

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 18, 2007

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, February 17th *Order of Servites (7 Founders)*

8:30 St. Mary: Father's Intention

4:00 St. Mary: John Labrecque by his family

6:00 St. Edward: Patricia Hutchinson by M/M Robert Wheeler

Sunday, February 18th *Blessed John of Fiesole*

8:30 St. Edward: John Choquette by his wife,

Lorraine and for the Intentions of Christine

Menard & Family by Keith & Diane Beadle

10:00 St. Mary: Harold Wood (8th) by his family and Suzanne Sicotte by Lilianne Gosselin

11:30 St. Benedict: All Parishioners

Monday, February 19th *St. Conrad of Piacenza*

8:30 St. Edward: Ben Blais by M/M John Paul Morin

5:15 St. Mary: Jean Petrick by Estate & the LeBlanc & Campbell families by M/M Wilfred LeBlanc

Tuesday, February 20th *Blessed Jacinta & Francisco Marto*

8:00 St. Mary: All Souls

6:00 St. Edward: Roger Prevost by Stella & Louise Phenix

Wednesday, February 21st **Ash Wednesday**

9:00 St. Mary: Regina Boisvert by Noella Buschbaum
11:00 NHCC:

6:00 St. Edward: Leo Ducharme by M/M Carl Szych

7:00 St. Benedict: Intentions of Rev. John Hamilton by a friend

Thursday, February 22nd *Chair of Peter the Apostle*

9:00 Michaud Manor: Jeannette Blais by M/M Roger Tremblay & David Lalime by Marita Lalime

6:00 St. Mary: Herve Boucher by his family

Friday, February 23rd *St. Polycarp*

8:30 St. Mary: Suzanne Sicotte by Tillie Fugere & Zelma Vigneau

6:00 St. Edward: All Souls

Saturday, February 24th *Blessed Luke Belludi*

8:30 St. Mary: Father's Intention

4:00 St. Mary: All Parishioners

6:00 St. Edward: Gordon & Ricky Benoit by Tammy Benoit

Sunday, February 25th *Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio*

8:30 St. Edward: For the intentions of a parishioner by a parishioner

10:00 St. Mary: For the Daughters of Isabella & Gerard Brochu by his family

11:30 St. Benedict: All Souls

This Week's Readings

Mon: Sirach 1:1-10 Gospel: Mark 9:14-29

Tues: Sirach 2:1-11 Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Ash Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18/2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs: 1 Peter 5:1-4 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Fri: Isaiah 58:1-9a Gospel: Matthew 9:14-15

Sat: Isaiah 58:9b-14 Gospel: Luke 5:27-32

Sun: Deuteronomy 26:4-10/Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Please pray for the sick and shut-ins of our parishes:

Michael Randall	Fr. John Hamilton	Brad Marcotte
Amelia Ormsbee	Karl Fauteux	Jean Riccio
Doug Lay	Bill Carr	Theresa Cruz
Suzanne Savoie	Odile Favreau	Cosmo Fedele
Nancy Gallucci	Jeanne Gaudreau	Emelda Gosselin
Jackie Isabelle	Mario Paul	Ellis Rushford
Earl Kimball	Mildred Laframboise	Howard Rouse
Donald LaPierre	Christine Menard	Pam Sizemore
Cecile Parenteau		

"Lord, look upon _____ with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon him/her, may Your life giving powers flow into every cell of their body and into the depths of their soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen."

If you are aware of a loved one who should be on our prayer list, please let us know.

St. Mary's Sanctuary Candles

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle: Arthurine Ste. Marie

St. Joseph Candle:

St. Mary Candle: Special Favor Received

St. Anne Candle:

Tabernacle Candle: Special Intentions

St. Edwards CCD Schedule

2/18: Grade K-9 9:30-11:00 am

Grade 10 6:00-8:00 pm

2/25: No classes – February vacation

Fruits of Your Generosity

	St. B.	St. E	St. M
Offertory	\$187	\$1267	\$3030
Fuel	\$50	\$ -	\$ 22
Repairs	\$20	\$65	\$ 51
Cath.Ed.	\$29	\$238	\$ 258

Thank you for your continued support.

Youth Corner

LIFE TEEN's Matt Smith Coming to St. J!!!

Matt Smith will be coming to St. John the Evangelist on Saturday, March 24th from 10am – 3pm. Matt appeared on MTV's 'The Real World' and 'Real World vs. Road Rules Challenge' and speaks all over the country. Please call Father Rich O'Donnell for more information at (802) 748-8129. Call Ann at 873-9302 traveling info...

Prayer Requests

These are from the youth of our deanery. We will add new prayer requests every week. Please pray for them everyday...

"To have more self confidence, to stop swearing so much, and to not be so obsessed with my weight." – 15 year old girl

"That the boys in my class would be nicer." – 11 year old girl

"To help me grow closer to God." – 13 year old boy

St. Mary Star of the Sea & St. Edward Parish Council Elections

Parish Council elections will take place in March at which time three of the existing positions will be filled. Anyone with an interest in running for the Parish Council is urged to contact:

St. Mary's - Leo Willey 334-7266 or Parish Office

St. Edward's - Maureen Fountain 334-6068 or Parish Office

For all candidates, biographies are due in the Parish Office by Tuesday, February 21st. Elections will take place on the weekend of March 10-11th.

Pro-Life Lobby Day: Friday, March 2nd

The proposal to legalize physician-assisted suicide is now on a fast-track for passage. The stop this from happening, it is crucial that we have the largest turnout ever to stand up in opposition. All are welcome and encourage to join us at the State House in Friday, March 2nd at anytime during the day. This event, which is sponsored by the Vermont Right to Life Committee and supported by the Respect Life ministry of our Diocese begins at 8:30 am. For more information, visit www.vrlc.net or call VRLC at (802) 229-4885.

Mardi Gras Dinner!

The St. Paul's Ladies Guild & USJB Life Insurance are pleased to announce a Mardi Gras dinner to be held on Sunday, February 18th at 12 noon at the Barton Memorial Building. The menu includes homemade lasagna, toss salad, garlic bread, cake, coffee and tea. Come out and enjoy food, fellowship and great entertainment provided by WING ITS! Adults: \$7.00/Children under 12: \$5.00.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast!

Please come out to St. Edward's Parish Hall on Sunday, February 25 from 9:00 – 11:00am for fellowship and a great Vermont breakfast! The cost is \$5.00 for adults & \$3.00 for children under 12. The menu includes: Pancakes, sausage, eggs, home-fries, toast, coffee, juice, and of course, REAL Vermont Maple Syrup! Take-outs are available.

Post Abortion Retreat

We ask for your continued prayer and support in reaching out to women who would benefit from our post-abortion ministry, the ☐ Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing ☐ for women who are suffering as a result of losing a child to abortion. The day will be held on Sat., April 28, 2007. Our sponsor is Vermont Catholic Charities. For further information and confidential reservations, please call Judy Kanya at VCC toll free 877-250-4099

My Father, if this cup cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done. Mt. 26:42

REFLECTION: There is a higher wisdom: a wisdom that reveals the true meaning of our human weakness and our pain. That wisdom is revealed in Christ. He knows what it is to suffer; He experienced it on the road to Calvary.—Pope John Paul II

PRAYER: O Lord, the wisdom of the world tells me to think only of myself. Teach me to enter into the mystery of surrendering to the Father's will. Let me say, "Not my will, but Your will be done."

Stations of the Cross

Thursday, February 22nd – St. Mary: 6:30 pm - Led by
The Daughters of Isabella

Friday, February 23rd – St. Edward: 6:30 pm

Guidelines for Fast & Abstinence during Lent:

Abstinence is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

In addition to abstinence, **fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18-59 years (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable for their condition.

As a reminder, Catholics must also observe the Eucharistic Fast, which involves taking nothing but water and medicines into the body for one hour before receiving the Eucharist during the Mass.