

Second Sunday Of Lent

February 21, 2016

"While Jesus prayed, the appearance of his face changed."

– Luke 9.28b-36

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Tuesday	February 23	Tuesday
Wednesday	February 24	Wednesday
Thursday	February 25	Thursday
Friday	February 26	Friday
<u>Saturday</u>	February 27	<u>Saturday</u>
<u>Sunday</u>	February 28	<u>Sunday</u>

MASS INTENTION

Connie Beach
Marguerite O'Hara
Susan McDevitt-Smith
Tito & Bertha Castillo
For All Parishioners
Dorothy & Lester LeBlanc

Confessions -- Every Thursday – 10:30am

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Regular Envelopes	\$965.00
Loose Donations	\$156.90
Heating	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$190.00
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	\$1,411.90
	Last Week's Total

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that He has given you. - Deuteronomy 16.17

Please Complete The Disciple Maker Index Survey

Please help us by completing a 10-15 minute survey.

- A link to the survey is available on the Holy Trinity website: holytrinitysj.com

The survey, available online now through Monday, February 22nd, will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what efforts the parish is doing to help you grow.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible.

Tax Receipts

2015 tax receipts are now available at the back of the church.

Parish Renewal Committee Meeting

The next Holy Trinity Parish Renewal Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, February 24th, 7pm, in the parish Family Center. All are welcome.

Do You Want Envelopes?

If you would like to start using Sunday Envelopes there are spare boxes available at the back of the church. Please write your name and full mailing address on the first envelope you use.

Saturday Soup

Please join us every Saturday evening after the 4pm Mass in the Family Centre. Enjoy a meal of soup, rolls, dessert, tea & coffee as well as a time of fellowship. Cost: Donation.

Christopher Course

10-week course begins on Wednesday, March 2nd, at the Assumption Parish Hall. Call 648-9445 for more information.

Bingo

St. Pius X will be hosting their annual Pot of Gold Bingo on Wednesday, March 2nd. Early Bird games begin at 6pm; Regular games at 7pm. \$1,000 jackpot. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the door.

Retreat

A 24 Hour Retreat, Remembering God's Love, will be held at the Villa Madonna, from Friday, February 26th - Saturday, February 27th. It will be a gentle entry into ways of prayer based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. For further information, call Doug Hubbard (738-2043).

February 15, 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

As Catholic Christians, we are “a people of life” and “a people for life.” In the face of all the attacks on life being experienced in our society today, Saint John Paul II reminded us of who we are and encouraged us to be witnesses and diffusers of what he called “a culture of life.” In creating us, God loves all human beings into life. We belong to God. “We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us” (CCC 2280). Ours is the responsibility to defend and promote life from the first moment of conception until natural death.

With the Supreme Court of Canada decision, the Canadian Parliament is currently deliberating the weighty issues of assisted suicide and euthanasia. It is critical that we, as Catholic Christians, raise our voices for life and be heard.

I refer you to an ecumenical/interfaith document the *Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide* prepared by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and endorsed by over 50 Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, Jewish and Muslim faith leaders as well as many other Canadians. The signatories have thereby expressed their common conviction regarding the sanctity of all human life.

While affirming the equal and inviolable dignity of every human person, regardless of abilities or disabilities, this *Declaration* stresses the need to promote positive end-of-life care which offers home care, and accessible palliative care (pain control), in order to alleviate human suffering in a way consistent with human dignity. I encourage you to read the *Declaration* and to become one of its signatories (www.euthanasiadeclaration.ca/declaration).

On February 11, 2016, the *World Day of the Sick*, I joined clergy and laity from various churches in a public signing of the *Petition for life* which endorses the *Declaration*. This *Petition for life* has been distributed in all the churches throughout New Brunswick and has been made available to you in your parish/mission. This is a time for all women and men of faith to stand up for the sanctity of all human life. I encourage you to sign this *Petition for life* made available to you. Once completed, it is to be sent to your local Member of Parliament.

Let us do all we can to defend life. As women and men of faith, we owe it to ourselves to make our voices heard.

Sincerely in Christ,



✠ Robert Harris
Bishop of Saint John

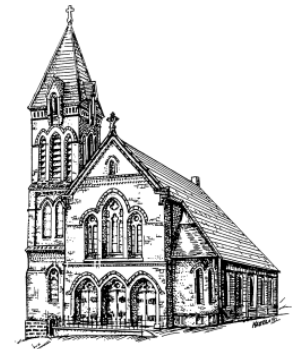
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Sacrament Of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated by appointment. To make arrangements for a baptism please contact the office.

Sacrament Of Penance/Reconciliation

Confessions are celebrated on Thursdays at 10:30am.

Sacrament Of Marriage

To be married at Holy Trinity church, couples must first make an appointment with Father Peter to discuss their plans. At least a six month notice and taking a marriage preparation course is a requirement.

Sacrament And Ministry To The Sick

If there is a family member or relative in the hospital who would like to receive a visit from the pastor, please inform Father Peter. Also, please let Father Peter know if there is someone sick or confined to their home who would like to receive a visit, receive Holy Communion, or be anointed with the Sacrament of the Sick.