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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 31, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS – JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 7, 2010

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
	NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st
<u>7:00 pm Monday (1st)</u>	<u>St. James Knights of Columbus Communion Service</u> followed by Monthly Meeting downstairs
9:15 am Tuesday (2 nd)	†Michael Lai req. Serge Laval
9:15 am Wednesday (3 rd)	†Susan Csizmadia req. Flora Zaharia
<u>2:30 pm Wednesday (3rd)</u>	<u>Communion Service at Golden West Centennial Lodge</u>
9:15 am Thursday (4 th)	Special Intentions of Msgr. Chartrand req. Connie & Steve Csizmadia
9:15 am Friday (5 th)	†Fernando Bettencourt req. Maria Bettencourt
5:00 pm Saturday (6th)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
9:00 am Sunday (7th)	†Donna George req. Monique & Max Armstrong
1:00 pm Sunday (7th)	†Gracia Daignault req. Antonia Allard

What's Happening This Week

<i>CATECHISM SUNDAY:</i>	Sunday, January 31	2:00 pm	Downstairs
<i>Knights of Columbus:</i>	Monday, February 1	7:00 pm	See above
<i>A.C.C. Knitters Group:</i>	Monday, February 1	7:00 pm	Lounge
<i>Dev. & Peace Committee:</i>	Tuesday, February 2	7:00 pm	Lounge

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From the Pastor's Desk:

Thoughts about the Sunday Scriptures

Jeremiah speaks of God's intimate and abiding knowledge of those He calls to proclaim His word. God's intimate knowledge of His chosen instruments is accompanied by His promise of victory over and deliverance from those who oppose His word. Although we may at times protest God's call, we are called to trust in His intimate knowledge of our lives and His pledge to deliver us from evil. In singing Psalm 71, the Church asks for her members the gifts of God's deliverance and the refuge promised to Jeremiah and to all those God calls to His service. As we have depended on the Lord since birth, let us continue to find our refuge in Him. In St. Paul's letter to the struggling Church of Corinth, he reminds them of the practical implications of the call to love, which he describes not primarily as tasks, but as a spiritual gift. In the gospel, Jesus is portrayed as a prophet whose message is despised and rejected by His own, and as a prophet whose life is protected from danger, as He walks through the midst of an angry crowd. Jesus challenged His own people with a message concerning the acceptance of God's word and the working of His power among foreigners and outsiders. (*Sourcebook*)

Last Saturday, there were two workshops held. One was for Lectors in the morning and one for Communion Ministers in the afternoon. There were 15 and 23 in attendance, respectively. Thank you to all who were in attendance. Each session offered an opportunity for input and questions. The discussions were excellent and insightful. Each workshop will be offered again in the Spring, shortly after Easter.

Liturgical Renewal... There will be a bulletin insert offered the first Sunday of Lent for the First Stage of the Renewal: *From Gathering Rites to Introductory Rites*. I will be offering some catechesis at the liturgies as we incorporate these components into the liturgy. I ask for your patience as we do so and invite you to pray for our community as we look at the liturgy and how we worship. I will take a few moments prior to the liturgy to address anything new we will be doing. In addition I will also take some time at the beginning of the homily as well. The basis for the Liturgical Renewal in the Archdiocese is the GIRM (General Instruction on the Roman Missal). This was published in 2002. The next workshop for the Liturgical Renewal will be **Saturday, February 20, 2010** from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the worship area. All are welcome to attend.

While I am away, in case of emergencies, please call Msgr. Comeault. Again, I am grateful to Monsignor and to Frs. Sebastian, Seaman, and Glofcheski for their help while I am on holidays.
(*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.

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;

Update on Parishioner Donations to Haiti: Once again, our parishioners have shown great generosity in donating financial assistance to the people of Haiti to help in the recovery effort following the disastrous earthquake. As of Sunday, January 24, parishioners have donated **\$8,506** with more coming in on a daily basis. This does not, of course, include donations which parishioners may have made through other organizations.

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 world-wide 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 make cheques payable to Blessed John XXIII Parish marked “Haiti Relief”**. The parish will forward all donations to D&P and issue the income tax receipts at year-end.

Stewardship Reflection: Here we are... one month already gone in 2010! What did you resolve to change this year? Stewardship calls us to change the way we think about who we are, and what we possess. To what changes in your life is God calling you? Is it maybe to spend more time in prayer; are you feeling a need to share a more generous portion of your financial blessings; or maybe you sense a desire to respond to a particular call to use your gifts in the service of others? (*Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca*)

Attention CWL Members: Please pick up your personalized newsletters and prayer calendars from the box in the Narthex. Thank you.

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. In last week’s bulletin we reported the amount of money given to the A.C.C. Board and to other charitable organizations in 2009. We are always looking for new people to help in the canteen – 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: Baby Food

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): There will be another Open House for Kindergarten - Grade 8, at the school, 331 St. Charles Street, on **Thursday, February 25**. Drop by between 1:00 and 3:00 pm for information and a tour of the school. For more details, please call 837-1520. ***Quality Education that is Intellectually Challenging and Faith Filled.***

Winnipeg League for Life pro-life lunch with guest speaker Michael Coren is fast approaching, **Saturday, February 13, 2010** at 12:00 noon at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, 460 Munroe Ave. Topic and lunch promise to be great. Tickets are \$20 each: call Val 224-1070 or the League Office 233-8047.

Adopt-a-Baby Program – Five-Month Developing Baby: Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now and is now strong and big enough that the mother can feel movement. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

Justice, Development and Peace Reflection: *Preferential Option for the Poor (1)*. Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a *preferential love* on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defence, and liberation through numerous works of charity which remain indispensable always and everywhere. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church: §2448*)