

Notices: 30 March 2008

(Lunch available in Emmaus Rm after liturgy)

Easter Season

“Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, has sinners to his Father reconciled.”

These words marvelously express the mystery accomplished in Christ's Passover. They point to the power of renewal flowing from his Resurrection. With the weapons of love, God has defeated sin and death. The eternal Son, who emptied himself to become the obedient servant to the point of dying on the cross, has conquered evil at its roots by opening to contrite hearts the path of return to the Father. He is the Gate of Life who at Easter overcomes the gates of hell. He is the Door of salvation, opened wide for all, the Door of divine mercy, who sheds a new light on human existence.

Today, Kristin Earle, Nicolas Deering, Keira Mugford, Terry Smith, Amy Winter, Victoria Smith and Kerstin Green will receive their **First Holy Communion**. Let us pray for them and their families as we share and grow in the Communion of Christ's Body.

Pot Luck following the Liturgy. All welcome.

Seniors Café this Thursday from 2 to 4 pm. For more info, contact Fr.Paul.

Marriage Course

April 3rd....The Art of Communication

April 10rd.....Resolving Conflict

April 17th.....The Power of Forgiveness

April 24th.....Parents and In-Laws

May 1st..... Good Sex

May 8th..... Love in Action

Please contact Gladys Harvey @ 528-4247 or Father Gerald @ 786-7808 or 683-3748

Monday night Christian Education 7:30pm: an **eight week exploration of the Old Testament**. This program, written and produced by well known author, Philip Yancey, includes a short video and discussion groups. The remaining sessions are:

- Ecclesiastes: the end of wisdom.

- The prophets: God talks back.

- Advance echoes of a final answer.

Come along, bring a friend and your Bible.

Youth Café, 1st & 3rd Saturdays, is using the Quest program to engage youth in issues of faith. Remaining sessions are :

Superstar: provokes viewers to wrestle with the identity of Jesus.

Here comes trouble: introduces the concept of ultimate right and wrong and examines the consequences of our choices.

Something for nothing: helps viewers visualize and understand the ultimate free gift.

Read the small print: prods viewers to struggle with the consequences of the Gospel.

Truth or dare: wraps up the 6 sessions and challenges viewers to think about what they discussed and encourages them to continue the quest. For more info, contact Valerie Westcott or Sharon Myrden.

Home based, Small Group Ministry: The parish has started small group, home based ministries. These groups would be from 6 to 12 people in size, would meet weekly in someone's house to discuss the Bible and the life of faith, and to support and care for one another, and are lay led. These groups are under the pastoral direction of the pastor. If you are interested or want more info, contact Gladys or Father Gerald.

Parish Theatre or Skit night on April 5 at 7:30pm. \$5 cost. For more info contact Evelyn Crane.

Personal automatic bank deposits for your financial contributions to the parish (verses church envelopes) is practiced in many churches today. It is a convenient way to ensure your regular donation even when weather or other circumstances keep you away. It is obviously good for the parish because it ensures a more regular cash flow to meet the weekly and monthly financial demands. The vestry has agreed to make this form of contribution available to those interested in the parish. You can now sign up through our treasurer Bob Bishop.

- 2007 receipts are available in Emmaus Room.

Confirmation: any person interested in the sacrament of confirmation (grade 6 & up) contact Father Gerald.

Guatemala Mission: Sept 2008. The vestry is sponsoring this mission. Please pray for the mission, the team, Larry & Lyn, & making donations (through the parish) for this very important work.

Guatemala donations are to be put in marked envelopes and collected with the offertory on Sundays.

The vestry has approved the **installation of a door from the nursery to the oratory**. This will allow more ease for families to move in and out of the oratory during the liturgy of the Word.

For the comfort & safety of all, parents are asked to be watchful of their children in Emmaus Rm. And again for safety reasons, no children are permitted in the kitchen.

Spiritual Reading Group: Wednesday's, 2pm in Emmaus Room.

Wednesday Eucharist celebrated weekly at 12:15 in the Oratory.

Vespers & Christian Meditation (Lectio Divina), Sunday's at 6:30pm.

Meditation in chapel on Wednesdays at 11:30am.

Breakfast & Bible Study, Sundays at 9am.

Adult Christian Education Monday's at 7:30pm.

Lunch available in Café daily (except Saturdays).

Next **Pot Luck Lunch:** last Sunday of April.

Next **Parish Breakfast:** 13 April

Next **Senior's Café** 1st Thursday of April. For more info contact Fr. Paul.

Next **Youth Café:** 3rd Saturday in March.. For more info contact Valerie Westcott or Sharon Myrden.

Café donations: please be mindful that, according to your means, when using the café to leave a donation for the coffee and lunches in order to help support these ministries.

Children's Church takes every Sunday morning during the liturgy. Please invite, encourage, and welcome our younger families.

- Parking in front of windows at entrance to Emmaus room is "BLUE" parking for families with infants or with difficulty walking.

Envelopes: for any new comers to our parish family, or for those who may be re-joining us, your responsible financial contribution to the parish is of course very important. Envelopes available on table at entrance to Oratory.

Free will offering

It is your free-will offering, Sunday to Sunday, that has to cover our operating needs. Now that we are in our new house for the Church, please take more ownership of our shared ministry and mission, and ensure that your free-will offering is consistent and proportional (to your income). Your offering is absolutely necessary for our operational and ministry needs.

The Lord Jesus calls us to be a welcoming and Spirit-filled community. As we gather from Sunday to Sunday, and throughout the week, please make the opportunity to greet and love those whom you don't YET know.

“Come and see” (John 1:39). Remember to pray about and encourage your family and friends to share in our community of faith.

Parish Leadership Team

Administrator: Alfred Efford 786-4117; Wardens: Lyn Clarke 786-1798; Jennifer Dearing 680-1650; Treasurer: Bob Bishop 528-4669; Adult Christian Education: Gladys Harvey 528-4247; Pastoral Visiting: Hubert Somerton 528-4835; Emmaus Room Café: Bob Bishop 528-4669; Sexton: Albert Wilson 786-2975.

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