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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 7, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS – FEBRUARY 6 – 14, 2010

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
NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8th
9:15 am Tuesday (9th) †Joan Impey req. Allan & Rose Impey
9:15 am Wednesday (10th) †Viola Cinqmars req. Monique & Max Armstrong
9:15 am Thursday (11th) †Annette Strachan req. St. James Knights of Columbus
9:15 am Friday (12th) †Gilbert Girard req. St. James Knights of Columbus
10:45 am Friday (12th) **Communion Service at Sturgeon Creek II**
5:00 pm Saturday (13th) Special Intention req. Jeanne Dufresne
9:00 am Sunday (14th) †Pauline Gorski req. Czarnecki Family
1:00 pm Sunday (14th) For all our Parishioners' Intentions

What's Happening This Week

Rummage Sale:

Friday, February 12

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Gym

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FOCUS OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURES:

Our unworthiness to serve God is overcome by God's grace, and by our willingness to answer His call. Many of God's prophets and the most trusted disciples of Jesus considered themselves unworthy to be chosen to do God's work. So, too, our failures loom in front of us as we wonder why God has called us. However, it is not our worthiness that matters, but God's grace and mercy and our willingness to say "Yes" to Him.

In today's First Reading, Isaiah has a vision in which his mouth is purified by an angel touching his lips with a burning ember. In the Second Reading, Paul calls himself the *least of the Apostles*, but effective due to God's grace. The Gospel tells of Jesus calling Peter and others to be His disciples, telling them they will be catching people instead of fish.

(Faith Catholic Homilies & Commentaries)

Liturgical Renewal: There will be a bulletin insert offered the first Sunday of Lent (February 21, 2010) 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.

Catholic Schools Special Collection: Today throughout the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, parishes will be taking up a special collection in aid of our Catholic Schools. You will find in your bulletins envelopes for this purpose. As part owners of St. Charles Catholic School, any monies received here at our parish will be used to assist *our school* in providing a quality education that is intellectually challenging and faith filled.

Little Black Books for Lent are now available at the back of the church. These are provided to you **free or charge** and have proven to be a very popular resource to help with your daily reflections throughout the Season of Lent. Please pick up your copy as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

While I am away, in case of emergencies, please call Msgr. Comeault (832-1993). Again, I am grateful to Monsignor and to Frs. Sebastian, Seaman, and Glofcheski for their help while I am on holidays.

(Father Gerald)

Update on Parishioner Donations to Haiti: Another \$2,131.00 was received last week to help the people of Haiti following the devastating earthquake in January. This brings our total to-date to **\$10,637**. If you have not yet made a donation but intend to do so, we encourage you to make your donations through *Development & Peace*, (D&P for short), 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 is closely supervised by the Canadian Bishops and spends one of the very lowest percentages of revenue on administration. D&P is a very reputable development organization and as such is eligible for Canadian Government matching funds. For Catholics who

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;

Sincere sympathy is extended to Jose Barrera, our caretaker, following the death of his mother, Cordelia Sibrian, in El Salvador earlier this week. May she rest in peace.

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: Simon, James, and John dropped everything and left behind their old lives in exchange for a new life as a disciple of Jesus. Following Jesus is a privilege that leads to intense joy. Discipleship is not an obligation, it is an opportunity. Jesus not only calls us, He forms us, through the gift of His Church, and in the Holy Spirit He sends us to be '*fishers of people*'. This is where the rubber hits the road for us as disciples. To be a disciple is to be a steward of our faith and to share it with others – to evangelize. The Lord is asking, "Whom shall I send?" Like Isaiah, may our reply be, "Here I am. Send me!" (*Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca*)

Monthly Collections Report:	Actual:	Same Period Last Year:
January, 2010	\$20,116 (5 weeks)	\$22,839 (4 weeks)
Year to date, 2010	\$20,116 (5 weeks)	\$22,839 (4 weeks)

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.

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

Winnipeg Harvest Appeal: Soups (canned or packages)

Caritas in Veritate (In Charity and Truth), Pope Benedict XVI's first social encyclical, explanation presentation by Fr. John Perry, S.J., February 11, at 7:30 pm at St. Ignatius Educational Centre, 925 Jessie Ave.

Last call for the **Winnipeg League for Life** pro-life lunch with guest speaker Michael Coren on **Saturday, February 13, 2010** at 12:00 noon at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, 460 Munroe Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and seating is limited! Call Val 224-1070 or the League Office 233-8047 to pick up or reserve your ticket **before Thursday, February 11th**.

Justice, Development and Peace Reflection: *Preferential Option for the Poor (2)*. While the common good embraces all, those who are weak, vulnerable, and most in need deserve preferential concern. A basic moral test for our society is how we treat the most vulnerable in our midst. In a society marred by deepening disparities between rich and poor, Scripture gives us the story of the Last Judgment (See Matthew 25:31-46) and reminds us that we will be judged by our response to the “least among us.” [*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*]

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 with *Baltimore Road*, as well as Marcel Desilets. These three were the originators of the Coffee House in 1997.