

Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of:

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish

Lost Nation & Toronto

Sacred Heart Parish ~ Oxford Junction

Ss Philip & James Parish ~ Grand Mound



February 17, 2019 - Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time



THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE;
LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

Psalm 118:24



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Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact Parish Office to
schedule a baptism.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Marriage Preparation at least 90
days prior to your wedding date.

Please contact Parish Office.

Pastoral Care

Contact Parish Office for Home
visits, pastoral needs, Anointing of
the Sick, Holy Communion

Sacrament Reconciliation

Before Mass or call Parish Office
for arrangement with Priest.

H o l y i n t h e M o m e n t

*Holy moments are for
being real with God as we
learn to trust Him with
every single thing in
every circumstance.*

Ginger Harrington

Last weekend, in my homily, I referred to the suffering that comes our way and our moments of difficulty as Real Jesus Moments (RJMs). I focused on Peter's experience of working the whole night and catching no fish. Peter said to Jesus 'Master, we have worked all night and have caught nothing...at your command, I will lower the nets'. I talked about how Jesus changed the situation when he was let in. Our lives moments are so unpredictable, they require us to constantly cast our nets (faith) into deep water. Calling your suffering an RJM is a positive way to deal with it. Saying that you are in an RJM is another way of saying that I need Jesus to go through this. You call it RJM because you want to hand it over to Jesus.

To be able to practice what I am calling for, you need to build your trust in Jesus. The kind of childlike trust that the 'poor' (anawim) of Jesus' time demonstrated. St. Augustine expressed the trust we should have in God in these words: "Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to his love, and the future to his providence". May God see you through any RJM you are going through right now.

God bless you!
Fr. Francis Odoom



The Station: Tucked away in our subconscious minds is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long, long trip that almost spans the continent. We're traveling by passenger train, and out the windows we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at a crossing, of cattle grazing on a distant hillside, of smoke pouring from a power plant, of row upon row of corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains and rolling hills, of biting winter and blazing summer and cavorting spring and docile fall.

But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day at a certain hour we will pull into the station. There will be bands playing, and flags waving. And once we get there so many wonderful dreams will come true. So many wishes will be fulfilled and so many pieces of our lives finally will be neatly fitted together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles, damning the minutes for loitering ... waiting, waiting, waiting, for the station.

However, sooner or later we must realize there is no one station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly outdistances us.

"When we reach the station that will be it!" we cry. Translated it means, "When I'm 18, that will be it! When I buy a new 450 SL Mercedes Benz, that will be it! When I put the last kid through college, that will be it! When I have paid off the mortgage, that will be it! When I win a promotion, that will be it! When I reach the age of retirement, that will be it! I shall live happily ever after!"

Unfortunately, once we get it, then it disappears. The station somehow hides itself at the end of an endless track "Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:24: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. Rather, it is regret over yesterday or fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who would rob us of today.

So, stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot oftener, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more and cry less. Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough.

Robert Hastings

PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Noteworthy News



Please check out our new website for our cluster parishes at www.holyfamilycluster.com. Our website was created and is maintained by Colleen Coon of Sacred Heart in Oxford Junction. Contact information is: collcoon@gmail.com. This helps us take communications to the next level in keeping us informed and evangelizing with others. Thank you Colleen, we are very grateful.



With gratitude, thank you to Cris Burmeister for rolling out the church bulletin. Neither rain, nor hail, nor sleet or snow kept Cris from going forward in the completion of the appointed bulletins.



Cluster parishioners are invited to join us on March 23rd. Please call and sign up! Contact Chairman Paul Rock to sign up at 847-1114 or 249-7408. March 23rd, 2019 will be our 50th Jubilee Trivia Night at the Grand Mound Community Center 7pm. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Cost is \$10.00 per person and maximum 8 per table.

SS Philip & James - Grand Mound

Liturgical Ministries for February are on Page 4A of bulletin.



March Coffee Hour will be hosted by Chris Forret and assisted by the families of Julius Michel, Bryan Robinson, Philip Butt, Ann Venditti, Alan McNeil, and Darrell Warren.



Create your own Team Trivia: Contact Chairman Paul Rock to sign up at 847-1114 or 249-7408. March 23rd, 2019 will be our 50th Jubilee Trivia Night at the Grand Mound Community Center 7pm. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Cost is \$10.00 per person and maximum 8 per table.

Bring your brains, choice of beverage, and snacks for a FUN filled evening! Cluster parishioners are invited to join us on March 23rd. Please call and sign up!

Sacred Heart - Oxford Junction

The March minister schedule is being worked on & will be posted shortly. April & May sign-up sheets are on the table in the hall. Lent begins on March 6 and Easter is April 21.

Due to Holy Week, we'll be needing extra help, so we hope you'll keep that in mind when signing up. Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers.

Sanctuary Guild meeting March 4 at 7:00 pm in library. Serving Committee is: Margo Ahrendsen, Deb Bisinger & Sharon Miller.

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Catholic Charities offers many programs and services throughout the Archdiocese including mental health counseling, crisis pregnancy and post-abortion counseling, affordable housing, immigrant legal services, jail and prison ministry, mentoring and support for single parents, and disaster services. Please consider supporting these services with your gift to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal.

CEW Weekend

March 8—10th, 2019

Bean Farm 7731 148th St., Scotch Grove. Contact Barb Ihns for more info at 563-941-5294.

A Morning Prayer

○ H, God, enlighten my
mind with truth ✿
Inflame my heart with love;
Inspire my will with courage;
Enrich my life with service;
Pardon what I have been ✿
Sanctify what I am ✿ ✿
Order what I shall be ✿
And Thine shall be the ✿
glory and ✿ ✿
Mine the eternal salvation.
Through Jesus Christ my Lord

Amen

The Chautauqua Prayer.
Arranged by Bishop John H. Vincent
Chautauqua, New York

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PARISH REFLECTIONS 4A

Please remember the sick and the infirm, so that they may experience the healing power of Christ:

Our Lady of Holy Rosary: Jeanene Cavey, Dick Nodurft, Melvin & Irene Duwa, Richard Vens, Steve Benischek

SS Philip & James Church: Austin Flammang, Sandy Crosthwaite, Natalie Regan, Elmer Hasenmiller, Grace Kinney, Chris Forret

Sacred Heart Church: Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Brad Manuel, Dennis Koppess, and Wendy Larive, Louis Buresh Jr.

SS Philip & James Ministries

February 17, 2019

Lector: Jean Maher

E. Min: Bill Tague & Teresa Grimm

Ushers: Bill Tague, Marty Traver, Phil Butt

Servers: Alec, Ellen, & Olevia Olson

February 24, 2019

Lector: Barb Morrissey

E. Min: Bill Tague and Jean Majer

Ushers: Bill Tague, Darrell Warren, Jake Cram

Servers: Zachary, Jacob, & Andrew Weih

We All Need A Good Laugh Now and Then...

I spent 30 minutes talking to them to learn more about their culture until the barman told me they were umbrellas..



MASS INTENTIONS 4B

Saturday 02/16/19/Lost Nation
 05:00pm Ruth Schau
 Sunday 02/17/19/6th Sunday Ordinary Time
 08:00am Grand Mound/Kathaleen Whitman
 10:00am Oxford Junction/Alverda Clasen
 Monday 02/18/19 No Mass
 Tuesday 02/19/19/Grand Mound
 08:00am Vince & Regina Hahn
 Wednesday 02/20/19/Grand Mound
 05:00pm Harold Green
 Thursday 02/21/19/St Peter Damian
 05:30am Lost Nation/Otto Benischek Sr.
 Friday 02/22/19 St. Peter, The Apostle
 08:00am Ox. Junction/Arnold & Irene Sobotka
 Saturday 02/23/19/St. Polycarp
 05:00pm Toronto/Kathy VanWaes
 Sunday 02/24/19/7th Sunday Ordinary Time
 08:00am Grand Mound/John Nichols Family
 10:00am Oxford Junction/Al Premo

Readings for the week of February 17, 2019

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 4, 6
 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
 Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3b
 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15,
 18-19 [17a]/Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and
 22-23 [20b]/Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt
 16:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf.
 1]/Mk 9:2-13
 Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Prudential Judgment should always be used by parishioners. No event, including Mass, requires your attendance if you feel that weather conditions are dangerous. It is your right and responsibility to determine whether it is safe and/or wise to travel when road conditions may be hazardous. Those who choose not to travel because of unsafe conditions are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass.