



HOLY ROSARY PARISH
WESTMOUNT, NS
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PARISH PRIEST – FR. DOUG MURPHY
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 4TH & 5TH, 2017

THEME The story of Jesus being tempted by Satan underscores for us the truth that we can resist the power of evil only by relying on the Holy Spirit as Jesus did.

LENT: Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter. Christ’s victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversation. Christians are asked to return to God with all their hearts, to refuse to settle for mediocrity and grow in friendship with the Lord. (Pope Francis).

During Lent, we do not sing “Alleluia” until we have undergone conversation and are ready to sing this change with renewed meaning during the Easter Vigil.

FASTING: There is a joy in the salutary fasting and abstinence of Christians who eat and drink less in order that their minds may be clearer and more receptive to receive the sacred nourishment of God’s word which the whole Church announces and meditates upon in each day’s liturgy throughout Lent. (Thomas Merton)

COLLECTIONS: \$ 1,835.00

MEETING: Wednesday March 8th at 7:00 p.m. Committee preparing for the Nova Voce Men's Choir Concert

NEXT SUNDAY: Evening Prayer of the Church – 7:00 p.m.

DAILY MASS: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. – Thursday and Friday at 9:00 a.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 5 th – 6 th :	Commemoration of the Closure of the Church of the Incarnation
May 13 th :	Nova Voce Mens' Provincial Choir Concert

BULLETIN NOTICES: Parish bulletin notices can be called in to Donna Lewis at 902-564-2047 or sent by e-mail to donna.lewis@intact.net. It would be appreciated if all notices could be sent by Thursday at noon. Bulletins will also be posted on our parish website at holyrosaryparish.info

PRE-MARRIAGE PROGRAM DATES: April 29th & 30th and June 24th and 25th at Our Lady of Fatima. The fee for the program is \$100 per couple. Pre-registration is required. Phone 902-849-4772 to pre-register.



C.W.L. NOTES: One Heart, One Voice, One Mission

Pop Tabs & Eye Glasses: The collection of pop tabs and eye glasses is ongoing. They can be left at the back of the church.

Church Linens: March – Margie Wadden. **Funeral Receptions:** Group # 4

Global TV Series: There is a series being aired on Global TV entitled *Mary Kills People*. It focuses on a medical doctor who illegally aides terminally ill patients in their attempt to commit suicide. Global TV's promotion of the series indicates the lead character's "business is booming." This series is glamorizing the act of euthanasia and assisted suicide while potentially influencing the sick, disabled and infirm to make life-ending choices. The CWL nationally are asking the parishioners to visit Global TV's website to comment and have this series pulled from their network. <http://www.globaltv.com/faq/#contact>

On-line Petitions: There are many on-line petitions on the Canadian Government web site. (www.parl.gc.ca) You are encouraged to visit this site and vote on the following petitions as well as any others you may have concerns about:

E-673 - (We the undersigned, Canadian Citizens, call upon the Government of Canada to amend the Canada Health Act to include home care as an insured Health service. (Open for signature until March 28, 2017).

E-697 - Health Care Services Autism Spectrum Disorder (Open for signature until May 4, 2017)

E-733 - Labelling of food products. (Open for signature until May 11, 2017)

Spring Conference: CWL Spring Conference will be hosted by St. Theresa's Parish CWL on April 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Members are asked to keep these dates open. Hopefully, a number of members will be able to participate in the conference.

Palliative Care – Twelve hours of prayer for Palliative care will be on May 4 2017. More information to follow.

Nova Scotia Provincial Conference: Hosted by St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Dartmouth on the weekend of June 9th.

Steak & Lobster Fundraiser: Once again we are having our annual Steak/Lobster or \$250.00 Cash Prize fundraiser. Tickets are available from any CWL member \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. We ask for your continued support with our endeavours

KOC NOTES:

Flea Market: We will continue to collect material for our Flea Market on May 27th. If you have any material that you may wish to have picked up, you may call Francis @ 562-3606 or 565-3609 or any member of the KOC.

Ticket Sale: The KOC now have their annual ticket on sale. First Prize is \$25,000. Ticket price is \$2 each or 3 for \$5 Tickets may be purchase by calling Francis at 562-3606 or 565-3609; or any member of the KOC.

Meetings: The next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. The executive meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the same day.

FRENCH MASS: Il y aura une messe en français au Centre Communautaire Etoile de l'Acadie, samedi le 11 mars, 2017 à 17:30. Un souper de genre " Pot Luck " suivra avec de la musique française par Le Cercle Musicale de la région de Sydney. Tous sont les bienvenus!

There will be a Mass in French at the Centre Communautaire Étoile de L'Acadie on Saturday March 11, 2017 at 5:30PM. Pot Luck supper to follow along with french music from Le Cercle Musicale de la région de Sydney. Everyone welcome!

SUPPORT GROUP: Living With Cancer Support Group, a support group for those who have had a diagnosis of cancer or for their family and caregivers will meet Wednesday, March 15th, 2017, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm at Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 128 (Pier), Victoria Road. Facilitator- Tom McNeil, CBCC Social Worker."

PERMANENT DEACONS: Vatican II restored the ancient Order of Permanent Deacons for a three-fold ministry of Service, Word and Altar. The Diocese seeks men aged 35-65, married or single, who experience a call to diaconate for a four year formation process to prepare for ordained ministry within the Diocese. If you are interested, please give Fr. Bedford Doucette a call--the sooner the better so we can prepare for a meeting of all those interested. Phone 902 539 6188 Ext 235 or email Bedford@dioceseofantigonish.ca