

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

AS WE PREPARE FOR
VISION 20/20...
*Let us all pray and call
on the Holy Spirit to guide
us and open our minds,
lips and hearts to the
Gospel.*



May 26, 2019 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Taming the Tongue

James 3:1-12

Exploring the Life of Faith in the Letter of

JAMES

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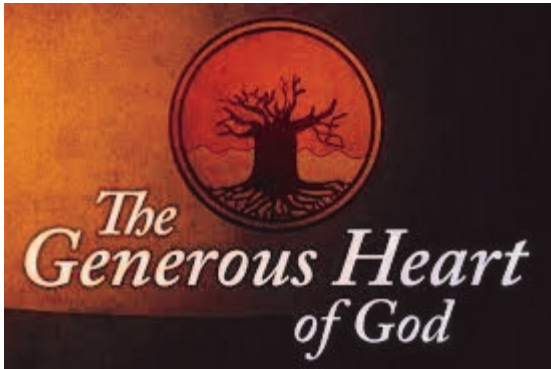
Sacrament of Baptism
Please contact Parish Office
to schedule a baptism.

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 Of-
fice for arrangement with
Priest.

If We Are Generous God Will Take Care Of Us



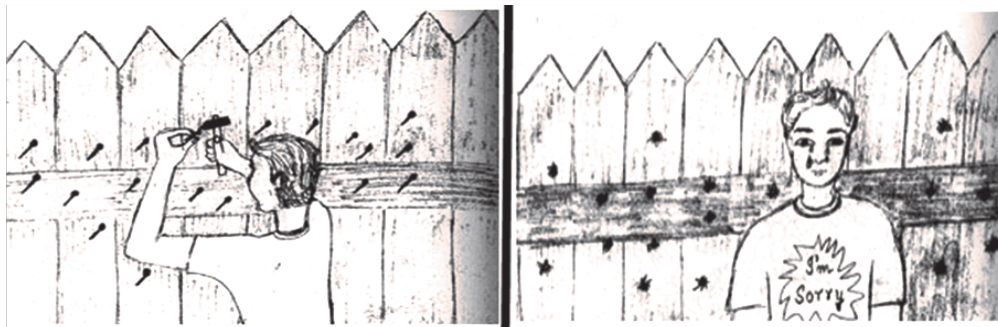
If we are generous in taking care of God's people God will take care of us. In London there was a man in the hospital who wanted to speak with a priest as he was ill, lonely, and a lost soul. The hospital found a priest to come and see him. The priest gathered his holy oils, got on the subway, and traveled to the hospital. He anointed the man and encouraged him and comforted him. He shared God's love and care for his children and this impacted the gentleman.

As the priest was about to leave the patient said, "Father, can I give you something for your trouble" and the priest said, "No my son, the sacraments are free from God and me. It is my pleasure to be here." But the man said, "Please Father, I want to do something to help you." The priest said, "I am trying to raise money for a new furnace for my church and it

is very hard to raise money for a new furnace because everyone believes somebody else will do it. If you would like to make a donation to our furnace fund, I would be glad to accept it on your behalf." The man was so happy and appreciative of the loving care of the priest, he paid for the whole furnace, then he paid for the renovation of the whole sanctuary, then he put a new roof on the church, then he re-pointed the masonry.

Because the priest was generous in his love and care to him, the gentleman was generous to the priest. If you go to St. James Church in Spanish Place you will see a plaque from him honoring the memory of his mother. St James' Church, is a Roman Catholic church in George Street, Marylebone, London. Although currently situated in George Street, the church maintains its connection with Spanish Place, the road opposite the current church, because of its historic connection with the Spanish Embassy.

If we have generous hearts and take care of God's people and the poor, sick and suffering, God will take care of us. This inspiring story was told by Bishop Michael Barber S.J. at the conclusion of his Ordination as Bishop of Oakland. A true and inspiring story.



There was a young man who had a very bad temper, negative attitude and a tongue that he would not control. One day, his father decided to hand him a bag of nails and hammer; every time he lost his temper and hurt someone, he hammered a nail into the fence.

On the first day, he hammered **37 nails** into that fence and everyday the nails increased. Over the next few weeks, he gradually began to control his temper and the number of nails being hammered into the fence slowly decreased. He discovered it was easier to control his temper than to hammer those nails into the fence.

Finally, the day came when he didn't lose his temper. He told his father the news and the father suggested that he pull out a nail every day he kept his temper under control. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence to view the fence and holes.

"You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar and deep hurt just like this one. Words are like a knife that cut deep and you aim to hurt another. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there."

Moral of the story: People's words can have a big effect on other's lives. Think about what you say before it comes out of your mouth. It might just be the difference between life and death. Control your tongue, and don't say things to others in the heat of the moment, that you may later regret. Some things in life, you are unable to take back. Although you can seek to restore bruised relationships through repentance and forgiveness, spoken words can never be retrieved. So you must accept the consequences of your words. If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless (James 1:26) While reading this reflection, you may think that this does not pertain to you; however, it begins with you.

Fr. Tommy Lane

PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

NEWS AND EVENTS

Another Word For God Is Surprise! We are blessed as the weekend of June 15-16, 2019, our Bishop Thomas Zinkula will celebrate Mass at each of our cluster parishes.

Please mark on your calendar! Bishop Zinkula enjoys engaging with parishioners and celebrating Mass in the parishes in our diocese.

STAY CONNECTED TO GOD

When God created the fish, HE spoke to the sea, when God created trees, HE spoke to the earth, but when God created man, HE spoke to HIMSELF.

Take a fish out of the water, it will die and when you take a tree off the earth, it will also die. Similarly, when man is disconnected from God, he dies.

God is our natural environment. We were created to live in His presence. We must connect to Him because in Him is life.

VISION 20/20 CONVOCATION

Our cluster parishes join with Bishop Zinkula and the rest of the parishes in the Diocese of Davenport in opening our hearts to the Holy Spirit through "Vision 20/20: From Pentecost to Pentecost". At the Vision 20/20 Convocation, which will be held on Thursday, June 6 through Saturday, June 8.

Father Francis Odoom and lay people from our cluster parishes will be attending the Convocation; Tom Walter (GM), Maureen Schrader (GM), Dave Whitman (GM), Alec Olson (GM), Sarah Rissler (OJ), Barb Ihns (OJ), Linda Sander (OLHR), Karen Hart (OLHR), Vicki Maher (OLHR), Colleen Burke (OLHR).

SS Philip & James - Grand Mound

Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated by Father Francis Odoom at Calvary/ Evergreen Cemetery in Grand Mound on Monday, May 27 at 8:45 am followed by the Grand Mound American Legion Post 622 Program at 9:30 am.

Diane Skinner extends her thank you to our parish and parishioners for the flowers, cards, and offers of sympathy at the death of my husband, Troy. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.

SUMMER LUNCHBOX PROGRAM



School will be out soon and we need your help in feeding children in need during summer vacation.

The Referral Center provides lunchbox kits to any family in need. Last year 250 children were helped within the Central DeWitt Community School District.

A second collection will be taken up at Mass on the June 2 weekend. Thank you for helping the children in need in our school district.

Families who want to sign up for a lunch should contact the Referral Center.



Sign up sheets for Ushers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers for the months of July, August, and September will be available in the vestibule on June 2nd & 9th.

June Coffee Hour will be hosted by Don McGonegle and assisted by the families of Tony Browne, Paul Rock, Camilla Lancaster, Betty Hite and Vic Green.



Landscaping 2019 Committee

May - Wayne & Marcia Whitman & Carlie & Teresa Grimm

June - Bob & Mary Syslo & Julius & Lori Michel

July - Bryan & Heather Whitman & Terri Fischer

August - Peter & Lydia Whitman & Josh & Morgan Fox

September - Wayne & Marcia Whitman & AJ & Cortney McNeil

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lost Nation/Toronto

Sunday Aug. 25, "From Farm to Table" fun and fundraiser. Serving pork and pie! 4:00-7:00pm. All parishioners will be asked to help. Watch for details in June.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary parishes will be collecting personal needs items for Wheatland Manor. Suggested items are body wash, tooth brushes and tooth paste, deodorants Word Search Crossword puzzle books (they like these better than crossword puzzle books. Also like jigsaw puzzles and these items help make their days more enjoyable and pleasant. Thanks for the help.

Sacred Heart - Oxford Junction

We welcome Bishop Zinkula who will be confirming our eight students: Justin Agnitsch, Cael Eganhouse, Trenton Geltz, Allison Paulsen, Trenton Rickels, Laura Ruley, Baillie Uppena and Hunter Wink. We congratulate our students and pray that God's strength will be with them always. Please join us for a cookie reception following Mass, congratulate our newly confirmed, and enjoy food and fellowship.

July sign-up sheet for our various ministries is on the table in the hallway. If you have a certain date you wish to serve, please sign your name. The June schedule has been posted. Karen will be working on the July schedule toward the middle of June. Thanks to all of you for sharing your time and talent in serving. There is always room for more volunteers. If you have a question about a certain ministry or wish to volunteer, please talk with Karen.



Nadine Ruley is retiring from her job as church caretaker as of July 1. Our parish/finance council is working on a plan to have our members help to maintain the inside of the church. We are thinking about a sign-up sheet for all of our members to sign up for a month.

A job description will be available and cleaning tasks include vacuuming, dusting, trash removal, cleaning the bathrooms, and various other cleaning tasks that we normally do in our own homes.

We want our church home to be a clean, welcoming home. If you have questions, comments or ideas, please talk with a parish/finance council member.

MASS INTENTIONS 4A

Saturday	05/25/19/Lost Nation
05:00pm	Albert Bouchaute
Sunday	05/26/19/ 6th Sunday of Easter
08:00am	Grand Mound/John Purcell
10:30am	Oxford Junction/Glen Regennitter
Monday	05/27/19 No Mass
Tuesday	05/28/19/Grand Mound
08:00am	Jack & Dorothy Campbell
Wednesday	05/29/19/Grand Mound
05:00pm	Eva McManus
Thursday	05/30/19/Lost Nation
05:30pm	For the Parish
Friday	05/31/19/ Visitation Blessed Virgin Mary
08:00am	Oxford Junction/Fred & Lelia Lasack
Saturday	06/01/19/Toronto/ St. Justin
05:00pm	Scott Benischek
Sunday	06/02/19/ The Ascension of the Lord
08:00am	Grand Mound/Sarah McNeil
09:30am	Lost Nation/Ruth Schau
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Eleanor Bicknese

SS PHILIP & JAMES CHURCH MINISTRIES

June 2, 2019

Lector: Barb Morrissey
 E. Min: Bill Tague & Teresa Grimm
 Ushers: Bill Tague, Bryan Maher, Bob Syslo
 Servers: Vivian & Mary Clare Browne, and Isabel Shockey

June 9, 2019

Lector: Maureen Schrader
 E. Min: Jean Maher & Bill Tague
 Ushers: Bill Tague, Dave Maher, Tom Walter
 Servers: Natalie & Nathan Butler, Ali Swanton

June 16, 2019

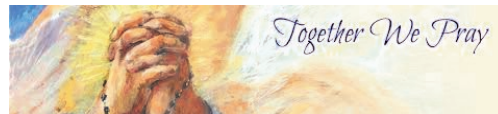
Lector: Dick Azinger
 E. Min: Roger & Mary Green
 Ushers: Roger Green, Don McGonegle and Mark Hahn
 Servers: Ellen & Olevia Olson, Mitchell Maher

June 23, 2019

Lector: Jean Maher
 E. Min: Jean Moffit & Volunteer
 Ushers: Julius Michel, Darrell Warren, and Bryan Whitman
 Servers: Zachary, Jacob, & Andrew Weih

June 30, 2019

Lector: Tom Kinney
 E. Min: Bill Tague, Barb Morrissey
 Ushers: Roger Green, Bill Tague, Mike McNeil
 Servers: Brian & Megan Forret, Ali Swanton



- **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, Betty Forret
- **Sacred Heart Church:** Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Brad Manuel, Dennis Koppess, Wendy Larive, Jerica Christensen, Marilyn Stevenson, Rhonda Murphy.

Readings for the week of May 26, 2019

- Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2-6, and 9b Jn 15:26 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:46-53
- Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: **Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

