

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, April 3rd Elvira Beauchemin *requested by Sébastien, Timothé, and Geneviève Daigle*

Tuesday, April 5th Thanksgiving for a favour received
requested by a parishioner

This Week's Theme: "Springs of Living Water: Responsibility"

To be responsible is to be trustworthy. The man born blind did not blame his blindness on anyone. He accepted responsibility for seeking Jesus' healing no matter the consequences. We are responsible for our own faith growth and for seeking God's cleansing water.

Faith First Questions of the Week

Adults: Do I consider illness and suffering punishment for past sins?

Children: Do I criticize my friends or family and say nasty things behind their backs?

Week of Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, April 10th Marie Beaufile *requested by Helen Beaufile*

Tuesday, April 12th Deceased members of the Gravelle/Bergin family
requested by Ethel Gravelle

There will be a **collection** for Development & Peace on **April 10th**.

Holy Week Celebrations

Chrism Mass: April 19th at **7:30** pm co-cathedral, St. Antoine in Longueuil

Holy Thursday: April 21st at **8:00** pm Christ-Roi, La Prairie

Good Friday: April 22nd at **3:00** pm Christ- Roi, La Prairie

Easter Vigil: April 23rd at **8:00** pm CRVP

RECONCILIATION DURING LENT: (anonymous, or face-to-face)

- St. Mary's, Saturday, April 9th from 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm

**COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE DURING LENT
WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS:**

- St. Francis of Assisi, Sunday, April 3rd at 2:00pm
- Good Shepherd, Sunday, April 10th at 3:00pm

Parish news:

Our Annual Voluntary Collection 2011 total: **\$9093** (27% of our budget).

All parishioners and any visitors are reminded that there is a wooden box marked for any donations (including Annual Voluntary Contributions) located on the back table every Sunday and that envelopes are available to use to ensure tax receipts. New parishioners can leave their contact information to join the parish list.

Last weekend's parish fundraiser....: Thanks to the band for the great entertainment they provided on Saturday, thanks to the parishioners who participated and thanks to our sponsors: Avon (Danielle Richardson); Amway (Nancy Brideau); Baton Rouge; Boston Pizza; Brunet Pharmacie; Ben and Florintine; Miss Candiac; Jean Coutu; La Cava Grecque; Pharmacie Familiprix; Pharmacie Uniprix; Pharmaprix; Shell Station; Metro (Candiac); Mark Wallace.

A BRIEF RECAP AND A NOTE OF THANKS: SOCIAL JUSTICE

Social justice is not supererogatory (that is, it is not "beyond the call of duty"). Social justice **is** the call; it is the mission entrusted to us by Christ, whose inclusive ministry teaches not only how far the reaches of our love must go, but that God himself is Love. Social justice is also not a superfluous bashing of industry, government, the market, or "big business" nor does it harbor a certain contempt for power. Social justice does, however, compel us to identify and constructively address - in word and action - the abuse of power, especially when this abuse amounts to a blatant disregard for the dignity of human beings (**all** of whom are made in God's image). We are called to walk humbly with God and with one another as we build up his kingdom, which is justice and peace.

We are sorry that, for reasons beyond his control, Professor McDonough did not join us for the session on March 25th. Nevertheless, the Region showed its colors in a fruitful exchange among participants that brought to the fore a number of pressing issues and binding principles. Our thanks to the gracious community of Saint Raymond's for having hosted over 150 people!

For those who would like to learn more about the Church's teaching on social justice, I encourage you to look to the "Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church" produced by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (you can find it on the Vatican's website).

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/justpeace/documents/rc_pc_justpeace_doc_20060526_compendio-dott-soc_en.html

In Christ, *Cory Labrecque*

The Catholic Women's league: A FASHION SHOW is our 2011 fundraiser. Mark your calendar for an evening of fun and fashion by our own CWL models - **Wednesday, April 13th at 7:30** - Centre Romeo V. Patenaude - 135 Haendel. Tickets are \$15.00 - and are available after Mass and also from any CWL member. There are door prizes to be won and refreshments will be provided. Gentlemen come out to cheer us on!! If you are unable to attend but wish to support our once-a-year fundraiser please know that your donation supports our many charities throughout the year and we thank you for your continued generosity to the League.

Bible Study: St. Paul and the Sacraments will be offered beginning Wed. May 4th, until June 15th for 6 sessions. Each session will be at St. Mary's Church (125 Grove, Greenfield Park) beginning at 7:30 pm. The cost of the book is \$10.00. Preregistration by April 10th is required. For more information please call Fr. John at 450-671-0416

Catholic Girls' League: Today after Mass in room 210 will be the April CGL meeting. Any girl aged 9-15 years is welcome to attend. Our activity this month is making more jar mixes. Our next event is the annual THINKfast to raise awareness and funds for *Development & Peace* which will be held on April 22nd from 9:00-2:30 p.m. at 3 Halifax. Pledges are now being accepted with income tax receipts issued for amounts over \$10.00.

Tragedy in Japan: Development and Peace is closely following the events unfolding in Japan after the country was hit by a massive earthquake and tsunami. Although Japan has the capacity to respond to the current emergency situation, Caritas Japan estimates that once the emergency phase is over, the most vulnerable will require support in regaining their lives and homes. It plans to organize reconstruction programs in the coming months to bring effective aid. Development and Peace will forward donations from the Canadian public to Caritas Japan for its reconstruction programs. **Donations** can be made by phone (1 888 664-3387), online at www.devp.org or by sending a cheque made out to Development and Peace (please indicate Japan Reconstruction) to the following address: Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. W. 3rd Floor, Montreal QC H3G 1T7. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Call for Performers: St. Francis of Assisi parish (844 Notre-Dame Avenue, St. Lambert) is pleased to announce that our next **Coffee House Variety Show** will take place on **Sunday May 1st** from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are looking for performers to share their talent. So if you sing, play an instrument, recite poetry, act or do comedy, and would like to perform, please contact Nancy Kelly at 450-672-0912 or nancykelly30@gmail.com.