

Time of spiritual preparation Lent, time to look inside

As we all know, Lent – while in a different way than Advent – is a time to prepare ourselves spiritually both as individuals and as a community. I want to share with you some reflections from Pope Benedict XVI written a few ago but still useful for us today.

Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the pedagogical value of sacramental Confession for and how it can change lives.

The season of Lent is of particular importance when it comes to share in God's love for our failures of all kind, sins both trivial and major, through the sacrament of reconciliation. Sacramental reconciliation is certainly one of the moments in which individual freedom and self-awareness are called to express themselves particularly clearly. It is perhaps for this reason too that, in an age of relativism and of the consequent reduced awareness of self, the practice of this Sacrament should also have diminished. The examination of conscience has an important educational value. It teaches us to look sincerely at our own lives, to compare them with the truth of the Gospel and to evaluate them with parameters that are not only human but drawn from divine Revelation. Comparison with the Commandments, with the Beatitudes, and above all with the Precept to love, represents the first great school of penance.

As for the role of the priest in all of this, Pope Benedict reminded us that “the priestly mission represents a unique observation point from which we are daily granted the privilege of contemplating the splendour of divine mercy. By administering the sacrament of reconciliation priests make present the God who forgives, renews and transforms”.

Works of Charity Development and Peace, Catholic Missions in Canada

To the priests and pastoral agents gathered in Hearst last month, Bishop Bourgon expressed his concerns with the fact that there are still unresolved issues between Development and Peace and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Because of this, and since this collection is not compulsory and since other dioceses do not have it, Bishop Bourgon asks that the collection on the 5th Sunday of Lent 2020 be for Catholic Mission In Canada, a Canadian organisation that truly benefits our diocese. As for the collection taken in November which was dedicated to Catholic Missions In Canada, it will be – as is the case for the Diocese of Timmins and others – dedicated to the Priests Retirement Fund. Please make appropriate changes when ordering new sets of envelopes for 2021... if it is not already too late.

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Les prêtres sont disponibles sur rendez-vous
 du mardi au vendredi.
 Your pastors are available by appointment,
 Tuesday to Friday.

Heures de bureau – Office Hours

Fermé de midi à 13h	Closed noon to 1 pm
Lundi – Monday	FERMÉ - CLOSED
Mardi – Tuesday	9 h à 16 h 30 – 9 am to 4 :30 pm
Mercredi – Wednesday	9 h à 16 h 30 – 9 am to 4 :30 pm
Jeudi – Thursday	9 h à 16 h 30 – 9 am to 4 :30 pm
Vendredi - Friday	9 h à 16 h 30 – 9 am to 4 :30 pm

Messes de la semaine Weekly Masses

Lundi – Heure de prière 9h à 10h
 Mardi : 9 h 30 / 10 h 30 Belle
 Rivière à tous les 2^e mardi / 10 h
 30 St-Paul à tous les 3^e mardi
 Mercredi : 10 h 30 Foyer Pionniers
 Jeudi : 9 h 30
 Vendredi : 9 h 30 + adoration 10 h
 Samedi : 19 h 15
 Dimanche : 10 h 00
 Sunday: 11:15 a.m. 1st/3rd Sunday

Baptême : avertir au presbytère aussitôt
 après la naissance. Le baptême se célèbre
 habituellement le dimanche. D'autres temps
 sont cependant possibles.

Mariage : afin d'assurer la préparation, venez
 rencontrer le prêtre six mois avant votre
 mariage.

Sacrement du pardon : au presbytère en
 tout temps. Célébrations communautaires aux
 temps forts.

Sacrement des malades : pour les malades
 à domicile, n'hésitez pas à appeler le prêtre.

Baptisms: please notify us as soon as possible after
 birth. Baptism is usually celebrated on Sunday, but
 other arrangements can be made.

Weddings: to allow for preparation, please meet the
 priest at least six months before your wedding.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: at the rectory or
 weekdays before masses. Community celebration for
 Lent and Advent.

Sacrament of the Sick: if someone is sick at home,
 do not hesitate to call the priest.

Bienvenue aux nouveaux paroissiens. Nous
 vous invitons à vous enregistrer en remplissant
 ce formulaire que vous déposerez dans le
 panier de la collecte. Nous vous encourageons
 à utiliser les enveloppes d'offrandes. Si vous
 désirez une boîte d'enveloppes, adressez-vous
 au presbytère.

Welcome to new parishioners. You are invited
 to register. We encourage you to use the
 Sunday envelopes that are available at the
 rectory for your church offerings. Please
 complete this form and drop it off in the
 collection basket at your convenience.

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