

HOLY ROSARY PARISH - WESTMOUNT, NS

PARISH PRIEST – FR. DOUG MURPHY

MASS TIMES: SATURDAY – 4:15 P.M. – SUNDAY – 10:00 A.M.



March 5th & 6th, 2022

THEME: Lent is a sombre time marked by more frugal daily life in company with the Lord in the desert. But it is more: Lent can also remind us of the beginning of God's life in us at Baptism. So, Lent can be Springtime, a time of grace when we discover anew God's steadfast love and mercy for us.

COLLECTION: \$ 1,714.00

EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Next Sunday, March 13th and Sunday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m.

LENT: There is joy in the salutary fasting and abstinence of Christians who eat and drink less in order that their minds may be cleaner 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)

- Every year Catholics try to answer the age-old question: What should I do for Lent? Here are some ideas from Pope Francis:
- 1) Get rid of the lazy addiction to evil: Lent is a powerful season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better. Lent helps us and thus we leave behind old habits and the lazy addiction to the evil that deceives and ensnares us.
- (General Audience March 5, 2014)
- 2) Do something that hurts: Lent is a fitting time for self denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts; no self denial is real without this dimension of penance, distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.
(Lenten Message 2014)
- 3) Don't remain indifferent: Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent, we need to heed once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God is not indifferent to our world; he so loved it that he gave his Son for our salvation.
(Lenten Message 2015)
- 4) Pray: Make our hearts like yours! During this Lent brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord: Make our hearts like yours (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference.
- (Lenten Message 2015)..... More to follow.

DAILY MASS DURING LENT: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. * **On stormy days when school is cancelled, our daily Mass is also cancelled.** *

PARISH BULLETIN: Notices can be called in to Donna Lewis at 902-564-2047 or sent via e-mail to grahamandonna@hotmail.com. It would be appreciated if all notices could be sent by Thursday afternoon. Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION: Anyone wishing to register their child for First Communion Preparation is asked to contact Fr. Murphy at 562-0763 or Anita LeBlanc at 539-7833.

SYNOD JOURNEY: March 2nd – 8th: Fast from Indifference, Feast of Love: Engaging in the Synod journey gives voice to your story, wisdom and dreams for our church and God's people. This week, learn more about the Synod and begin your journey. Almsgiving: Explore our Listening Web Page to learn of Pope Francis' invitation and ways to connect. Prayer: Say the Synod prayer (Available on the diocese website). Next Sunday, Fr. Jim Oliver of the Diocesan Synod team will be offering the Homily on the Synod Journey.

KOC MEETINGS:

3 rd Degree KOC Council 9476 General Meeting Sunday, March 6 th at 1:00 p.m. at Coady House. Masks and Vaccination Proof required.	4 th Degree KOC Assembly 797 General Meeting Sunday, March 6 th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, MacMann Room. Masks and Vaccination Proof required.
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FR. GREG MACLEOD LECTURE SERIES: Wednesday, March 9th at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Recognizing Truths and Balancing Knowledges in the Decolonization of Education: Mi'kmaw elders, Dr. Albert Marshall and Dr. Marie Battiste will unpack the structures of Eurocentric colonialism in institutions and government structures. The TRC's calls to action for reconciliation create the necessary decolonial Indigenization in education, churches, media, justice and governments. They will share their stories of struggle, change, activism and scholarly work aimed at alleviating institutional ignorance of Indigenous Peoples. Dr. Albert Marshall is from Eskasoni First Nation and one of the imaginative thinkers behind Two-eyed seeing – Etuaptum, a theory and method for Indigenization and reconciliation. and Dr. Marie Battiste is a Mi'kmaw educator from the Potlotek First Nation and Aroostook Band of Micmacs in Maine and holds degrees from Harvard, Stanford and the University of Maine and is now a special advisor at CBU on decolonizing the Academy. She is a widely published author.

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CWL:

POP TABS & EYEGLASSES: We are continuing to collect pop tabs and eyeglasses.

PLASTIC COVER TOPS: Due to Covid, we are unable to deliver the plastic tops to Moncton. We will be putting a hold on collections at this time and will resume when the situation allows. You may continue to hold them at home for the time being. Thank-you for your donations thus far.

CHURCH LINENS: March – Margie Wadden April – Ann MacDonald

LOAVES AND FISHES: Visits to Loaves & Fishes to be determined.

May this season of repentance bring us the blessings of your forgiveness and the gift of your light.