BUCHANAN LODGE



March

Racing clouds and whistling winds,
Coats flapping in the breeze,
Bright kites circling in the skies,
The dance of swaying trees,

The cheerful sight of crocuses,
The first sweet breath of spring
Just part of all the many moods
The month of March can bring.



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Precious Memories













Thought for March

A few minutes of scanning radio stations will confirm it – we are all obsessed with finding true love! No one questions the Beatles when they sing, "All you need is

love." We empathize with Queen and their plea, "Can anybody find me somebody to love!" Unfortunately most of us can also identify with Waylon complaining about, "looking for love in all the wrong places, looking for love in too many faces."

We know that our two greatest psychological needs are to love and be loved. If you choose to believe that humans are the result of random evolution, good luck figuring out where that deep need for love comes from. If, on the other hand, you've recognized the handiwork of a Designer in everything and everyone you see around you then it won't be hard to understand why we desperately crave "endless love" (isn't that right, Diana and Lionel?).

The Bible, our Designer's instruction manual, explains why. In one place it says that "God is love"; in another we are told that we are created in God's image. It seems our need for love was placed there intentionally by the God who created us to be in relationship with Him. The Bible also tells us that the only way to fill that gaping hole in our hearts is to discover God's love for us. When we do, we find that we now have the capacity to love Him and other people with the same kind of unselfish love He has for us: "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love" (1 John 4:7,8).

This word for love is "agape," a word reserved only for God's kind of love. As we approach the Easter season we are going to be reminded about how selfless and unconditional God's love is.

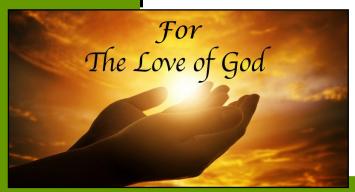
I remember sitting at a fast food counter beside a young girl with some striking tattoos up one arm. One colourfully emblazoned a man's name who I naively assumed was her husband. When I asked her about that, she reluctantly told me about her impetuous love for an old boyfriend. After they broke up she tried only dating boys with the same name but that severely limited her options. Her plan now is to remove it but she's dreading the pain. What a vivid metaphor for the

pain we all go through "looking for love in all the wrong places." Let's face it — "Love hurts!" So often we get disillusioned and embittered about love because we haven't yet discovered true love.

Let's take this month to think about the loving sacrifice of saints like St. Patrick and the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus on Good Friday and Easter. Let's join the quest of Foreigner: "I want to know what love is!"

Chaplain Rob Buzza

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Mar I – I:45 pm, Camelia, Music with Dave

Mar 2 – 10 am, Magnolia, Piano with Gian

Mar 2 - 10:45 am, Rose, Piano with Gian

Mar 2 – 1:30 pm, Willow, Music with Alastair

Mar 8 – 1:45 pm, MPR, Women's Day Tea Party

Mar 14 – 1:45 pm, MPR, St. Patrick's Day Party

Mar 21 – 1:45 pm, MPR, Birthday Tea with Alastair

Mar 22 - 1:45 pm, Camelia, Music with Dave

Mar 23 – 10:45 am, Rose, Piano with Gian

Mar 23 - 1:30 pm, Rose/Willow, Music with Alastair

Mar 30 – 10:45 am, Rose, Piano with Gian





SPIRITUAL HEALTH

WINTER 2024

Mondays

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

Rose at 10 am | Willow at 11 am

Tuesdays

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

Camelia at 10 am | Magnolia at 11 am

Wednesdays

MASS - 1st Wednesday at 11 am

COMMUNION - 3rd Wednesday at 11 am

Thursdays

CHAPELS

Rose at 10 am | Willow at 11 am

Sundays

Camelia at 10 am | Magnolia at 11 am







Joan C.	Mar. 3	Mary B.	Mar. 23
Agnes G.	Mar. 10	Vi G.	Mar. 24
Deidre K.	Mar. 11	Dale W.	Mar. 25
Alvera S.	Mar. 12	Terrence K.	Mar. 28
Richard B.	Mar. 12	Philip L.	Mar. 28
Patricia M.	Mar. 16	•	



Birthday Tea

Thursday, March 21 1:45 pm, MPR with the one & only Alastair





suggestions are When moving about new each month. the building, be mindful Check them out! of residents looking for washrooms, programs, or someone to help them home, and then take a few moments to help!

Saint Patrick's Prayer of the Faithful



SUNDAY | MARCH 17

Get ready for Our Giant Leprechaun, Chaplain Ross, this year's St. Patty's Day Photographer, to

> catch you with your green on 🥇



May the Strength of God pilot us. May the Power of God preserve us. May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God protect us. May the Way of God direct us. May the Shield of God defend us. May the Host of God guard us Against the snares of the evil ones, Against temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us! May Christ be in us, Christ be over all! May Thy Salvation, Lord, Always be ours, This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.

