HOLY ROSARY PARISH BULLETIN

Westmount, NS

Parish Priest – Fr. Doug Murphy

Mass - Saturday 4:15 p.m. & Sunday 10:00 a.m.



February 17th & 18th, 2024

<u>THEME</u>: The focus of our faith is not the church will all its universal issues. At the heart of Christian faith is Jesus.

<u>THE SEASON OF LENT</u>: Christ, his death and resurrection. The Season of Lent focuses our minds on the central event. We are a fallen people struggling toward the outstretched arms of the Christ that he may lift us with him to resurrection.

<u>COLLECTIONS</u>: \$ 2,314.00 * 2023 Income Tax receipts are now available at the church entrance *

EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Sunday, February 25th and March 10th at 7:00 p.m.

FEASTS THIS WEEK; Thursday: The Chair of St. Peter - Apostle

DAILY MASS: Monday to Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday at 9:00 a.m.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Notices for the parish bulletin can be called in to Donna Lewis at 902-564-2047 or sent via e-mail at grahamanddonna@hotmail.com. It would be appreciated if notices could be sent by Thursday afternoon. Thank you!

CWL:

<u>COLLECTIONS</u>: We continue to collect the pop tabs and eyeglasses for the time being. We are no longer collecting plastic caps. CHURCH LINENS: February – Georgette Skinner

<u>LOAVES & FISHES</u>: Group # 1



TEA & TALK: Tuesday, February 20th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. An invitation to join with other women to share TEA and TALK at Holy Redeemer Convent 24 Neville St, Whitney Pier, just behind the Pier Post Office. This invitation is open to women of all ages. This is an attempt to provide an opportunity for women to join with others to simply share a cup of tea and to experience the joy of being together. For further information phone 902 270 4840 or 902 539 6331

<u>WHAT CAN I DO FOR LENT</u>? (Fr. Dan Herbert) When Lent approaches we begin to ask ourselves, "What can I do for Lent?" "I'll give up smoking." Sometimes this becomes more of a sacrifice for those we live with than for ourselves. "I'll give up candy." Here we start by imitating a squirrel's storing nuts for winter. When Easter arrives, we partake of our savings of candy and make up for lost time. "I'll pray an extra hour each day." What good is that if I cannot make it through my workday because I'm so tired from lack of sleep? I would like to propose a new look at, "What can I do for Lent?" How about doing nothing for Lent? What I mean is, during Lent do what we NORMALLY do, *but do it better*.

Outside of Lent, I may act like a very inconsiderate and insensitive person. During Lent I will become more Christ-like with others. What a sacrifice!

Outside of Lent I am always so busy or preoccupied with my work that I have no time to waste with anyone else. During Lent I am going to spend quality time with others. What a hard thing to do!

Lent is a personal journey in which we follow Christ to His death and then experience the greatest of all hope in His Resurrection. — During Lent, instead of adding more items to our already busy schedule, why not just live normally and become more conscious of <u>how</u> we are doing things and improve on them? Ask the questions: "How would Christ do this? How would Christ say this?" <u>And then do it as Christ would</u>. Wouldn't it be great if we did improve our lives during Lent and were still improving by Lent in 2025? Wouldn't it be great if we had grown closer to Jesus by Easter through seeing what it means to be a real Christian? Let us all pray for the grace to be more like Christ.

