



Our **condolences** to the Kuzmack family on the loss of their beloved Jean Kuzmack who passed away on February 20, 2023. Funeral will be held at St Mary Church on March 6 with public viewing at 12:30 pm and the Mass at 1:00 pm. A gathering will follow in the Beausejour Room at the BBRC hall after the interment at the St Mary Cemetery.

Our condolences to Sharon Dugard and her extended family on the loss of her beloved brother, Randy Gmiterek on March 3, 2023. Please keep the Gmiterek family in your prayers.

**Lent:** began on Ash Wednesday with a service that reminds us to repent and turn back to God. Lent is to be a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for the great celebration of Easter. Resources to help you in this journey are available online but also in books, and in prayer rituals such as the **Way of the Cross** which will be held on **Fridays during Lent** at 7:00 pm at St Mary. A different version of this ritual prayer will be used each week so please join us. A **Penitential Celebration** will be held at St Mary on March 29 at 7:00 pm. There will be several priests available for individual confessions as well. This is a prayerful opportunity to prepare your heart for the celebration of Easter.

**RCIA** - Please pray for the Catechumens in St Mary parish, Esperanza and Inde Botincan as they continue their preparations full initiation into the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil. They celebrated the **Rite of Election** at the St Boniface Cathedral on Feb 26. The "Scrutinies" will take place in our parish at Masses during Lent.

**Development and Peace:** Information on the Share Lent Campaign is available at the back of the church. An envelope for an offering to Development and Peace is in your box of donation envelopes. Please use it.

**40 Cans for Lent:** Our **Knights of Columbus** again ask for your support in building the in-kind donation of food to feed the hungry in our community. The goal is to have each council member contribute one can of food per day during the forty days of Lent, but other parishioners can also contribute. Canned food items can be brought to the church and will be stacked at the altar to show the progress!

**St Mary Parish Survey:** will still be available at Mass today. Your responses to the survey questions will guide the Parish Pastoral Council as to the needs and wishes that are a priority in our parish. This is your opportunity to help form the future of our Parish. You may share your opinions by completing the paper survey or completing the anonymous online survey at [www.stmoloh.ca](http://www.stmoloh.ca). Copies of the survey can also be picked up and dropped off in the mailbox by the rectory door. You can also take a survey to a relative, friend or neighbour to fill out. Both paper and electronic responses will be accepted until March 12, 2023

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The primary purpose of the PPC is to be the leader and guarantor of unity in faith and in charity among the parishioners. It is always trying to achieve as large a common vision and as strong a consensus of action as possible. United in co-responsibility with the Pastor, the PPC members are to pray, reflect, and guide and inspire the parish in defining the pastoral situation of the parish and the initiatives required to meet its particular needs.

***Please continue to pray the prayer for the success of the formation of the Parish Pastoral Council!***

***"Reach up, Reach out, Reach in"***

*Heavenly Father, thank-you for gathering us together at St. Mary Parish.  
Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern your will  
for the spiritual renewal and growth of our parish.  
Give us strength, courage, wisdom and light as we offer our gifts to you,  
to develop a strong and vibrant parish.  
Help us to become flames of faith, hope and love, in our families,  
in our communities and in our workplaces.  
May our community serve as a place of hope and healing,  
a place of worship and spiritual growth; a place of nourishment and support.  
We pray that St. Mary be welcoming of All who walk through our doors. Amen*

*Our Lady of LaSalette, pray for us!*