

Church of the Most Holy Redeemer

March 11th, 2018

4th Sunday in Lent

REFLECTION

“The Hound of Heaven”, written by Francis Thompson, is one of the best-known religious poems in the English language. It describes the pursuit of the human soul by God. The poem tells the story of a human soul who tries to flee from God as it thinks that it will lose its freedom in the company of God.

This is the story of Thompson’s own life. As a boy, he intended to become a priest. But the laziness of his brilliant son prompted Thompson’s father to enroll young Francis in a medical school. There he became addicted to opium that almost wrecked his body and mind. He fled to a slum and started earning a living by shining shoes, selling matches, and holding horses. In 1887 Francis sent some poems and an essay to Mr. Wilfrid Meynell, the editor of a Catholic literary magazine called *Merry England*. The editor recognized the genius behind these works and published them in April 1888. Then Meynell went in search of the poet. He arranged accommodation for Francis, introduced him to other poets and helped him to realize God’s love.

How Francis tried to run away from God, how God “hunted” him, how Divine love caught up with him – these are the themes of his stirring poem, “The Hound of Heaven.” Once we realize, as did the poet Francis Thompson and all the saints, that God in His love for us, pursues our souls to the ends of the earth and beyond, then we will try to return to that Love and allow the Hound of Heaven to “catch” us. Today’s Gospel tells us about the breadth and depth and height of the Divine love of the Hound of Heaven for each one of us. Fr. Joseph

FUNERAL ALTAR SERVERS : Volunteers are urgently required to serve as altar servers at funeral masses from time to time. If you can volunteer, please contact Brendon McGinn, committee chair, @ 902-894-7109.”

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GIFT BEARERS:
4 PM : Kevin & Rose Flood
9 AM : Catechism Students
11 AM: Blake & Kathy Doyle & Family

ALTAR SERVERS:
4 PM:
9 AM: Minh Chou : Minh Van : Abby Peters
11AM: Hy Tran : Taylor Tran:

WEEKDAY MASSES:
Mon: 9:00 Special Intention
Tues: 9:00 Intentions of Parishioners
2:00 Dorothy MacInnis & Norman Noye † (Garden Home)
Wed: 9:00 Souls in Purgatory : Joyce Coady †
6.30pm Bill Coady
Thur: 9:00 Joseph & Janie Wilson & DFM
Fri: 9:00 Lee Murnaghan †
10:30 Doloros McNeill
Sat: 4:00 Alice Chipman †: Joseph & Cora
Callaghan †: Charles Gauthier
Sun. 9:00 John & Loretta O’Keefe & DFM
11:00 Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,902.10

PARISH:

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF PENANCE: As a preparation for Lent and Easter, we will have a Communal Celebration of Penance on Thursday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Joseph, as well as outside priests, will be available after the celebration for any who wishes to go to Confession.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Stations of the Cross, the traditional practice of praying and meditating on our Lord’s suffering, will be prayed after the 9am mass on Friday throughout Lent.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE -CARITAS CANADA:

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada For the fourth Sunday of Lent, let’s go to Peru and discover the Bartolme de Las Casas Institute a partner of D&P. It runs the Hugo Echegaray leadership school, where students learn how to become ethical and responsible leaders in their communities. The Solidarity Sunday collection will be celebrated in all Canadian parishes next weekend. We appeal to your generosity in support of our sisters and brothers in the Global South who fight everyday for peace, human dignity and social justice. God’s blessings on your week.

DIOCESAN CHOIR: The Mass of Chrism will take place in the Basilica on Mon. March 26 at 7 pm. Anyone wishing to lend their voices in song for this Diocesan celebration is invited to attend a single rehearsal on Sun., Mar. 25 (Palm Sunday) at 12 noon in the church.

EASTER CHOIR: Practices for the Easter Choir will be starting this Sunday, March 11th at 1:30 PM in the church. The music will be much as it has been in past years with the possibility of changing a few of the 4 hymns sung at each service. The three services are: Holy Thursday – March 29th at 7 PM, Good Friday – March 30th at 3 PM, and the Easter Vigil – March 31st at 8 PM. Besides the 3 Sunday practices, we will also have a short one before each service – in the Jack Blanchard Family Centre. Hope to see you there. If you are unable to start this Sunday, but still plan to be involved, please let me know.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE-CARJTAS CANADA

invites you to the Solidarity Sunday Workshop, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Sunday, March 18, St. Pius X Church, Ch’town. Guest speaker is Ms. Nagham Tarhini, community worker with ADYAN, a Dev. and Peace partner in Lebanon. There will be a sharing table.

CATECHISM: Catechism classes resume this Sun., Mar. 11th at 10:00 AM at the Jack Blanchard Family Centre for grades 2-5, and in the parish office for grades 6-8.

OLD TIME ROCK AND ROLL DANCE will be held at the

Jack Blanchard Family Centre on Sat., March 24th, from 9 - 12pm. Music by Dino Dunsford & Friends, featuring Gary Cudmore on saxophone. Must be 19 & over. Tickets are \$10 and are available at door.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE: Anyone in a low-income bracket whose tax situation is straight forward, trained volunteers are ready to help you complete your return. Phone 902-566-9602.

MARCH BREAK COLOUR YOUR WORLD - Workshops for Youth at Martha Spirituality Centre (902-367-3103 or srgemma@eastlink.ca) Mon., March 26 for ages 10-12 and Wed. March 28 for ages 13-15. Spend a day in creative activities from 10am-3pm with facilitator Sr. Debbie Peters. Cost \$25/ supplies provided. register by Mar.22 .

EARTH Hour Candlelight Service from 8:30-9:30 pm on Saturday, March 24. All welcome. Donations accepted.

SDU BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS: May of 2019 will mark the 50th anniversary of the last graduating class of St.Dunstan’s University and the 50th anniversary of the SDU Board of Governors operating as a charitable foundation. The largest benefactor of the SDU foundation has been the Diocese of Ch’town. During this time period, SDU has contributed \$16,562,000 to the Diocese to fund programs and assist with the cost of seminarians. Currently SDU contributes \$287,855 per year plus \$15,000 per seminarian to the Diocese. In addition to this amount SDU has contributed 1.5 million to repairs to St. Dunstan’s Basilica and one million to the recent Priest’s Benevolent Fund campaign.

PEI PILGRIMAGE LTD. will lead a tour to *Our Lady of the Cape Shrine* at Cap de Madeleine, QC and *St. Joseph’s Oratory*, Montreal, the weekend of May 18-21, 2018. call Gary at 569-3945, Ken at 66-2914 or Joe at 940-5871.

JACK BLANCHARD FAMILY CENTRE (Holy Redeemer Parish Centre): For your Banquets, Meetings, Receptions, Weddings Receptions, Birthday Parties, Funeral Receptions, Workshops (Bar Service available), call the Office at 894-7385.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES - PARISH CENTRE
Auction 45’s Wednesday at 1:30 PM (except Holidays.)