

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

March 18th & 19th 2023



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Parish office is open Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 & 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Drawing People Closer
to God Through you



Masses for this week (+Repose); (-Intention)

Monday, March 20th

Tuesday, March 21st

- Silvia Griffin
By: CWL
- Thanksgiving of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- All souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 22nd

+ Llyod Gauchier
By: Georgina Gauchier

Thursday, March 23rd

+ Neriza But
By: CWL

Friday, March 24th

- Melissa Parsons
By: Dale & Lorraine Bullock
- Roger Preville
By: Des & Claudia Kilgannon

Saturday, March 25th

+ Ed Andre
By: Darlene Cote

If you wish to offer a Mass for a special Intention or for a deceased member, do come into the Office to express your wishes.

Sacrament of Baptism: Preparation Course is required before a Baptism can take place. You must obtain a long form birth certificate – which has the mother and fathers name on the form from Government before you celebrate Baptism. If you are going to be a sponsor for the child baptized you must give your Confirmation date. **Next Baptism Preparation Class: Thursday, March 14th at 7:30pm.** Call the Parish Office to Register.



Sacrament of the Sick: If you or someone in your family will be entering hospital for surgery and you wish to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office or pastor. Many of the hospitals do not note a religious affiliation therefore it has to be the family who requests it.



Collection for: March 11th & 12th:

Regular Collection: \$ 810.45
Building/Maintenance: \$ 50.00
TWS: \$ 45.00

E-Transfer information:
sacrhear@telus.net
We do have the forms available for debit from your bank account to make things easier. Call

the Parish Office for details.

For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may always receive their identity from the teachings of Christ Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

Spiritual Adoption Program

Month 6: "I'm sitting up straight now!"

The baby sits erect now to accommodate her growing internal organs as they shift slightly into their proper places. Her oil and sweat glands are functioning; these help regulate body temperature. A white filmy layer covers the baby and protects her delicate skin from the surrounding amniotic fluid and from scratches as she twists and turns. This waxy substance will be quickly absorbed into her skin soon after she is born. She can now respond to sound. Her lungs are fairly well developed and she would stand a good chance of survival if born at this time.



Masses:

Tuesday 7pm
Wednesday 9am
Thursday 7pm
Friday 6:30pm stations of the cross followed by mass
Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 10 am

Weekly Bulletin: Check out Sacred Heart – Edson Facebook and website to view our information

Lenten Reconciliation Service

March 20th
(Monday)

at 6:30pm

Visiting
Priest will
be
available



LENTEN REFLECTION

We are half way through this Lenten time, a privileged time that mother church gives us to reflect and to look into our inner self. It is a time of introspection and a call to get closer to our Lord through prayer, fast and alms giving. A wonderful time to accompany our Lord in the desert. May I ask, until now how many days have you fasted so far? How much time have you increased your prayer life by and how much have you given in alms? These measurements can tell you how much effort you are putting into your Lenten spiritual journey; a journey to grow in faith, hope and charity and to develop a profound and fruitful relationship with the Lord! The Lord loves each and every one of us in his own unique way. One of the most important way to experience His love is spending time with Him in prayer and to receive Him through the sacraments of reconciliation and the Eucharist.

In the last few weeks have you notice anything different at the bottom of the altar?

At the beginning of the Lent, I noticed that a special arrangement had been placed there and it spoke profoundly to my heart. The Lord talked to me through all the symbology that was included in it. He reminded me of the Israelites and how our Heavenly Father led the Israelites out of Egypt and opened the red sea so that His people would cross it to dry ground. God our Father provided a pillar of fire to guide them through the darkness of the nights and gave them a pillar of clouds for traveling during the day. They were protected by God day and night.

I would like to ask you to contemplate this: The Word of God (Bible) is God Himself talking to us in the midst of our desert. So, what is your desert? The desert looks different for each one of us, for some it's a time of distress such as: lack of work, financial problems, uncertainties in life, anxiety, depression, loneliness, vices (drugs, alcohol) a terminal disease, and perhaps even a loss of family member. But God wants to meet us in that desert, He wants to comfort us and fill us with His loving present. He wants to strengthen our faith in Him and renew us with His love.

The Israelites were slaves in Egypt serving the pharaoh and they were so accustomed to live in slavery that journeying through the desert became harder than being a slave. They would complain about all that they had to leave behind, all that which they were accustomed to. In my past the Lord has taken me out of my "Egypt": the wrong path I was heading my life into, this was a path that had led me totally away from His will. Yet, God delivered me from the slavery that my life and soul was in. Today, He reminds me that He does not want me or you to be slaves in the "Egypt of this world". In today's world, we are very prone to serve many earthly gods and become slaves to them. We are accustomed to have and feel safe and secure with the riches of this world. We become enslaved to consumerism and materialism. We don't know how to trust our God and his providence. But the Lord wants to deliver each and every one of us from all attachments that make us slaves of earthly gods. Our Lord wants to SET US FREE. He wants us to TRUST HIM in everything. During what is left of this Lenten season I would like to exhort you to prepare your hearts by surrendering everything to the Lord and to receive Him as the Risen Lord this coming Easter, for He has died for all of us to give us a NEW LIFE AND LIFE IN ABUNDANCE.

Humour: After a prolonged drought when the rain came, all the animals in the forest were happy except the Kangaroo. When the others asked him what the reason was for such sadness, the Kangaroo revealed that the rain meant that all its kids would now be playing inside.

Deama's Childcare

Need a babysitter?

Call (780) 723-2720

Full-time spots available!

For 1 year old and up

References available

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In your home with a button to
Push in case you need assistance.
For more information please call:
The Parish Office at 780-723-3661.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign up to help us shovel snow this winter.
There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space.

Retreat to Prepare for Holy Week

Saturday, April 1, 2023, 9am to 4:30pm, followed with mass. All parishioners are invited to join the RCIA team for a one-day retreat.

Fee: none (donations will be accepted). Lunch will be provided. Bring your own bible and travel mug.

Pre-registration is required. Deadline is March 27.

Please call the parish office or Eva Kuefler (780-712-3391) to register.

There is a Knights of Columbus meeting on Tuesday
March 21st at 7:30pm.

Please sign up for Holy Thursday feet washing.
As well as Holy Week readers please, there is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space.



This year we will be having LOBSTER FEST on May 13th, 2023. Raffle tickets are available in gathering space \$ 10.00 each.

Dinner Tickets will be available soon...