

St. Francis & St. Lawrence Churches

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04 TO 12 FEBRUARY 2012
FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
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Rev. Mr. David Hasler, Deacon
 681-1601



ple and organizations who generously contributed in various ways. This is a Fantastic Site: Check it out! <http://www.ibelong.ca/index.php/pages/about-us>. Have a great day, Cyndi Southall, Sales and Marketing

Here and Beyond..... News from Father Abhi in Varanasi! We had wonderful Christmas celebrations with the children from the platform on December 21 and 26, 2011. The children decorated and made all the arrangements for the celebration. They sang a few songs and we had sweets and snacks for all of them. We were blessed by the presence of Bishop Raphy, bishop of Varanasi. He gave Christmas presents and bought cakes for the children. He also appreciated us for initiating this new ministry in his diocese. We also gave a sweater/jacket for every child to protect themselves from the cold. Thank you very much for your support and prayers.

Anyone wishing a copy of the Archbishop's

January 30, 2012, letter regarding the implementation of the Revised Roman Missal may obtain it from the website (www.franlaw.ca) or by emailing (st.francis@ns.sympatico.ca) or telephoning the parish centre (542-3074) and leaving a message and your mailing address.



Smiling is infectious!
Why not infect your environment!

Current Needs for Open Arms Furniture:
Open Arms picks up, stores and delivers household items and furniture. While we have some room for smaller household items, larger items are stored at the longstanding Furniture Bank at John and Jill Gerrits' farm until delivery. This is crucial in helping someone get established in an apartment. Items most needed at this time are beds, dressers, table & chair sets and a crib. We could also use any art materials for the programs at the centre. If you have items to donate, please leave a message at 365.6047 / 678.9759 or email open-arms@live.com and we will arrange pick up on the first or third Wednesday of the month.

CURSILLO ULTREYA to be held at St. Monica's in Middleton on Thursday Feb. 9th at 7:30. All are welcome to come out and meet our Valley Cursillo community. We invite you to bring an instrument and a light snack to share.



L'Arche: At present, very few resources exist to aid those with intellectual disabilities to learn about and actually form satisfying, mutually enriching friendships. L'Arche Canada has created this online resource because we want to help all individuals with disabilities to have lasting friendships. This website brings together some of our learning in L'Arche and the practical wisdom, good practices and resources of some other peo-

	Mark Your Calendars	
Wednesday, February 8th	7PM Mass with Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick	St Francis
Wednesday February 14	7PM Mass in honour of World Marriage Day	St Francis
Tuesday, Feb 21st	4:30PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sausage Supper	St Francis (hosted by SSVP)
Wednesday, February 22nd	7PM Ash Wednesday	St Francis (Mass) St Lawrence (Service)

Accountant: Leslie Sequeira: lpst1@ns.sympatico.ca

Religious Education: Wolfville: Andy Webster at 582.1786 or andy@hawp.ca

Baptism—Visitation to the Sick: Call 542-3074

Marriage: Six months notice is required. Pre-marriage course: Paul & Janice McNeil, 765-3511.

Reconciliation: Upon Request.

St. Vincent de Paul: Message machine: 542-9499. Meets 4th Wed. of month (**Jan. 25**) at St. Francis in the upper room. New members welcome. President: Margaret Burton

Pastoral Council meeting: Feb. 07, 2012

St. Francis. All are welcome. Topic: Regular agenda.

Ultreya held the 2nd Thurs. (**Feb. 09**), at St. Monica's, Middleton, 7:30 P.M. www.valleycatholiccoursillo.org.

Valley Care Pregnancy Centre: 678-6217 www.asafeplaceforme.com

Christian Meditation: meets every Tuesday at 2:00 P.M. in the Chapel at the Valley Regional Hospital. For further information telephone 582-3828

Wolfville Area InterChurch Council Meets 2nd Wed of the month, 7pm Acadia Chapel. Next meeting: October 12th. Website: www.watcc.org. Open meetings.

Development and Peace: www.devp.org

New to the parish? Call or e-mail the Parish Centre about getting connected and providing contact information..

A VOTIVE MASS is offered for the living or the deceased. Arrange these by calling the rectory (Fridays are best). A donation of \$10.00 is suggested and a card suitable for mailing, is provided.

d = deceased; l = living

04 Sat. 4:00 P.M. St. Lawrence
 All parishioners

04 Sat. 6:30 P.M. Acadia University
 Celine Sequeira (l) by George & Nancy Henry

05 Sun. 9:00 A.M. St. Francis
 Elizabeth Bresnan (d) by her family

07 Tues 12:00 P.M. St. Francis

08 Wed. 7:00 P.M. St. Francis
Mass and Anointing of the Sick

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 Celine Sequeira (l) by George & Nancy Henry

12 Sun. 9:00 A.M. St. Francis
 Annie Harbers (d) by Ben Harbers

Pastoral Council Meets at St. Francis in the board room on the first floor beginning at 6:30 P.M. All meetings of the Pastoral Council are open to any parishioner who wishes to attend.

Reminder of the Healing Mass and the Anointing of the sick at St. Francis on Wednesday, Feb. 08 at 7:00 P.M.

<p>05 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st reading: Job 7.1-4, 6-7 2nd reading: 1 Cor 9.16-19, 22-23 Gospel: Mark 1.29-39</p> <p>06 Monday ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS (M) 1st reading: 1 Kings 8.1-7, 9-13 Gospel: Mark 6.53-56</p> <p>07 Tuesday 1st reading: 1 Kings 8.22-23, 27-30 Gospel: Mark 7.1-13</p> <p>08 Wednesday OM: St. Jerome Emiliani OM: St. Josephine Bakhita 1st reading: 1 Kings 10.1-10 Gospel: Mark 7.14-23</p> <p>09 Thursday 1st reading: 1 Kings 11.4-13 Gospel: Mark 7.24-30</p> <p>10 Friday ST. SCHOLASTICA (M) First Reading: 1 Kings 11.29-32; 12.19 Gospel: Mark 7.31-37</p> <p>11 Saturday: OM: Our Lady of Lourdes 1st reading: 1 Kings 12.26-32; 13.33-34 Gospel: Mark 8.1-10 <i>World Day of the Sick</i></p> <p>12 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st reading: Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46 2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1 Gospel: Mark 1.40-45</p> <p><i>Sing praises to the Lord who heals the broken hearted.</i> <i>Psalm 147</i></p>

<p>Contributions to General Revenue (GR) & Specified Donations (SD) Total: GR 2012.01.29: \$ 1812.45</p> <p>GR: Loose: \$ 104.45. GR: Envelopes 2012: \$ 1688 GR: Mass Donation: \$40. GR: Initial Envelopes: \$ 10 SD: 5 of SVDP: \$ 100.</p> <p>PRAISE & FELLOWSHIP - This will start up again next week (February 12th) after Mass before we burn palms (see below). We will endeavour to run a Friendship Sunday event like this, combined with music, on any Sunday that is not either a regular Friendship Sunday (1st of the month) or a special reception (such as Confirmation). This week is our regular Friendship Sunday.</p> <p>PALM BRANCHES - You will find a basket at the back of the church to place your Palm branches from last year so the ashes can be prepared for Ash Wednesday.</p> <p>BURNING OF PALMS - Sunday Schoolers are being given the honour this year of reverently burning last year's palm leaves to make ashes for use on Ash Wednesday. This will take place next week during Sunday School (February 12th) outside if the weather is co-operative. All families of Sunday Schoolers are invited to come and be part of this very special event. Families not registered in Sunday School yet are more than welcome to participate too! A few more containers are going to be needed to burn the palm leaves, such as woks, ash bins or very large pots. Please contact Andy Webster at 582.1786 or andy@hawp.ca if you can help with this.</p> <p>PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS - Just a reminder that all our Youth are still encouraged to bring an item for the SVDP Food Cupboard every week to be presented during the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass. Our preschoolers and grade 1 kids are doing a great job of this and regularly participate when returning from "Little Church", but it would be great to see some of the older young folks joining in again. All items presented go the store room in the hall and are available to people that have nowhere else to obtain food (e.g., when none of the food banks are open).</p>	<p>Remember: <i>When you go to another church in this area, take your envelope and place it in their collection. It will be returned to us, and we will return their envelopes to them.</i></p>
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BLESSING OF CANDLES - February 2nd is the Feast of Candlemas which celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord. All parishioners are invited to bring candles to be blessed by Fr. Larry at Sunday Mass on February 5th to honour and celebrate this special feast day. Also, all Youth of the parish are invited to bring their favourite candleholder to Mass that day where they will be given a tea light that be lit before they join in the entrance procession. These candles will be placed around the altar for Mass.

Mission to Varanasi – In the early part of 2013 we are planning a two-three week mission outreach to Varanasi, India to help Fr. Abhi and Sister Manju with their ministry to the children living in and around the train station. Please contact Randy and Karen Purves at rkpurves@gmail.com or 697 2327. We are going to have an information meeting in mid February for all those interested.

Health and Wellness: A Christian Perspective:
On Monday, Feb 6 at 7pm a group of ladies will gather in the church hall to discuss health and wellness issues from a Christian and/or medical perspective. You are welcome to come to contribute from your experiences or to listen to what others have to share. If there is an interest we can start to meet together occasionally. Please contact Karen at 670 2494.

Drivers Needed St. Francis Meals-on-Wheels:
Are you interested in trying something new this year? Meal-on-Wheels, a volunteer group that delivers lunch four times a year (once per season) to seniors, is looking for new drivers. All deliveries are to seniors residing in Wolfville or within close proximity. For further information, please contact Karen at 542-4525 or Mary Sue at 542-5336.

Saint Joseph's Kentville, Lenten Mission: The Beatitudes: Icons to the Heart of Jesus, God's Beloved Son. Sunday, March 18 to Wednesday, March 21.

Mark Sunday March 4th on Your Calendar! Come have some fun, win prizes and enjoy some lunch (pizzas supplied by the Kentville Knights of Columbus) all on behalf of the Valley Care Pregnancy Center.

Bowling for Babies

Sunday March 4th, 1:00-3:00 PM
Fairlanses Bowling Alley, New Minas

Sponsor Sheets available at your church or print your own at: asafaceforme.com/bowlingforbabies.htm.

Every good deed creates a chain reaction that grows longer and longer until, just maybe, it changes everything

 **There will be a Development & Peace meeting** on Wednesday, February 15, in the conference room at 10 AM. **We are always looking for new members.**

Kings Kikima Grannies is having their annual Valentine Jewelry Sale at Applewicks on Tuesday, February 7, from 10 until 4. Come and check out the latest bling!! Also, if you donate a toonie you have a chance to win a beautiful basket of chocolate, yes, chocolate!! The proceeds will be split between the grannies and Applewicks. Don't miss it.

NURSING HOME SERVICES will take place Wednesday, February 8th beginning at 10.15 AM at The Elms. **We welcome all who wish to join in this important ministry.** Call Rosaleen McDonald at 542 2474 for more information .