

Weekday & Sunday Mass Schedules & Mass Intentions for the week of Feb.12 - Feb. 18

Mon. Feb. 12 & Tues. Feb. 13	St. Anthony's 6:30pm	No Mass on Tuesday
Wed. Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday	See Ash Wednesday Schedule
Thursday Feb.15	St. Augustine's 9:00am	Jose Valverde – requested by Deborah Pico
Saturday Feb. 17	St. Patrick's 4:00pm	Jose Valverde – requested by St. Augustine's Guild
Sunday Feb. 18	St. Augustine's 9:00am St. Anthony's 11:00am	Joshua Clute – requested by St. Augustine's Guild Pro populo



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Thanks to money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent, Development and Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world!

Registration is open for the **12th Weekend of Grace Conference**, to be held April 13 – 15, 2018 at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax. Conference Keynote Speakers are Deacon Larry and Andi Oney, husband and wife, international Catholic presenters from New Orleans who have authored multiple books and appeared on many EWTN shows. The early-bird deadline to register at the reduced price of \$175 is December 31, 2017, after which the full price of \$195 will apply. We invite all women to attend! More information can be found at www.weekendofgrace.com or from your parish rep.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

*St. Augustine's Parish, Chester
St. Anthony's, Hubbards & St. Patrick's, New Ross*



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Collection for Feb. 4 – Envelopes - \$1187.00; Loose - \$139.25 –
Total - \$1657.25

"Only Say the Word, and My Soul Shall Be Healed"

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Jesus reaches out to touch a leper; and by touching him, Jesus heals him.

Leprosy is a disease worth fearing. It disfigures and disables a person. The ancient world thought it could be transmitted by touch. For the sake of the health of the community, the law made lepers outcasts; but, even without the law, nobody wanted to touch a leper. The leper healed by Jesus must have lived for a long time without the touch of another human being.

How welcome the touch of Jesus must have been to that leper! And how overjoyed the leper must have been when he found himself healed!

Leprosy is not the only thing that severely disfigures and disables a person. Sin does so too. And the touch of Jesus that heals leprosy heals sin as well. That is why, at Mass, we pray, "Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed." Forego touch, Lord! We would be so overjoyed if you just said the word! Your healing would be so welcome to us!

But we say those words at every Mass, week after week, year after year. And still we struggle with our sins. Somewhere Nietzsche says unkindly about Christians, "They don't even look like the redeemed!" That is a painful accusation, isn't it? Why aren't we healed, by word or by touch, as the leper was? Why do we have to keep asking for the Lord's healing touch at every Mass?

But think about it this way: how would Nietzsche know what the redeemed look like? For that matter, how would we? Why should we think that we are in a position to see the healing that the Lord does in our lives? Why would we think that we are in a position to judge how far we have come in conquering the sin in ourselves? The Lord tells us not to judge others ([Mt 7:1](#)). Why should we think we are able to judge ourselves?

So we do not have to see the effects of the healing touch of the Lord in order for it to do its work.

The touch of the Word, for whose healing word we pray at every mass, does its healing deep within.

Our job is to be open to that touch."

(Eleonore Stump)

Tips for parenting...Taken from the online magazine "Mercatornet Navigating Modern Complexities.."

"Not too long ago, a reporter on the New York Times asked CEOs in the tech world about how they controlled social media. It turns out that there was one universal rule. It was, in the words of the former editor of Wired magazine, Chris Anderson: "rule No. 1: There are no screens in the bedroom. Period. Ever."

Even the legendary Steve Jobs, the man who developed the iPhone, banned his kids from using iPads. "We limit how much technology our kids use at home," he said.

If that's the case, why do so many ordinary mums and dads think that their kids will suffer if they don't have access to the latest devices and social media? Social media are artificial creations, a kind of technology, and like all technology, they can be destructive."

Reminder - SHROVE TUESDAY ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE SUPPER from 4:30 – 6:30 in St. Anthony's Church Hall, sponsored by the men of St. Luke's and St. Anthony's Church. Come and enjoy pancakes, fresh fruit, homemade muffins, tea and coffee. Adults - \$8.00, Children - \$5.00 and under the age of five – free.

**Ash Wednesday Schedule: St. Augustine's –9:00am
St. Patrick's – 11:00am
St. Anthony's – 6:30pm**



The 2017 tax receipts are now available at each church for pick up.

St. Augustine's Church – There are a number of items in the "Lost and Found" at the back of the church, if you are missing something, please have a look and see if anything belongs to you.

10th Annual Mancini Cup Soccer Fun Day Saturday April 28th, 2018
BMO Soccer Indoor Facility –for more information, please contact Tanya Thomson at stagnedre@eastlink.ca or phone 902-454-8281.

Registration Deadline – March 20th

