about this visit later; but this coming **Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM** there will be a meeting and instruction for these **Confirmation candidates PLUS their parents.** The short list has not yet been finalized but if there are any more children in grades 6, 7 or 8, please, let me know immediately, and come to this meeting, which will be the first in probably a monthly meeting. ***The meeting will be held in the Parish Center, not in the Church.***

A Prayer for Our Priests

Mother of our Redeemer, in this era dedicated to you, with great joy we call you blessed. You believed in the Word of God the Father and declared yourself His handmaid, and so, through you, the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us. We salute you as Mother, our Mother, the Mother of the Church. With what great love you must have watched over the infant Church and what motherly solicitude encouraged the apostles as they committed themselves to carry on the work of Your Divine Son on earth. Make the Church ever to be the sign and instrument of intimate union with God. To you, our Mother, we entrust in a special way our Bishop and the priests of our diocese. To them has been given a special sharing in the priesthood of Your Divine Son. He has chosen them to be ministers of His Word and Sacraments. Ask Him to fill them with zeal, to keep them faithful and joyful in His service, conscious of the fact that

they care and so bring glory to the Father and honour to the Church. Holy Mother, increase the ranks of our priests by inspiring our young people to be more generous in their response to serve Jesus in the priesthood and in religious life. Sustain all of us, O Virgin Mary, on our journey of faith and obtain for us the grace of eternal salvation. ***Amen.***

CANONIZATION OF BROTHER ANDRE

MONTREAL - Pope Benedict XVI has approved sainthood for Brother Andre and will officially canonize him on Oct. 17, a spokesperson for Saint-Joseph Oratory confirmed Friday morning.

Brother Andre, born ***Alfred Bessette*** in 1845, was credited with having miraculously cured many people. He died in Montreal in 1937 at the age of 91.

Brother Andre founded the Saint-Joseph Oratory in 1904 and was beatified by Pope Jean-Paul II in 1982.

Pope Benedict XVI made the announcement during a gathering with the Cardinals. The process to make Brother Andre a saint has been a long one. Pressure on the Vatican to begin the sainthood proceedings began in 1941.

The canonization process began in the 1960s and Brother Andre was declared venerable in 1978, the first step leading to canonization.

Throughout the last few decades, some 10 million people have signed petitions calling for his canonization. When Brother Andre died, witnesses said that nearly one million people braved the bad weather to pay their respects. The last hurdle in the canonization process was lifted by the Pope at the end of 2009 when he recognized a miraculous curing caused by Brother Andre's intervention.



" Blessed be Saint Brother Andre"

Prayer for the Canonization of Brother André

Lord, you have chosen ***Blessed Brother André*** to spread devotion to Saint Joseph and to dedicate himself to all those who are afflicted. Grant through his intercession the favour that we now request...

We also pray that the Church may canonize him as soon as possible. Grant us the grace to imitate his piety and charity so that, with him, we may share the reward promised to all who care for their neighbours out of love for You.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.