

ST. JOACHIM'S MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**MASS INTENTION**

<u>Saturday</u>	February 20	6:00pm	For the People Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donovan & DFM
<u>Sunday</u>	February 21	11:30am	Bernardino F. Soller / Edward English
<u>Wednesday</u>	February 24	12 noon	Rose Marie Gallant / Special Intentions
<u>Saturday</u>	February 27	6:00pm	Vincent Coholan Ann & Joseph McDermott
<u>Sunday</u>	February 28	11:30am	For the People Toussaint, Lydia & Ernest Arsenault

ST. ANN'S MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

<u>Thursday</u>	February 25	6:30pm
<u>Friday</u>	February 26	6:30pm
<u>Saturday</u>	February 27	4:00pm
<u>Sunday</u>	February 28	9:30am

Last Week's Offertory Collection

62	Regular Envelopes	\$1,253.00	
	Loose Donations	267.05	
	Pre-Authorized Debit	\$635.77	
16	Debt Fund	\$430.00	
1	Initial Offering	\$10.00	
1	Food Bank	\$10.00	
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		\$2,605.82	Last Week's Total

Tax Receipts

2015 tax receipts are now available in the foyer.

Bingo

St. Pius X will be hosting their annual Pot of Gold Bingo on Wednesday, March 2nd. Early Bird games begin at 6pm; Regular games at 7pm. \$1,000 jackpot. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the door.

Evening Prayer

The Sisters of Charity invite all to Evening Prayer on Thursday, March 3rd, 7pm, at Carmel Chapel, Burpee Avenue. Comhaltas will be playing beginning at 6:40pm.

World Day Of Prayer

All are welcome to attend on Friday, March 4th, 2pm, at Glenview United Church, 8 Upland Road (off Golden Grove Road).

Bingo

K of C 6595 Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Bingo at St. Ann's on Sunday, March 6th. Doors open at noon; Early Bird games at 1pm; Regular games at 2pm. \$1,000 jackpot. Tickets are \$20 and are available by calling 653-6860.

PAD – Pre-Authorized Debit

Are you interested in switching from your current Sunday Envelope to the more convenient PAD system? Application forms, which include an explanation of the system, are available in the foyer or on our website (saintjoachims.com/PAD). Have more questions? Feel free to contact the office (653-6852) for more information.

ONGOING PARISH EVENTS

Zumba - Every Monday and Wednesday at 7pm. Only \$5/person.

Prayer Group - Every Tuesday at 7:30pm.

Card Party - 45's every Thursday starting at 1pm.

Bingo - Every Friday, Mini-Games at 6:30pm; Regular games at 7pm.

Jam Session - Open Mic Dance. Every Sunday at 7pm. \$3 Admission.

February 15, 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

As Catholic Christians, we are “a people of life” and “a people for life.” In the face of all the attacks on life being experienced in our society today, Saint John Paul II reminded us of who we are and encouraged us to be witnesses and diffusers of what he called “a culture of life.” In creating us, God loves all human beings into life. We belong to God. “We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us” (CCC 2280). Ours is the responsibility to defend and promote life from the first moment of conception until natural death.

With the Supreme Court of Canada decision, the Canadian Parliament is currently deliberating the weighty issues of assisted suicide and euthanasia. It is critical that we, as Catholic Christians, raise our voices for life and be heard.

I refer you to an ecumenical/interfaith document the *Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide* prepared by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and endorsed by over 50 Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, Jewish and Muslim faith leaders as well as many other Canadians. The signatories have thereby expressed their common conviction regarding the sanctity of all human life.

While affirming the equal and inviolable dignity of every human person, regardless of abilities or disabilities, this *Declaration* stresses the need to promote positive end-of-life care which offers home care, and accessible palliative care (pain control), in order to alleviate human suffering in a way consistent with human dignity. I encourage you to read the *Declaration* and to become one of its signatories (www.euthanasiadeclaration.ca/declaration).

On February 11, 2016, the *World Day of the Sick*, I joined clergy and laity from various churches in a public signing of the *Petition for life* which endorses the *Declaration*. This *Petition for life* has been distributed in all the churches throughout New Brunswick and has been made available to you in your parish/mission. This is a time for all women and men of faith to stand up for the sanctity of all human life. I encourage you to sign this *Petition for life* made available to you. Once completed, it is to be sent to your local Member of Parliament.

Let us do all we can to defend life. As women and men of faith, we owe it to ourselves to make our voices heard.

Sincerely in Christ,



✠ Robert Harris
Bishop of Saint John

Second Sunday Of Lent

February 21, 2016

“While Jesus prayed, the appearance of his face changed.”

– Luke 9.28b-36

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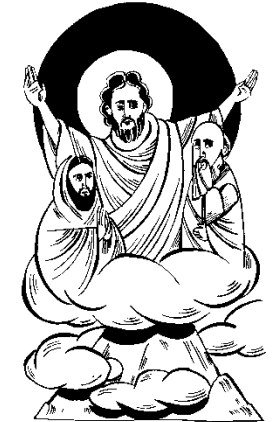
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Sacrament Of Baptism

To make arrangements, please call the parish office.

Sacrament Of Penance / Reconciliation

Confessions are celebrated after Mass or by appointment.

Sacrament Of Marriage

If you are planning on getting married, make an appointment with our pastor to discuss your plans and complete the pre-nuptial investigation forms. Six months notice is required.

Sacrament And Ministry To The Sick

If there is a family member or relative in the hospital or confined to their home, who would like to receive a visit from the Pastor, please inform Father Jim.