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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 24, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS – JANUARY 23 – 31, 2010

5:00 pm Saturday (23rd)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
9:00 am Sunday (24th)	†Norma McMurdie req. Al & Ann McMurdie
1:00 pm Sunday (24th)	†Gracia Daignault req. The Family
<u>7:00 pm Monday (25th)</u>	NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 25 <u>St. James-Assiniboia Council CWL Mass</u> followed by Monthly Meeting downstairs
9:15 am Tuesday (26 th)	†George Liaukevich req. Michele & Dan Dalzell
<u>1:00 pm Tuesday (26th)</u>	<u>Monthly Mass at Sturgeon Creek I</u>
9:15 am Wednesday (27 th)	Special Intention req. Monique & Max Armstrong
9:15 am Thursday (28 th)	†Annette Strachan req. Jerome & Margaret Strachan
9:15 am Friday (29 th)	†Helen Osiowy req. Flora Zaharia
5:00 pm Saturday (30th)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
9:00 am Sunday (31st)	†Meriem Laval req. The Laval Family
1:00 pm Sunday (31st)	†Gracia Daignault req. The Family

What's Happening This Week

<i>Catholic Women's League:</i>	Monday, January 25	7:00 pm Mass in Worship Area Followed by meeting in Gym
<i>Scripture Study</i>	Tuesday, January 26	10:00 am Room 10
<i>CATECHISM SUNDAY:</i>	Sunday, January 31	2:00 pm Downstairs

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From the Pastor's Desk:

The Scriptures this week

The book of Nehemiah describes Ezra's reading and interpretation of the law in the midst of the assembly. Although the people are moved to tears, Nehemiah challenges the assembly to turn from mourning to rejoicing, for God's law is a gift that signals God's blessing. In response to the reading from Nehemiah, the Church proclaims in song the blessing of God's law. In Paul's writing to the community of Corinth, he acknowledges the organic unity and the vital contribution of each member of the Church, the Body of Christ. As members of the one Body, we share in one another's suffering, honor and ministry on behalf of others. We are invited to surrender those attitudes of envy and jealousy that keep us from living out the gift of unity bestowed on us in the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus affirms that Isaiah's prophesy of God's Holy Spirit resting upon His chosen one has been fulfilled. Jesus is God's anointed. As Nehemiah invited delight in the proclamation of God's word, today's Gospel calls us to delight in Jesus our Messiah and Lord, for God's word is both proclaimed and fulfilled in Him. (*Sourcebook*)

As it has been my tradition to go away for a break prior to the beginning of Lent, I will be away from the office beginning this Wednesday, January 27, 2010 until Shrove Tuesday, February 16. Customarily, I become a short-term “snow-bird” and seek out warmer weather at this time of the year. This year I will be headed to California with some priest friends. In addition to embarking on a week long cruise, I will be spending some additional time with my dad and his wife in Palm Springs. During my time away, there will be three priests helping out. Fr. Maria Sebastian Susairaj, pastor of Kateri Tekakwitha Aboriginal Parish will be here for 6 weekday Masses beginning on the January 27th. In addition, he will be here on the 28th and the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 9th of February. Fr. Art Seaman, retired priest from Gimli and author of “How to Cope” will be here beginning on the 29th for the weekend of the 31st and the following weekend of the 5th, 6th, and 7th. Fr. Raphael Glofcheski, our faithful helper, will be here from February 10th until my return. I know you will be welcoming of them. I am grateful for their assistance and their willingness to be there for you while I am away. As we offer Masses on a regular basis while we are away, I will be sure to include you in my intentions each day. Some years ago, in one of my former parishes, I announced that my doctor had given me a new prescription that came in doses of **9** and **18** (a prescription for “**golf**”!) On the way out of the Church, one of my parishioners stopped to say, “I do hope you're feeling better soon.” And my response, “A birdie or two wouldn't hurt! (*Father Gerald*)

We are still in **need of a volunteer** from our parish to contact leaders of Blessed John XXIII groups, to disseminate **Fire Safety Plans** to those groups. If interested, please contact a parish rep on the ACC Board; Paul Maley; Claude Precourt; Michael Rennie; Susan Polz.

You are encouraged to make your donations for Haiti through Development & Peace, founded by the Canadian Catholic bishops in 1967 as the “Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace” (D&P for short). It is the Canadian arm of *Caritas Internationalis*, the official worldwide umbrella agency for Catholic development organizations. With Caritas, D&P was on the ground in Haiti long before the current crisis; since it specializes in both emergency assistance and long-term reconstruction, it will be on the ground long after many other agencies are gone. D&P

strictly follows the Catholic Ethic of Life; it is experienced and efficient; and amongst development agencies, it spends one of the very lowest percentages of revenue on administration. D&P operates under close supervision from the Canadian bishops and they have recently reinforced and confirmed its mandate. D&P takes pride of place on any reputable and comprehensive list of development organizations eligible for Canadian Government matching funds (e.g., CBC's website). For Catholics who value loyalty to the Church's institutions, D&P should be the agency of choice to express Christian solidarity with those in need around the world.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Aline Herner; Madeleine Dusessoy; Ruth Kuch; Karen Kirkpatrick; Lloyd Moist; Bert Whitnack; Marlene Scheffler; Allan Egan; Eleanor Kapitany; Stella James; Dolores Mulaire; Jeannie Gatien; Adelle Farkas; Shirley Payment; Jean Foley; Darcy Uzelman; Jack Krassie; Andre Meyer; Joan Nevins; Elsie Mason; Joe Lebedeff; Doug Rosler; Louis Gollets; Anne Luhowy;

Please pray for the repose of the soul Leonard Lumsden of our parish who passed away last week and was buried from our church on Wednesday.

Thank you from Chris Holtmann for all your prayers on her behalf. She is well on her way to recovery and feeling much better.

Stewardship Reflection: There exists in our Parish community a diversity of unique gifts. God has provided us with these gifts in order to advance His Kingdom. Our sisters and brothers in other Christian denominations have also been blessed with unique gifts that are being used for the same purpose. Today marks the opening of the *Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. We pray that throughout the year all Christians would be good stewards of their relationships, seeking to understand each other, being always patient and humble, and listening to one another, so that the Body of Christ may be truly united. (*Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca*)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 24 - 31, 2010: Festival of Prayer – City-wide Ecumenical Worship Service, 7:30 pm, Sunday, January 24, First Presbyterian Church, 61 Picardy Place (at Canora St. on the east side of Vimy Ridge Park). All are cordially invited to participate in the various services held throughout the week. Please see notice on bulletin board.

CWL General Meeting, will be held here on January 25, 2010, Mass at 7:00 pm in the worship area, followed by the monthly meeting downstairs in the gym. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Rados who will speak to us about the timely subject of Euthanasia. Please come and bring a friend to listen to Dr. Rados and fellowship with our sisters in the League.

Immaculate Conception Drop-In Centre: Thank you to everyone who cooked the casseroles for the dinner last Sunday. There were 300 people served of which 25 were children. **A coordinator is required for the April 18th dinner.** If interested, please call Alice & Ray Fleury 889-2660 for more details.

A.C.C. Bingo Canteen: Thank you to the parishioners of both Blessed John XXIII and St. Chad's for volunteering to work in the Canteen. \$200 a month is given to the A.C.C. Board and another

\$600 was given in December, 2009. Other charities in our community include: Children's Hospital; Juvenile Diabetes; Ronald McDonald House; Villa Rosa. \$100 McDonald's coupons and bus tickets are left in the office for those in need and replenished when necessary. We are always looking for new people – our schedule is on a 10-week rotation basis on Thursday evenings for approximately 2½ hours. You will get a chance to meet other parishioners. Call 837-6806 for more information. (*Canteen Convenor*)

Winnipeg Harvest Appeal: Canned Milk or Skimmed Milk Powder

Rummage Sale: Our next sale will be on **February 12, 2010**, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, in the gym. We will need volunteers for set-up in the morning and in the evening during the actual sale. We will now gladly accept articles for sale, especially **Jewellery**

St. James Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Communion Pancake Breakfast, **Sunday, February 7th** at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2400 Portage Ave. After the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses. Golden brown pancakes, breakfast sausages, fruit cocktail, coffee and juice, all for only \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under. All profits will go toward the St. Charles students upcoming trip to Rome. Please join us for a relaxing breakfast! Tickets at the door. For more information, call Frank Barnes at 837-4487.

St. Charles Catholic School (Our School): The School is holding its **11th Annual Dine Around** fund-raiser on **Friday, January 29**. Tables of 6 are available to purchase for \$240 with a Wine & Cheese Reception and Rainbow Auction beforehand. What a great way to get together with friends, family members, co-workers, or take your favourite coach out for a unique "Thank You". Enjoy good company and great food at one of our fantastic sponsoring restaurants and support the school. Call the school at 837-1520 to reserve your table.

Serra Club of Winnipeg Archbishop's Burse Dinner in support of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, Centro Caboto, 1055 Wilkes Ave. (West off Waverley), **Friday, February 5, 2010**. Tickets \$75 per person. Contact Bob McGregor (888-3902) or Gary McCallum (889-6546 home; 832-7206 office).

Justice, Development & Peace Reflection: *Promoting Peace*. "In light of the Gospel's invitation to be peacemakers, our commitment to solidarity with our neighbors – at home and abroad – also demands that we promote peace and pursue justice in a world marred by terrible violence and conflict. Decisions on the use of force should be guided by traditional moral criteria and undertaken only as a last resort. As Pope Paul VI taught: 'If you want peace, work for justice.'" (*World Day of Peace Message*, January 1, 1972, §53) [*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*]

Winnipeg League for Life is pleased to have guest speaker Michael Coren (Sun columnist and author) at our pro-life lunch and fund-raiser on **Saturday, February 13, 2010** at 12:00 noon at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, 460 Munroe Ave. Topic is "Overpopulation: Fact or Myth?" Tickets are \$20 per person and are available from Val 224-1070 or the League Office 233-8047.

St. Chad's Parishioners invite you to their *Chili Cook-Off and Dinner* on **February 5** at 6:00 p.m. here at the Centre. Live music (2or3 Band), door prizes, Chili Cook-Off and Dinner. Tickets are \$5 per person, children 8 and under are free. Tickets available from the office.

Digging for Gold in the Gospel of Mark with Dr. Mary Healy of Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, on **February 5, 6 and 7** at Mary Mother of the Church Parish, 85 Kirkbridge. Weekend will include teachings, a breakfast testimony, Mass and Healing Service. For more info, contact Catholic Renewal Services 895-7544 or ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com

February 13, 2010 – The annual “Live Music is Better” Coffee House in support of Winnipeg Harvest continues a long tradition under the direction of its new convenors from last year, and now in its new venue at **St. James Anglican Church Hall**, 195 Collegiate St. at Portage Ave. Join us as several wonderful local artists perform for the usual evening of great music, great fellowship, fair-trade coffee and yummy desserts, auction prizes and most of all, joining in fellowship for a great cause... feeding Winnipeg's hungriest citizens. Show starts at 8:00 pm, doors open at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$2.00 plus a “tin for the bin”. Our own Tom Ploquin and Stewart Fay (5:00 pm Choir) will be performing, as well as Marcel Desilets. These three started the Coffee House here at our parish in 1997 and moved to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in 2003. They hope that the long tradition of enthusiastic attendance and support will continue at their new venue, St. James Anglican Church.