

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



March 17, 2019 - Second Sunday of Lent

# Bite of Bread

# Gods Promises

Monday: Ezekiel 36:26-27

Tuesday: Romans 8:1-2

Wednesday: 2 Cor. 5:17

Thursdays: Psalm 34:7

Friday: Psalm 91:14-15

Saturday: James 4:7

Sunday: Isaiah 41:10



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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, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion

#### Sacrament Reconciliation

Before Mass or call Parish Office for arrangement with Priest.

Father Francis Lil'O Corner  
"Have Mercy On Us  
For We Have Sinned"

Our Lenten journey is rolling on, and just next week is our communal penance. Our chief shepherd, Bishop Thomas Zinkula comes among us to lead us to an experience of God's mercy and healing. We will call on God to forgive our sins as individuals and as a community. We do so with the assurance that 'whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'. So, why communal penance? Most of our Christian practices are embedded in Old Testament traditions. The people of Israel of old, were used to celebrating days of penance/atonement. This was a gathering of the whole community, which offered them the opportunity to show sorrow for what they had done wrong as well as the good they had failed to do.

Communal penance offers us the moment of grace to look eye to eye with our brother or sister, friend or neighbor to say sorry and to heal together. That reminds me of one powerful image of reconciliation that my late pastor (home parish in Ghana) gave me. This was when a member of his church stood up during a communal penance celebration and pointed hands at a man in the church and exclaimed "Father, this man killed my husband and I forgive him". They each broke into tears. The man had been among the rebel fighters in Liberia during the war but had later abandoned it to take refuge in Ghana, only to meet the wife of one of the several people he killed. They wept together. This wife and mother wept her pain and unforgiveness away whiles this ex-rebel wept his way into healing and restoration.

What we intend to achieve with our communal penance is to celebrate God's mercy for our community. We want to show true contrition for our individual and community sins. We want to weep together for our sins of the past and present and to ask for God's grace to renounce our sins and avoid the near occasion of them.

Praised be Jesus Christ...Now and forever!



Be assured, we can stand on the Word of God because it is the only thing that does not change. Since the beginning of time, God's Word is unchanging and helps show us how to live in a world that constantly changes.

There are thousands of promises in the Bible and the bulletin cover list is just a small place to start. We hope you'll read them and remember these promises that continue through all time. Be grateful to God and ask for greater wisdom of these promises in your life. Write down comments that come to your mind of what God's promises mean

to you or read Scripture and find as many promises of God you can find in the Bible.

- **Ezekiel 36:26-27:** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.
- **Romans 8:1-2:** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you<sup>[a]</sup> free from the law of sin and death.
- **2 Corinthians 5:17:** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
- **Psalms 34:7:** The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.
- **Psalms 91: 14-15:** "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him."
- **James 4:7:** Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- **Isaiah 41:10:** So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Peter wrote at the end of his letter (1 Peter 5:12) ". . . I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it." 'THIS IS THE TRUE GRACE OF GOD. STAND FAST IN IT!

# PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

## NEWS AND EVENTS



**Email Scam Targeting Catholics.** If you receive an email from Father Francis Odom or any other priest, asking for money,

iTunes gift cards, any other gift card, or requesting to call him at a phone at a number that isn't the parish office - **IT IS A SCAM. PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND, SEND MONEY, OR PURCHASE GIFT CARDS AND SCAN OR SEND EMAIL ACTIVATION CODES.**



Bishop Thomas Zinkula will bless us with Communal Penance & Reconciliation on **Sunday, March 24th at 5:30 pm at Ss Philip & James Church in Grand Mound.**

Ask yourselves, Why should I reject and give back this great gift to Jesus? Come to Confession with a humble and repentant heart and live it with faith: It will change your life and give peace to your heart.

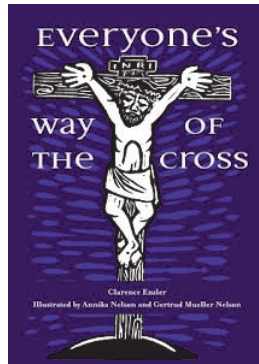
### Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lost Nation/Toronto

Every week during Lent, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary will be praying the Stations of the Cross, beginning on Thursday, March 14 at 5:00 pm followed by Mass at 5:30. This devotion is a good way to walk with Jesus and meditate on his passion. Please join us and allow Jesus to walk with you in your daily lives

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary bake sale will be Sunday March 24 at Wheatland Community Breakfast 7:30 to 12:30. Please bring \$10.00 worth of homemade items or \$15.00 in cash. We have price lists to help you package and price your baked items.

Mass will be in Toronto on Saturday March 23 so we can bring your items along from there. Otherwise please bring your items to Wheatland Community Hall Sunday morning before 9:00 AM. We will be there before 7:30 to received your items.

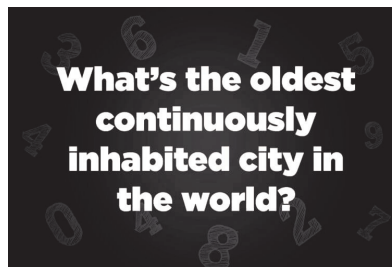
### SS Philip & James - Grand Mound



**“Christ Speaks: These fourteen steps that you are now about to walk, you do not take alone. Though you are you, and I am I, yet we are truly one - One Christ.**

This helps us meditate on the passion and death of Christ and to see how Christ is among us—often in unexpected places. Consider this a Lenten mini-pilgrimage moving from station to station finding the close parallel of Jesus' life to our life. Every Wednesday at 4:30 pm followed by Mass at 5:00 pm.

### 50th Jubilee Trivia Night



Tables still available! All 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 will be our 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Trivia Night at the Grand Mound Community Center 7pm. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Cost is \$10.00 per person and maximum 8 per table.

**Lenten Baby Shower:** It's that time of year again! A baby bassinet has been placed in the church, and throughout the Lenten season we encourage donations of baby items. Items needed are baby bottles, clothing, blankets, pacifiers, diapers, toys. After Easter, these items will be donated and delivered to the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Clinton.

### Sacred Heart - Oxford Junction

Thanks to the K of C and their helpers for a delicious soup/sandwich lunch after Mass last Sunday. A very good crowd enjoyed good food and fellowship!

We will be participating in Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm every Friday with Mass to follow about 6:30 during Lent. Thank you to all of you who participated last Friday evening, and we encourage all of our church family to follow along on this Lenten journey.

The Sanctuary Guild will be having their annual kolache bake sale on Saturday, April 13. There will be sign-up sheets posted for donations of supplies and also for donations of your time to help. We hope that many will be able to help and donate our time, talent and treasure to this important parish project.

Clinton/Camanche Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry information is on the bulletin board. Every Friday during the Lent, a fish fry will be held in Clinton.

Thank you from Catholic Charities—These past many weeks Catholic Charities has received strong prayerful and financial support as part of their 2019 Annual Appeal. These gifts provide needed funds to provide assistance to the most vulnerable in our communities and in our families. If you have not already done so, please consider a donation to Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Please check website at:

[www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org).

**Quiz Answers: C; C; B; C**

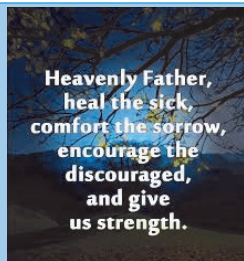
Please remember the sick and the infirm, so that they may experience the healing power of Christ:

**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, Wendy Larive, John and Marilyn Stevenson



**Lenten Quiz Against Cabin Fever**

1. Which devotion has special place during Lent?
  - a) Novena
  - b) Triduum
  - c) Stations of the cross
  - d) Retreat
2. Which of the following does not take place on Good Friday?
  - a) Intercessory prayers
  - b) Communion
  - c) Consecration
  - d) Veneration of the cross
3. On which day is Chrism Mass?
  - a) Ash Wednesday
  - b) Maundy Thursday
  - c) Good Friday
  - d) Palm Sunday
4. Which is the last Sunday of Lent?
  - a) Easter Sunday
  - b) Whit Sunday
  - c) Palm Sunday
  - d) Pentecost Sunday

(answers in bulletin)



**MASS INTENTIONS 4B**

Saturday	03/16/19/Lost Nation
05:00pm	Scott Benischek
Sunday	03/17/19/2nd Sunday of Lent/St. Pat's
08:00am	Grand Mound/Sarah McNeil
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Rosine Regennitter
Monday	03/18/19 No Mass
Tuesday	03/19/19/Grand Mound/St. Joseph
08:00am	Pat Morrissey
Wednesday	03/20/19
04:30pm	Grand Mound/Stations of the Cross
05:00pm	Hubert & Yvonne Green
Thursday	03/21/19/Lost Nation
05:00pm	Stations of the Cross
05:30pm	Dennis Burke
Friday	03/22/19/Oxford Junction
06:00pm	Stations of the Cross
06:30pm	Don & Kay Mulvihill
Saturday	03/23/19/Toronto/St. Turibius
05:00pm	Imelda Beringer
Sunday	03/24/19/3rd Sunday of Lent
08:00am	Grand Mound/Viola Syslo
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Mary Kleineck

**AREA COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES FOR LENT**

Sunday, March 24 – 5:30 pm  
SS. Philip & James, Grand Mound\*

Monday, March 25 –6:30 pm  
Our Lady of Victory, Davenport

Saturday, April 13 – 11:00 am  
Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, Clinton

**Readings for Week of March 17**

Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14 Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-8, 11/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1