

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 21, 2010



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by Father Greg Friedman, O.F.M

"It all depends on how you look at it." What I mean by that saying is that the knowledge and perspective we bring to any experience determines how we feel about that experience. For example, those old enough to remember the postwar era might recall scenes of big, modern factories belching smoke—hailed as a sign of prosperity. Now, we may look at such scenes with a sensitivity to environmental issues; our perspective is different. It all depends on how you look at it. This Sunday's Scriptures invite a similar change of perspective: Isaiah urges the people to forget about the Exodus-event, the passage through the Red Sea. Instead, the people are to take notice that God is doing something new. Paul tells the Philippians how knowing Christ has caused him to consider everything else as **"rubbish."** And Jesus himself turns accusation into forgiveness with a simple phrase inviting the scribes and Pharisees to look at a sinner from the perspective of their own sinfulness. Lent is a time to alter our way of looking at ourselves and our world. What surprises await us this week, as we re-orient ourselves, based on our coming to know Jesus Christ.

SCHEDULE of MASSES

Monday, Mar. 22 nd	Prescott	8:00 A.M.	Eric Latimer ++++++++ His Grandmother, Sandy Gibson
Tuesday, Mar. 23 rd	Prescott	8:00 A.M.	Minnie Stitt (Anniv.) ++++++++ Corrinne Miller
Wed., Mar. 24 th	Prescott	4:00 - 7:00 P. M. - ADORATION	
	Prescott	7:00 P.M.	Yvan Gagnon ++++++++ Tony & Diane Jozefowicz
Thursday, Mar. 25 th	Prescott	8:00 A.M.	Henry Diepman ++++++++ Toni Jansman
Friday, Mar. 26 th	Cardinal	8:40 A.M.	"STATIONS of the CROSS"
	Cardinal	9:00 A.M.	Helen Robichaud ++++++++ Mary VanDenDam
	Prescott	6:40 P.M.	"STATIONS of the CROSS"
	Prescott	7:00 P.M.	Finola Shankar ++++++++ Tom & Carmel Glynn
Saturday, Mar. 27 th	Prescott	5:15 P.M.	Alonzo Marion ++++++++ His Wife, Jeannine
Palm Sun, Mar. 28 th	Cardinal	9:00 A.M.	Intentions of all St. Mark & Sacred Heart Parishioners
	Prescott	11:00 A.M.	Michael Morris +++++ His Parents, Glenn & Betty Morris

Sunday Offertory : MARCH 14 - 10 St. Mark - \$1788.00 Sacred Heart - \$ 349.80

Thank you for your Generosity

PARISH MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR MASSES ON MARCH 27th & 28th, 2010 - (4th Sunday - Palm)



MASS	USHERS	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC	GIFT BEARERS
Sat. 5:15 - Mar. 27 St. Mark	Norm Fortier, Pat Warren, Anelie Norton	Laura Lee Scott (N) Bernie Currier (S)	Bev Currier Sharon Schoemaker	Beth Crain & Family
Sun. 9:00 - Mar. 28 Cardinal	"To be determined on Sunday"	Christina Edge (N) Joanne Esson (S)	Giselle Wright Joan Toupin (C)	"To be determined on Sunday"
Sun. 11:00- Mar. 28 St. Mark	Tom Campbell, Paul Girard Need Volunteers	Patsy Gillis (N) Alanna Whelan (S)	Micheline Cook, Rosita MacDonald, Tony Jozefowicz (C)	Gordon Stiles & Family
CHILDREN'S LITURGY - PALM SUNDAY			SUNDAY MARCH 28 th - CAROLYN WILSON	

MISSION WORKS AT HOME AND ABROAD - This collection has now closed and the following amounts will be distributed to several organization both at home and abroad: **St. Mark \$797.00 and Sacred Heart \$301.00. Thank you for your generosity.**

FROM FR. APPLEMAN: LOOKING AHEAD: Now that is what I call planning! This past week I was at Liturgica in Ottawa, where we receive all our church supplies. They already had the Pocket Liturgical Calendar and the Desk Calendar for the year 2011. I always buy them immediately. If you have any dates for Masses to be offered or weddings to be planned, give me a call.



LAST CALL TO SIGN UP !! THE 18TH 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 You can bring friends, relatives as well just people looking for a social afternoon to meet other great people. CLOSING SIGN-UP DATE: SUN. MAR. 21st

PENANCE CELEBRATIONS:
Let us get ready for our part in these days of grace and forgiveness:
1. **Kemptville, Sunday, March 21st - 3:00 PM**
2. **Prescott, Monday, March 22nd - 7:00 PM**
3. **St. Francis Xavier, Tuesday, March 23rd-7:00 PM**
4. **Cardinal, Thursday, March 25th - 7:00 PM.**
5. **Morrisburg, Sunday, March 28th. - 3:00 PM**



K. Of C. - COUNCIL 5880 will hold its regular monthly meeting on **Monday, March, 22nd** at **7:00 PM** in **St. Mark Parish Centre (Upstairs)**. **All Brothers are invited to attend this special meeting.**

SPECIAL INVITATION: "He who sings prays twice". We invite you to join us in St. Mark's music ministry. The past few years our choir members have declined for many reasons. The bass and tenor sections have particularly suffered losses. Come **Tuesday evenings at 7:15 PM** to audition. You need only to be sixteen years of age and over and able to carry a tune. **The next practice is March 23rd. Please come, we would love to have you join us.**

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - We are now receiving donations for this collection. It will remain open until **Sunday, April 11th**. Donations received after this date will be considered individual Parish donations. Please make cheques payable in the name of your Parish. This collection is the traditional **SHARE LENT COLLECTION** which is our annual "Lenten Alms" campaign and is meant to serve as our work of charity during this penitential season. **Please be generous.**

Pastor's Message **March 21, 2010**

Was it ever good! **St. Patrick** has been good to us in both our parishes. Two wonderful meals and entertainment. Thank you to all who participated, the organizers, the cooks and servers, and all those who came to eat and support the events; both evenings were well attended, and we can look forward to more years of the same. And also the funds raised in both parishes was nothing to sneeze about! You will see

the figures in another column of our bulletin, or have heard otherwise. Of course, **St. Patrick** is always well honoured, and it brings together a lot of good cheer and fellowship, good for the parish; and of course we are lucky that in both parishes we have a large Hall to hold these functions.

And then secondly, although I am always a little disappointed; how come that we do not give equal and even more attention to the great Saint two days after **St. Patrick, March 19th**, I mean of course **St. Joseph**, husband of Mary and the loving father of the child and the young man Jesus. When we think about this great Patriarch of the New Testament, and pray to him, many holy thoughts come to our heart and mind. Of all the Saints that ever lived there is none as great as **St. Joseph** as it comes to the love he had for our Blessed Lady, as his spouse, his beloved, her lover and as the Virgin to love and protect the Virgin; and as the loving and tender father and inspiration and even teacher of Jesus. No wonder **St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of the Universal Church**, and also the special **Patron Saint of Canada**; how come that it is not a **National Holiday!**

And now back to our special week of the many Penance celebrations and Confessions. You are all invited, and expected to attend. I look again at that beautiful **Apostolic Exhortation (Reconciliation and Penance)** from which I quoted last week in the bulletin. It is not only the theory and understanding of this great Sacrament, but especially also the practice of it. Wonderful to read in Chapter Three: **'Reconciliation comes from God, and the Church becomes the great Sacrament of Reconciliation'**. Yes we must keep things in proper perspective and order. It is not we who make reconciliation; all we can and must do is confess our sins and then God gives us most generously the grace of Reconciliation, so that we after this become ambassadors of reconciliation to our brothers and sisters as St. Paul said even last week in his letter to the Corinthians: **"It was God who reconciled us to himself; in other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself... so we are ambassador for Christ"**.

In a further chapter the document reminds us of essential teachings of our church regarding this Sacrament: **"Sin is always a personal act...As a personal act, sin has as its first and foremost important consequence in the sinner himself, that is in his relationship to Godand weakening his will and clouding his intellect"**. Then it speaks again of the distinction between mortal and venial sin" Mortal sin, that means sins that deprive us of sanctifying grace, whereas venial sin does not have that same effect. Yet, we must remember that every sins is a sin and an offence to God who loves us most dearly, compare it to offending your dear spouse or dearest friend. Then the document speaks of the loss of the very sense of sin, which is not at all uncommon today in our secular society. Our late holy father John Paul II often spoke about this "eclipse of conscience".

So much more to say about this most beautiful and redeeming grace of the Sacrament of Penance, Confession and Reconciliation. Everyone is asked to come and line up for the special Lenten Penance celebrations or Confessions everywhere!

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

CWL CORNER



The Purple Cross of Lent initiative is nearing its end. This Sunday will be the last week to exchange your cross (from the baskets at the entrances of the church) for a cross worn by another parishioner the previous week. Continue to pray for the previous bearer's cross & burdens. Please return all crosses on Palm Sunday. **NO CROSSES WILL BE WORN DURING HOLY WEEK.** During that week we will pray for the Cross of our Saviour.

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Kingston Archdiocesan Council is encouraging all **Catholic Womens League** members to attend a **LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT DAY**. To be held Saturday, **March 27th** from **9:30 - 3:00 p.m.** at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd., Kingston. The facilitator is Marlene Pavletic - President Elect with the Ontario CWL Council. Contact Annette Norton by March 21st if you interested in attending. The day promises to provide faith, fun and fulfilment while providing information on promoting the league. You are asked to bring a bag lunch, and there is **no cost** for the day.

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C.W.L. CONVENTION: Any **C.W.L.** member wishing to attend the Archdiocesan Convention in Kingston, **May 1st & 2nd**, please contact Annette Norton at 613-925-5601 or nortonfam@xplornet.com by March 26th, as bookings for meals are required by the host council of Gananoque. If you are unable to attend the whole convention - please consider coming for a day - either Saturday or Sunday, or just go to the Mass at St. Marys Cathedral at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday and the banquet following. We hope there will be a good representation from our parish.

CHRISM MASS in the YEAR for PRIESTS

Each year, during the **Chrism Mass**, Priests renew their Commitment to Priestly Service. This year, as we celebrate the Year for Priests, this renewal of promises takes on a special significance. This special Jubilee year, which marks the **150th** anniversary of the death of **St.-Jean Vianney**, the **Cure of Ars and Patron of Priests**, is meant to **"deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a stronger and more incisive witness to the Gospel in today's world."**

For this reason, I want to invite you in a special way this year to participate in the Chrism Mass at **St. Mary Cathedral at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 30th** as a sign of your appreciation for the gift of the ministerial gift priesthood and to support our priests as they seek to respond to the **Holy Father's** call to interior renewal for the sake of the Gospel.

+ **Brendan M. O'Brien**
Archbishop of Kingston



IN MEMORIAM: Please, remember in your prayers the soul of **Father Jim Esper** who died this past week in Chesterville. He was my successor there and a dear friend of mine. He was almost exactly my age (two weeks older), a fine and good priest. He had to retire several years ago because of being legally blind and struck with diabetes which caused the loss of one of his legs, yet so often he assisted at the Mass and heard confessions. **His funeral Mass will be in Chesterville this coming Tuesday March 23rd at 11:00 AM. May he rest in eternal peace** and may he be rewarded for his faithful ministry in the **Holy Priesthood. He would have celebrated his Golden Jubilee this coming month of August.**

HOPE YOU SMILE !

While I sat in the reception area of my doctor's office, a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent. Just as I was thinking I should make small talk with him, a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair.

Placing his hand on the man's, he said, **'I know how you feel. My mom makes me ride in the stroller too.'**

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Out bicycling one day with my eight-year-old granddaughter, Carolyn, I got a little wistful. **'In ten years,'** I said, **'you'll want to be with your friends and you won't go walking, biking, and swimming with me like you do now.'** Carolyn shrugged. **"In ten years you'll be too old to do all those things anyway."**

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His wife's grave side service was just barely finished, when there was a massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance. The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, **'Well, she's there..'**

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Working as a pediatric nurse, I had the difficult assignment of giving immunization shots to children. One day I entered the examining room to give four-year-old Lizzie her needle. **'No, no, no!'** she screamed. **'Lizzie,'** scolded her mother, **'that's not polite behaviour.'**

With that, the girl yelled even louder, **'No, thank you! No, thank you!'**

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Just before I was deployed to Iraq , I sat my eight-year-old son down and broke the news to him. **'I'm going to be away for a longtime,'** I told him. **'I'm going to Iraq .'** **'Why?'** he asked. **'Don't you know there's a war going on over there?'**

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" May happiness smile on your world and in your heart."