



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 17, 2019

PASTORAL TEAM

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SUNDAY OFFERING

February 10, 2019 – \$5,675.00
Capital Projects - \$2,390.00

Your generosity is appreciated. Thank you!

Weekday Masses & Intentions

Monday	9:00 am	Karen Coffin
Tuesday	9:00am	NO MASS
Wednesday	9:00 am	NO MASS
Thursday	9:00am	(A)Zita MacDonald
Friday	9:00am	Hope Praught
Saturday	4:00pm	(A)Brendon Cudmore, (A)Kenny Kelly,(A)Theresa Carmichael, (A) Mary & Joe Coade, Rita McInnis, James Gallant, Gilbert Doucette, Bobby Dillon, Living & Deceased K. of C. Members, Special Intention

Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Mass Readings for February 24, 2019

1st Reading: 1Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 22-25
Psalm: 103
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.45-49
Gospel: Luke 6.27-38

CWL Prayer Line: Please call 368-7247 or 892-2571 and leave your intention. Open to all parishioners

Bulletin Announcements: will be accepted until noon on Wednesday.

St. Pius X Church is a "SCENT-FREE SPACE." Please be courteous to other parishioners and visitors.

REFLECTION

The Beatitudes are such a familiar part of the gospel that when we hear them read we can easily miss their meaning. The message they contain may take a lifetime to learn, but unless we take it to heart there will be no entry into the kingdom of heaven. Following Christ is not meant to be easy and it is a challenge we must face every day. We are invited to do things that do not come naturally to us like being humble, showing mercy and opening our hearts to those in need. On the surface, the gospel might appear to be a plea for poverty and a condemnation of riches. However, Jesus does not idealize poverty as a value to be sought for its own sake but as a means to giving us greater freedom to follow Christ without compromise. The message contained in this gospel is both severe and challenging because it is at odds with our customary way of thinking. Many of us who profess Jesus to be our Saviour, live life without any thought for our religious beliefs. As we face the task of developing a proper relationship with God, we are frightened by the deep demands which the Beatitudes make on us. We are called not to worship wealth, food or comfort, but to worship the God who alone can grant us all good things.

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PARISH NEWS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 18th for the Family Day holiday.

2018 Income Tax & Priests' Benevolent Fund Receipts: are available in the foyer.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: which was canceled due to weather will be held Monday, February 18th at 6:30 pm in the Council Room.

World Day of Prayer Service: will be held Friday, March 1st at St. Pius X at 7:00 pm in conjunction with St. Mark's, Community Baptist and Park Royal United Churches. All parishioners are welcome.

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus: will be hosting a roast beef dinner at the Jack Blanchard Center on March 3rd from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$8 for children. Takeouts will be available. For tickets, please contact Lowell at 566-3800 or Colin at 569-7909.

Upper Room Soup Kitchen Meal: The sign-up sheet for food items for the meal at the Upper Room Soup Kitchen on February 22nd is available on the table in the foyer. Please bring the food in by Wednesday, February 20th as

the meal is prepared on Thursday morning following Mass.

There are several people who have picked up new envelope sets for 2019 and have not left their name, address or the number of the set. If you are one of these parishioners, PLEASE call the Parish Office at 894-8380 with this information.

Pyxes: Any parishioner who may have borrowed a pyx from the Parish to bring Communion to a loved one or neighbor; if you are no longer using it, please return it to the Parish.

K. of C. Crib: on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the MacKenzie Room. 50/50 draw and prizes. Come and bring a partner.

CATECHETICS

No Catechism Classes or Children's Liturgy: this weekend for the Islander Day holiday. Sunday Catechism Classes will resume next Sunday. There will be no Monday evening classes next week for a PD day. The Monday classes will resume on March 4th.

Retreat for Confirmation Candidates: will be held on Saturday, March 2nd from 1:30-5:30 pm in the MacKenzie Room.

"Class is Mass" for Grade 6: will be held at the weekend Masses on March 2-3rd.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Rite of Election for Catechumens: will be held Sunday, March 10, 2019 at St. Dunstan's Basilica.

The-Heart-of-the-Matter: A Marriage Preparation Course for Modern Couples in the Catholic Church: Are you planning to get married in the Catholic Church? Got questions? Could you answer why getting married in the Catholic Church will make a difference in your life? Don't settle for uncertainty. Learn why this choice is one of the best you will ever make! Ask your questions, find answers and learn the truth. Get to The-Heart-of-the-Matter! We will meet individually or in group sessions to learn about and discuss the meaning of the Catholic Sacrament of Matrimony. More info can be found on the diocesan website dioceseofcharlottetown.com/diocesan-ministries/marriage-preparation, or by contacting Pat Wiedemer at: patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com or 902-393-6047.

Martha Spirituality Centre (902-367-3103 or srgemma@eastlink.ca) **March 9th Lenten Retreat** with Bishop Grecco on Saturday, March 9th from 10 am - 3 pm.

Need to register on or before March 7 or until spaces last. **Married Couples' Retreat at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre:** March 15 - 17. Led by Father Brendan Gallant, this retreat will be a special time for sharing and praying together. Cost is \$137.50 each. Phone (902)621-2385 or (902)388-1952 to register.

CWL Area Meetings - February 23, 2019: CWL Members are invited to attend Area Meetings on Saturday, February 23rd at the following locations: Kings: St. Peter's Community Centre, from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Queens: St. Dunstan's Basilica Basement, from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; Mass at 9:00 am. East Prince: Kinkora Place, from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon (no hot dishes). West Prince: Tignish Parish Centre, from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. The agenda will focus on the new CWL Theme: Caring for our Common Home/Water and Leadership Development. Members are asked to bring food for a pot luck supper.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: on May 3 - 5 at Between the Hearts Renewal Centre, Amherst, NS. Open to husbands and wives throughout Atlantic Canada. For more information, or to sign up: email renewmarriage@gmail.com or call (902)314-8541.

Stuebenville Atlantic: is happening July 5th-7th. Join hundreds of other youth from across Atlantic Canada for a weekend of friendship, fun, and faith. Registration is now open. The early bird cost is \$200, and only available until February 28th. For more information or to register, contact Lauren at youth@dioceseofcharlottetown.com
Fr. Bob Coady's Book: entitled "In The Midst of it All" is available at the Bookmark at Confederation Court Mall. for \$15.00 a copy.

Haché Gallant Reunion Invitation: Celebrate your heritage and culture with your international family as part of the **World Acadian Congress 2019**. The reunion will be held at Skmaqn-Port-La-Joye-Fort-Amherst National Historic Site on Saturday and Sunday, August 17th and 18th, 2019. There are activities for all ages, provided in English and French, as well as Mass under the big tent. All information is on the World Acadian Congress website www.cma2019.ca under "Programs." Select "Family Reunions" and then choose the Haché Gallant Families. Registration forms are on the website and are to be online. Come join your relatives in celebration of your common ancestry, explore your heritage and enjoy a weekend of festivities this summer.