

**March 3, 2019 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**“ . . . remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye.”**  
Luke 6: 39-45

**“God Transfigured in Life’s Messes”**

A church organized a Tuesday morning mom-and-tots group, where the kids would play and the moms could indulge in adult conversation and sip coffee while it was still hot. The group became very close, laughing and crying, talking and praying.

One day the group took up a book on prayer. The author wrote that making quiet time for personal prayer was crucial to the spiritual life. Most of the moms said they tried to fit in such “quiet time” during nap tie or laundry time or dishwashing time or shower time, but all agreed that a set daily “quiet time” was an impossible luxury.

The book offered a solution for the quiet-time dilemma: “Get up earlier.” All moms have to do is get up and have their quiet time in the dark before everyone else is awake, because — quoting the book — “you can sleep when you’re dead.”

In other words, “a bunch of baby-brained, undernourished, zombie moms were being told that what they really needed to make their lives better was less sleep.”

One young mom spoke up: “Sleep was the one thing I knew I needed to have if I was going to be a decent mom for another day. I needed sleep, because my kids needed me to get dressed and go to the park and read the same book 400 times and kiss boo-boos and settle disputes over Legos and cut a single grape into 11 pieces and scoop turds out of the bathtub and not kill anybody, either by accident or on purpose. Sleep was life.”

How could God entrust her, she asked, with the care and protection of three kids and then expect her to get up at the crack of dawn to “be quiet with him” because “I can sleep with him when I’m dead.”

“I don’t think that’s how it works. I really don’t. I think God is with us. Like, day in and day out, in the chaos and the noise and the silliness of life, he is there . . . never absent from the clamor of our kids’ laughter, their squeals, their skinned knees, their fussing and whining and raging fits in the Target parking lot. God is not withholding himself from us, waiting for us to come to him in the wee hours of the morning as a measure of our devotion . . . !

“So I’m gonna honor God intentionally in my sleep, because I’m pretty sure God wants me to be the very best mother I can possibly be to my boys . . . Tomorrow I’ll be sleeping in. And I’m not even gonna worry about it, because I’m pretty sure I’ll have plenty of quiet time with God when I’m DEAD!”

[From The Very Worst Missionary: A Memoir or Whatever by Jamie L. Wright.]

**In her call to motherhood, this woman has experienced “transfiguration”: the light of God’s presence radiates in her love and care for her children; the presence of Christ’s peace “transfigures” their home into the very dwelling place of God. What Peter, James and John witness in Christ on the mountain exists within each one of us, as well: God is present within us, animating us to do good and holy things, guiding our steps as we try to walk justly and humbly in the ways of God, enlightening our vision with wisdom and selflessness to bring the justice and mercy of God into our world.**

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



Parish Information

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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am

**Reconciliation:** By request

**Mass During the Week:** Tues & Thurs at 7:00 pm  
Wed & Fri at 10:00 am  
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

**Holy Hour of Adoration:** Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

**Marriages:** Six months’ notice is required. A year’s notice is recommended.

**Baptisms:** Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

(February 23-24, 2019)

Regular Collection	1,697.55
Building Fund	25.00
Parish Dues	25.00
Parish Insurance	4.00
Votive Candles	49.25
Mass Stipends	50.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon, Mar 4	No Mass
Tues, Mar 5	Late Mary E. George
Wed, Mar 6	Late Tom Murphy
Thur, Mar 7	Intention of Susie Hall Late Jim Hayes
Fri, Mar 8	Late Philip Morgan
Sat, Mar 9	The Roche Family and Marilyn & the George Family
Sun, Mar 10	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>March 9</b>	
Dennis Bruce Art Hall	Donna Mitchell Joan Penney Mona Specker
<b>March 10</b>	
Tony Griffin Anna House	Brian Sparkes Donna Eldridge Don Gallant
<b>Communion to the Lohnes Complex</b>	
Tony Griffin	

**BIBLE STUDY:** We continue to meet every Sunday at 7:00 pm in the Church meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

Congratulations to Nora Rose Hickey, child of Stephen Hickey and Jaclyn Jacob, who celebrated her Baptism on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**PANCAKE SUPPER:**

Everyone is invited to the Parish house for a pancake supper on **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**. Mass will be in the Church at 5:00 pm and supper at the house immediately following mass. The menu will include pancakes, sausages and beans served with coffee, tea etc. A good time to gather as a parish and prepare for the season of Lent.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:**

Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. It means we are encouraged to have one full meal on that day plus two lighter ones. It does not apply to people who are over 65 years of age or to anyone with special needs.

**Mass on Ash Wednesday will be at 5:30 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea, and 7:00 pm here at Sacred Heart Parish.**

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA:**

CMIC is a national organization that helps fund needy and isolated parishes and dioceses. CMIC has contributed to our diocese greatly over the last 25 years. In gratitude for their generosity, we take up a collection for them every year on Ash Wednesday. Envelopes are provided in your box of envelopes for this collection. Please be generous.

**PARISH BINGO:**

Our next parish bingo will be held this **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**. Please support this important fundraiser.

**NET MINISTRY:**

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 6-9 pm and Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 10 am-4 pm** at Sacred Heart School. For information or to pre-register please contact Jennie Colbourne or email hrahyouthandfamilygroup@gmail.com.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

Our next meeting will take place on **Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the Church Meeting Room.

**4YOUTH:**

The season of Lent is closely associated with fasting and abstinence. Just what exactly does that mean? Fasting means eating one full meal and two light meals a day, with no eating between meals. Abstinence means not eating any meat. In Canada, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Although all Fridays are days of abstinence, you can choose to do special acts of charity or piety instead. Many people choose to give up something for Lent, usually something that they enjoy a lot. You can give up: chocolate or sweets or desserts or complaining or negativity or bickering with your family. You might even decide to give up some of your daily screen time (TV, computer, video games, cell phone, etc.) What are you giving up this Lent?

**ASH WEDNESDAY:**

Ash Wednesday, which is celebrated this year on March 6, is the first day of the 40-day season of Lent, a period of prayer, fasting and alms-giving which prepares us to celebrate Christ's Resurrection at Easter.

While Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is a day of fasting and abstinence. All Catholics are encouraged to participate in the Eucharist in observation of the beginning of the Lenten season. The ashes are a visible sign that reminds us that life passes away on Earth. They are also a visible sign of our willingness to enter into the season of Lent and to renew ourselves spiritually through fasting, prayer and alms-giving.



**PARISH MISSION AT HOLY**

**REDEEMER CATHEDRAL:** Introduction of theme at all Sunday masses with sessions on Monday and Tuesday, **April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. "Hope for Our Roller-Coaster World" Given by Father Michael Prieur. This will be a time for renewal in faith. It will provide opportunity for reconciliation and retreat in preparation for the Easter celebrations. Plan now to join us. Refreshments will be served after each night.

**HUMOUR:**

There were 3 men in the desert. They all wanted something to cool them down. One brought a pail of water. The second brought an umbrella. The third took out a car door. The other two said, "Why do you have a car door?" The person said, "So we could roll the windows down when we get hot!"

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

Knights of Columbus Archbishop Howley Council 2581 will meet at All Hallows on **Tuesday March 5 at 7:45 pm**. This meeting will take place after 7:00 P.M mass at All Hallows. All Brother Knights are urged to attend.

**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

**DINNER/CONCERT:** The Late John Joe & Ada George and Late Marilyn BordenSt. Patrick's Day dinner/concert featuring the Griffin's with local talent will be on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Cold plates and dessert are being served. Cost is **\$10.00 for take out, \$12.00 for eat in**. Take out dinners will be available for pick up between 4:30-5:30 pm on March 15. Eat-in dinners will be served from 6-6:30 pm with music to follow at 7-9:30 pm. To purchase tickets please contact the parish office, Frances at 789-3477, Holly at 789-2840 or Debbie at 640-4412. Deadline to purchase tickets is March 12, 2019 at noon.