



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 18th

4:30 pm. Repose of soul of Georgette Guertin by Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario

Sunday, February 19th: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am. Special intentions of parishioners by Pastor
10:30 am. Repose of soul of Gordon Jodoin by Paul Beaupré & his Brother Knights

Tuesday, February 21st: Saint Peter Damian

9:00 am. Repose of soul of Mrs. Larter by the Kupferschmidt family.

Wednesday, February 22nd at St. Thomas Aquinas H.S. Chapel

9:00 am. Repose of soul of Mrs. Clement by staff & students of St. Thomas Aquinas High School

Thursday, February 23rd: Memorial, Saint Polycarp

9:00 am. For John Hudder by Marsolais family

Friday, February 24th

9:00 am. Repose of soul of Mrs. Clement by Mother Teresa Catholic School

Saturday, February 25th

4:30 pm. Repose of soul of Georgette Guertin by staff of Mother Teresa School

Sunday, February 26th: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am. Repose of soul of Tina Wever by Corry Vanden Hanenberg & family
10:30 am. Special intentions of parishioners by Pastor

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S . . .

Monday: Teen Sports, St. Thomas Aquinas gym, 8 pm.

Tuesday: Men's Basketball, 8:30-10:30 pm. St. Thomas Aquinas gym

Thursday: KOC General Meeting, 7:30 pm. Hall

Friday: Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 am - 12 noon

Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Mass for Christian Initiation (Scrutiny 1), 10:30 am.; Coffee Sundays: 9 am by Diane Cousineau & 10:30 am by Children's Liturgy

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Monday, Feb. 27th: Teen Sports, St. Thomas Aquinas gym, 8 pm.

Tuesday, Feb. 28th: Shrove Tuesday

Men's Basketball, 8:30-10:30 pm. St. Thomas Aquinas gym

Wednesday, Mar. 1st: Ash Wednesday

Distribution of Ashes at MTCS 8:45 am.; St. Thomas Aquinas, 1 pm.;

Senior Church St. Apts. 3 pm.; Church Mass, 7 pm.

Friday, Mar. 3rd: First Friday Adoration & Reconciliation, 9:30 am. -

12 noon & at St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel 7:30-8:30 pm.;

Stations of the Cross by Fr. Tim, 6:30 pm.-Church

Saturday, Mar. 4th:

Ladies Ecumenical Breakfast, 9 am. St. Mary's Anglican Church

Soul Food Saturday, 2:30 - 4:00 pm. Hall

Sunday, Mar. 5th: 1st Sunday of Lent; Diocesan & Missionary Works

Special Collection; Presentation of children to be baptized, 10:30

Mass; KOC Pancake Breakfast after 9 & 10:30 am Masses; Russell

Food Bank Donation Sunday; Rite of Election & Calling of RCIA Candidates, Notre Dame Cathedral, 3 pm.

Monday, Mar. 6th: Teen Sports, St. Thomas Aquinas gym, 8 pm.

Tuesday, Mar. 7th:

Men's Basketball, 8:30-10:30 pm. St. Thomas Aquinas gym

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 25th- 4:30 pm. Patrick & Brianna

Sunday, February 26th - 9:00 am. Kimberley, Deanna & Adam

10:30 am. Adam, Eva & Jack

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass.

Thank you for your loving service to Our Lord.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday at Noon in *writing* please.

Church Directory is found in pamphlet rack of Foyer

PLEASE NOTE

COFFEE SUNDAY: We Serve Fair Trade Coffee!

Please remember this is a service to the parish. It is your donations that will keep it viable.

9:00 am. & 10:30 am. hosted by the El Salvador Mission Team



◆ **EL SALVADOR MISSION SPECIAL PARISH COLLECTION** will take place THIS weekend of Feb. 18/19. Please be generous. Tax receipts will be provided.

◆ **CHURCH DOORS ARE UNLOCKED FOR 4:30 MASS** at 3:30 pm.

◆ **RITE OF ENROLLMENT:** An enrollment ceremony will be held *this Saturday/Sunday, February 18/19th* at all Masses for the children who are preparing for full initiation in the Christian Community. As members of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal parish, let us support these children on this journey through our prayers.

◆ **PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL** is at the home of André and June Paré this week. To reserve a week to have Her visit with you and your family, sign up on the sheet in Foyer.

◆ **DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR 2005 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:** There are still many 2005 donation receipts remaining in the Foyer. Please pick it up today.

YOU ARE INVITED

ON A PILGRIMAGE TRIP TO

CAP DE LA MADELEINE *** QUEBEC CITY ***

STE. ANNE DE BEAUPRÉ WITH FR. TIM

3 days - May 22, 23 & 24, 2006

Includes guided tours, 2 breakfasts, 1 evening meal, luxury air-conditioned bus & first class hotel. Cost: Double occupancy, \$399; Single, \$500 and Triple, \$375 (taxes included)

BOOK NOW! Fr. Tim or Suzanne at the office 445-3054.

Website: www.olmm.ca



YOUTH CORNER . . . Come all, from ages 13-19

TEEN SPORTS: Join us Mondays at 8 pm in the St.

Thomas Aquinas High School gym.

Info: Jim Watson at 443-0115.

AN INVITATION TO ALL YOUTH on *Fri., Mar. 3rd* at St. Thomas Aquinas High School Chapel for Holy Hour from 7:30- 8:30 pm. followed by video-Star Trek "Metamorphosis" (50 min.) and discussion.

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◆ PASTORAL CARE: If you know of any shut-ins, sick or aged parishioners who are unable to come to the church but would like a member of our Pastoral Team to bring them Holy Communion, or who would like a visit from the Priest for Reconciliation or the Sacrament of the Sick, please call Winnie Kerfoot at 445-3535.

◆ 2006 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The World Day of Prayer is observed annually in March. It is an invitation for Christian men, women and children to pause and pray together ecumenically.

All parishioners are invited to attend the World Day of Prayer Service at our Church on *Sat., Mar. 4th* at 11 am. A light lunch will follow. Theme: "Signs of the Times" with service written by the women of South Africa.

◆ FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PREPARATION BEGINS TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH: All children in the public school system who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation in the Spring of 2006 are asked to register as soon as possible by calling the parish office at 445-3054. Please note that children in Grades 2 & up can receive these sacraments of initiation.



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Web Site: www.sta-russell.com

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Thurs., Feb. 23rd: Grade 9 Open House, 7 pm.

Tues., Mar. 28th: Grades 7 & 8 Open House, 7 pm.

Any inquiries regarding our Grades 10-12 programs for the school year 2006-2007 are asked to contact our Guidance Service Dept. at 445-0810 ext. 405 for an appointment.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL

& UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAMS

On *Mar. 2nd* at 7 pm. in the school library (1211 South Russell Rd, Russell), the French Immersion Programs from both St. Thomas Aquinas and the University of Ottawa will be presented. All are invited to attend. Info: 445-0810



FRIDAY ADORATION & RECONCILIATION: Let us adore Him from 9 am-12 noon. The First Friday Holy Hour on *Mar. 3rd* will take place at the St. Thomas Aquinas High School Chapel from 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

◆ CONFESSIONS: Fr. Tim continues to be available for confessions Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. before Mass (unless Mass time has changed to 9 am.)

◆ "DEUS CARITAS EST": Our new Pope's first encyclical is out—"God is Love". Those interested in learning more are invited to read it (available on line www.vatican.va or in bookstores) and sign up (in Foyer) for a discussion group hosted by Fr. Tim—*Sun., Mar. 5th- 2 - 3 pm., Church Hall.*

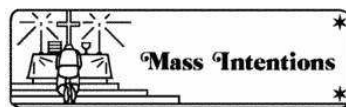
◆ 2005 PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT is posted on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please see Fr. Tim.



SUPPORT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM. Donate your used printer and toner cartridges or used cell phones which will be converted into cash to help fund our charitable projects. You will find the collection center and more information in the church basement near the elevator.

ATTENTION PAST & PRESENT KOC MEMBERS: Looking for old photos of activities to be displayed at our 7th anniversary celebrations.

◆ BEQUESTS AND WILLS: In your kindness, please remember Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will the following clause may be included or added to a will or added by codicil: I give devise and bequeath the sum of \$.... to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Russell, to be used for the benefit of the Parish and its pastoral activities.



AN EXCELLENT WAY to remember departed friends or relatives is to have a Mass said for them. In this way the church community joins together in prayer in memory of the deceased person, offering special petitions on their behalf. Having a Mass said for the special intention of those who are sick, or who are experiencing a difficult time in their lives is also greatly encouraged. Contact the Parish Office (445-3054) to make arrangements.

◆ RITE OF ELECTION/ CALLING CANDIDATES TO LENTEN RENEWAL: Everyone is encourage to attend this important celebration at the Notre Dame Cathedral on *Sun., Mar. 5th at 3 pm.*



COUNTDOWN FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday is coming!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Mar. 1st.

Ash Wednesday's ashes are the burned remains of the palms we blessed and distributed last Passion/ Palm Sunday. What a wonderful sign of the change of seasons! These ashes are not just an 'earthy' reminder that "we are dust" but more explicitly to "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel!"

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS IS AT 7 PM.

God does not want only sacrifice. God wants our whole heart.

Psalms 51: 3-6, 18-19

◆ IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PRAYERS, we will put you on our Prayer Chain. Please call Cherry Bekkers 445-5529.

OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED

◆ THEOLOGY ON TAP: Join us this *Tues. Feb. 21st* at 7 pm. at Malone's Lakeside Bar & Grill, 1001 Queen Elizabeth Dr. Topic: "Are We Raising Our Kids Catholic?" by Gerry Kupferschmidt.

◆ THE SACRED MUSIC SOCIETY: Founder of the WYD Choir 2002. Hear the magnificent voices of the Sacred Music Society's Sparrows Children's Choir; one hundred children's voices. Our Lady of Fatima Church, *Fri., Mar. 3, 8 pm.* Cost: \$10. Tickets at door—limited seating. Reservations: (321-2186). Sponsored by Maryvale Academy.