

September 27, 2015



ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	TIME	MASS FOR
Saturday, September 26 th	5:00 p.m.	+Mary Barbour
Sunday, September 27 th	8:30 a.m.	+Bernard Healy
Sunday, September 27 th	10:30 a.m.	Mary Catherine & Jim Ramsden
Monday, September 28 th	9:00 a.m.	+Mary Barbour
Tuesday, September 29 th	9:00 a.m.	+Evelyn Robinson
Wednesday, September 30 th	10:00 a.m.	+Dorothy Harrington
Thursday, October 1 st	9:00 a.m.	+Mary Glowacki
Friday, October 2 nd	9:00 a.m.	+Mary Healy
Saturday, October 3 rd	8:30 a.m.	+Mr. & Mrs. Foley
Saturday, October 3 rd	5:00 p.m.	Parishioners
Sunday, October 4 th	8:30 a.m.	+Mary Ryan
Sunday, October 4 th	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners
Monday, October 5 th	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Tuesday, October 6 th	9:00 a.m.	Yvonne Rodrigues
Wednesday, October 7 th	9:00 a.m.	+Basil Harrington
Thursday, October 8 th	9:00 a.m.	+Isadore Noronha
Friday, October 9 th	9:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Saturday, October 10 th	8:30 a.m.	Parishioners

Masses offered for the deceased (+)

Rosary: 20 minutes prior to weekday and Saturday morning Masses

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Daily from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Note: All weekday Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. except for Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please Pray For: Angela Gonsalves, Maria Sousa, Maria Dias, Antonia Pickarz, Maureen Ethan-Nicholas Galdick, Pamela Murray, Mary Dunham, Ivor (Buster) Johnston, Aaron David Martin, Kathleen Scott, Rod Kerr
Kindly let us know when the sick are blessed with healing.

Parish Council

Kathy O'Donnell 705-484-5742

Finance Committee

Herb Phillipps 705-484-0547

Fundraising Committee

Mary Jane Whalen 705-484-0063

Liturgy Committee Choir:

Joan Dunbar 705-484-5287

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Diane Conway 705-484-5925

Cemetery Board

Ruth Windatt 705-426-7117

Foley Catholic School

705-484-5940

Pat Shannon Principal

Catholic Women's League

Donna Page 705-484-0057

Maintenance Committee

Dave McCarthy 705-426-7868

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Group Meeting: Every Tuesday 9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Raffle: Great prizes! Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 & can be purchased at the back of the Church, from a CWL member or from a Fundraising Committee member. Winners to be drawn on Oct. 18, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

Lasagna Dinner: November 14th. Watch for details in the coming weeks!

Should you have any upcoming events you would like to have published in the bulletin, please contact Cathy White 705-484-0058

CONSCIENCE

Conscience is a practical judgement (decision) as to whether an action, word, thought, desire or omission is good and to be consented to or evil and to be avoided. It is our most secret core and sanctuary where we are alone with God. If we have reflected well and are certain that something is the right thing to do, we must follow our conscience. To have a correct conscience one first needs to know God's law, the laws of the Church and also the particular duties of one's state in life. Then one's conscience will better express what is right or wrong in a particular situation. In addition, one needs to be prudent and upright in order to apply these criteria to the matter at hand. Among those who help in the formation of conscience, parents play the major role by the instruction, example and guidance they give to their children. They are the first and the constant teachers of their children, instructing them about God's love and His law, the duties of religion and society, virtues and family values. Others who influence the formation of conscience are pastors, teachers, relatives and civil and religious authorities.

SPIRITUAL MATTERS

Prayer enlightens and strengthens conscience, giving it the direction of God's Word. We need to examine our intentions and actions in the light of prayer. The grace of the Holy Spirit helps us to recognize and choose what God's will is. We are truly responsible for our actions because God gave us an intellect and free will, which we are to use to fulfill the purpose for which He made us. A doubtful conscience is one which cannot decide if an act is good and to be done or evil and to be avoided. When in such a doubt one must either refrain from acting or resolve the doubt. A scrupulous conscience is one that is constantly in doubt, in fear of sin when there is none, or in fear of mortal sin when there is only venial sin. A scrupulous conscience can be helped by direction from a wise confessor, humble prayer, and sometimes by professional help. A lax conscience is one which judges more by convenience than by God's law and leads a person to easily commit sin, slight or serious. Everything is judged carelessly, without thought of the consequences or the offense to God.

SPIRITUAL WISDOM

If conscience errs because of unavoidable ignorance, the person does not sin. Their understanding is clouded and they are alienated from God's life because of their ignorance (Eph 4:18). Everything that is legal is not necessarily morally right. Civil law cannot contradict the law of God. For example, the legality of abortion does not make it morally right. We have to obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29). We are never permitted to do evil in order that good may result from it. God wants us to have a good end and reach it by doing good deeds. Anyone, especially a Christian, must be ready to make sacrifices and if necessary even to go to death for the sake of one's salvation. "Everyone is doing it" cannot excuse our wrongdoing, since God's law is not based on popularity, but on His divine will and our final end.

Truly in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Gonsalves