

February 16th, 2020

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRE MARRIAGE SEMINAR AT HOLY REDEEMER CATHEDRAL, CORNER BROOK:

Couples planning to marry this year are advised of a special seminar being held Friday, **March 6th** starting at 7:00 pm and continuing on Saturday **March 7th** at 9:00 am. We cover topics of Sacramentality of Marriage, communication, financial considerations, relaxation and meditation as well as an overview of challenges to the goals and objectives of the Sacrament. This promises to be a pleasant experience as you prepare spiritually to celebrate your marriage. The fee is \$50.00, please call the Corner Brook office at 634-5161 to register.

THE FORM OF THE BEATITUDES:

Found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored." As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes", those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation.... these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness. The Beatitudes are often described as a framework of Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

CANON LAW FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS FOR BAPTISM:

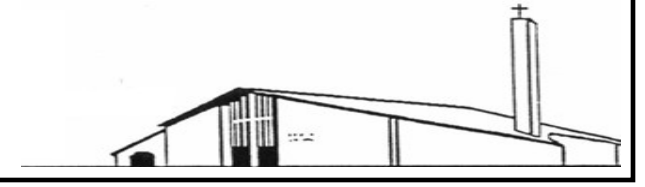
There seems to be some confusion when Godparents are being considered between wanting to have one's best friend or another relative or acquaintance be the Godparent. Catholics must have fully initiated Catholics as Godparents; that is Godparents in a Catholic Baptism needs to be practicing Catholics and also needs to have received the three Sacrament of Initiation; Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. A Godparent cannot be expected to mentor a Godchild if the God parent himself/herself hasn't received all of the Sacraments of Initiation. A person who is not Catholic but a member of Christian Church with a valid Baptism in their own Church can act as a Christian witness for the child. In that case, the other sponsor needs to be a fully initiated practicing Catholic. All Godparents (or the single Christian witness) also have to attain the age of 16. When there are two Godparents, one has to be male and the other female. A Godparent is a permanent choice. In other words if you have a falling out with the person or persons you select to be a Godparent, their name cannot be removed from the official recorded of the child's baptism.

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Knights of Columbus - Grand Knight Clyde Russell **4th Degree Assembly** - Faithful Navigator Bob Miller
St. Anne's Guild - President Millicent Penton
MARRIAGES. Six months notice is required; a year's notice is recommended.

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH SCHEDULE

<p>SUNDAY MASSES Saturday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Sunday Morning -10:30 A.M.</p>	<p>ROSARY Saturdays from 11:00 am RECONCILIATION Saturdays at 3:00 P.M.; or anytime by request</p>
<p>MARIA REGINA PARISH SCHEDULE</p> <p>SUNDAY MASSES Saturday - 4:30 P.M. Sunday - 9:00 A.M.</p>	<p>REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:30 A.M. Thursday Adoration 10 A.M. - 12 NOON 1st Friday - Acadian Village - 2:00 P.M. 3rd Friday - Silverwood Manor - 2:30 P.M.</p>

BAPTISM PREPARATION- Thursday February 27, at 7:00 *Please call to register.*
MASS FOR THE SICK-The First Friday of every month.
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. The 3rd Sunday of the month beginning at 2:00 P.M. and ending with Benediction at 4:00 P.M

PRAYER MEETINGS:

St. Stephen's Prayer Group — Wednesday at 7:45 P.M. in the Parish Meeting Room.
Word & Spirit Prayer Group — Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. in St. Anne's Hall.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, FRIDAY - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM **CLOSED DAILY 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

RECEIVED WITH THANKS Feb 8th / 9th:

Offertory	\$ 2615.75
Capital Repairs	\$ 207.00
Dues	\$ 135.00

SCENT-FREE: Please be aware that some people have allergic reactions to perfumes and other scents. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!

SANCTUARY CANDLE: In memory of Baby Mike and Jo Dacey as requested by their family.

PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES

MASS INTENTIONS, FEB 17th-21st

MONDAY FEB 17, 7:00 P.M.

For the late Tony Rotchford
For the late Tillie O'Neill
For the intentions of Fr. White

TUESDAY FEB 18, 9:30 A.M.

For the late Damien Drake
For the late Wayne Slaney
For the intentions of Cathy Williford

WEDNESDAY FEB 19, 7:00 P.M.

For the late Tillie O'Neill
For the late Jessie Young
For the intentions of Marie Brook

THURSDAY FEB 20, 9:30 A.M.

For the late Mary Ryan
For the late Matilda O'Neill
For the late Liz Young

FRIDAY FEB 21, 9:30A.M.

For the late Gordon & Bridget Keating
For the Souls in the Purgatory
For the intentions of Gordon and Jacque Keating

Our prayers and condolences go out to the families and friends of Eleanor Marche, Daniel McCarthy and Nina Kendall. We are very sorry for your loss. To those who read this, in your charity, please keep these people in your prayers.

2020 SUNDAY ENVELOPS: There are some envelopes still remaining at the back of the church. If you do not have envelopes and would like to have a box please contact the office.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2019: are now ready and can be picked up at the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC MISSION IN CANADA: Mission activity was the first action of the Apostles. When the Canadas began, French missionaries, accompanying explorers, continued that action in North America. Four hundred years later, some areas have yet to be fully established. Encouraged by Pope Francis, our home missions need our attention. The 'Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions' hopes to achieve this goal by asking God's blessing on our mission areas. Our Canadian missionaries and the Catholics they serve need our prayers. Each Canadian Diocese is choosing its own time to celebrate our Canadian missions. Our Diocese has selected Ash Wednesday as a day of prayer for this worthy cause. In particular, we will be asked to make an offering on this day. Envelopes for this purpose are in our package. Extra envelopes will be available in our churches. Please join the initiative. Sponsored by Catholic Missions in Canada, 201-1155 Yonge St, Toronto, ON M4T 1W2

THE FLU SEASON: As the winter continues, so does the greater likelihood of flu and colds. For that reason, some may prefer not to shake hands at the Sign of Peace. So please understand, if the person besides you chooses to exchange a smile, a nod or a wave instead of the traditional handshake.

NOTE OF THANKS:
Special thanks are extended to Bishop Bart for

coming to celebrate the Mass for the sick on Feb 11th. Thanks also to everyone who participated in any way.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ST. STEPHEN'S LENTEN MISSION: Our parish is taking part of a special mission during Lent. Bishop Bart will lead the mission March 22nd to 24th.

ST. ANNE'S GUILD:

In conjunction with Stephenville Winter Carnival St. Anne's Guild will be having a beans, bologna & touton supper on Friday Feb 21 from 4 -6 pm at St. Anne's Hall. Eat in or take out. Tickets can be purchased at Debbie's Video or by calling 643-2695. Tickets \$7.00 adult; \$3.00 Children

ADULT SACRAMENTS:

If you or an adult you know wishes to receive Sacraments they may have missed over the years such as Confirmation, Eucharist, or even Baptism, please contact the Parish. Fr. White is starting an adult programme. Everyone deserves the fullness of their Faith.

COUNTDOWN FOR LENT: Ash Wednesday is February 26th. The season of Lent prepares us for the great Easter season. It is a time for prayer, penance and fasting in preparation. **In particular, Ash Wednesday, is a day of fast and abstinence from meat.** It does not apply to seniors and to those who have special dietary needs. Masses at St. Stephen's Parish at 9:30 am and 7 pm; Maria Regina Parish at 5 pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: There will be Finance committee meeting on Monday, February 17th at 10 am in the parish.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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Please note that on Mondays it will be at St. Anne's Hall otherwise in the church basement. Confirmation classes are at St. Anne's Hall

Yrs 5 & 6, Thursday, **Feb 20** at 6:00 pm

Confirmation, Wednesday, **Feb 26** at 6:00 pm

There will be a parish council meeting on Wednesday, February 19th following evening Mass.

FAMILY MASS: Sunday, March 1st will be a family Mass. All children enrolled in the Religious Education Programs and their families are encouraged to attend. Bishop Bart will be celebrating this Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During the weeks of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be said on Fridays at 7 pm.

HOLY COMMUNION VISITS:

If someone is not able to attend Mass to receive the Blessed Sacrament, please contact the Parish. We are happy to arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to your home.

LENTEN FOLDERS: Lenten Folders are available on the table at the back of the Church.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE:

The Baptismal preparation session will take place on Thursday, February 27th at 7 pm, at St. Stephen's Rectory.