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**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – FEBRUARY 21, 2010**

**MASS INTENTIONS – FEBRUARY 20 – 28, 2010**

<b>5:00 pm Saturday (20<sup>th</sup>)</b>	†Carl Durban req. Cheryl Chartrand & Family
<b>9:00 am Sunday (21<sup>st</sup>)</b>	†Cordelia Sibrian req. Kitty Piper
<b>1:00 pm Sunday (21<sup>st</sup>)</b>	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
	<b>NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
9:15 am Tuesday (23 <sup>rd</sup> )	†Joan Impey req. Allan & Rose Impey
<b><u>1:00 pm Tuesday (23<sup>rd</sup>)</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly Mass at Sturgeon Creek I</u></b>
*** <b>5:30 pm Tuesday (23<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	†Cordelia Sibrian req. The Morning Mass Group
9:15 am Wednesday (24 <sup>th</sup> )	†Joseph Melnyk req. Betty Melnyk & Family
*** <b>5:30 pm Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup>)</b>	†Cordelia Sibrian req. Mary Nicholson
9:15 am Thursday (25 <sup>th</sup> )	The Morning Mass Group req. Stephanie & Ted Dandewich
*** <b>5:30 pm Thursday (25<sup>th</sup>)</b>	†Kasper Szmigelski req. The Grant Family
9:15 am Friday (26 <sup>th</sup> )	†Deceased Family Members req. Lina Gaspar
*** <b>5:30 pm Friday (26<sup>th</sup>)</b>	†Cordelia Sibrian req. Joan & Gary McCallum
<b>5:00 pm Saturday (27<sup>th</sup>)</b>	†Stan and †Chris Zaharia req. Connie & Steve Csizmadia
<b>9:00 am Sunday (28<sup>th</sup>)</b>	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
<b>1:00 pm Sunday (28<sup>th</sup>)</b>	†Gracia Daignault req. Antonia Allard

**What's Happening This Week**

\*\*\* **Please note:** During Lent there will also be a 5:30 p.m. Mass, Tuesday to Friday. Following the Mass on Friday evenings there will be Stations of the Cross.

Scripture Study

Tuesday, February 23

Room 10

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

In Deuteronomy, Moses prescribes the attitude of mind and heart that ought to accompany the people's offering of the first fruits of their labour. As the people make their offering, they are to recall God's redemptive benevolence in hearing their cry and leading them by signs and wonders to freedom. Thus, the people are to be filled with gratitude as they link God's present and ongoing blessing. God desires that we dwell in freedom. In Psalm 91 the Church recalls the fidelity of Jesus as He resisted temptation in the desert and begs of God the grace and presence to enable her children to cling to the Lord who delivers us from evil. In Romans, Paul underscores the saving unity of verbal confession and belief in the core of one's being, the heart. The gift of salvation is available to all, Jew and Greek, whose call on the name of the Lord flows from the depths of one's being. When our call for salvation flows from the depth of our heart, the Lord grants the gift we seek. In Luke's portrayal of the temptations of Jesus, the devil's quips progress from his own words, the devil invokes the effective word of God. Yet, God's word is effective not when invoked with evil intention, but with the intention of living in the truth of its spirit. The Holy Spirit enables in us the gift of discernment to recognize the true and life-giving call of God's word. *(Sourcebook)*

As we enter into the Lenten Season we are beginning the process of Liturgical Renewal in the parish first introduced in the Archdiocese 3 years ago. On a weekly basis, I will introduce the Liturgy of the day prior to the opening procession and may also take some time at the beginning of the homily as well. I will be inviting the parish to reflect on this process as we seek to honour the Archbishop's wishes and to compliment the other parishes in the Archdiocese who have already gone through the renewal. On Saturday, we had the second of four workshops as we introduced the second component of the renewal in the Liturgy of the Word. The third workshop will take place on **Saturday, March 20**, with an introduction to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Fourth and final component of the renewal is the Dismissal Rites. That Workshop will take place on **April 24**. His Grace, Archbishop Weisgerber, in his pastoral letter some years back stressed that change can bring considerable challenge to us and can seem uneven at times. I hope and pray that we as a community will open our hearts and minds to the Liturgical Renewal as it takes place in the parish. Please be patient with this process and with one another as we journey through this season of Lent together and reflect on the Paschal Mystery of our Lord. *(Father Gerald)*

**Rummage Sale - February 12, 2010:** The sale last Friday raised a total of \$527.42. Thank you to everyone who came out to help with set-up in the morning and in the evening during the sale. Thanks also, of course, to everyone who contributed items for sale.

**Stewardship Reflection:** We face many temptations in our lives today. We are tempted to desire success, power, prestige, and control. Jesus did not give into the devil when tempted. His only desire was to follow the plan God had for him. True success in life is directly dependant upon how much control we allow God to have in our lives. Knowing that we are doing the Father's will is reward enough. Take some time during Lent to discern and pray about God's plan for you. *(Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, [www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca))*

**Attention CWL Members:** The General Meeting will be held at St. Paul the Apostle Church on **Monday, February 22** with Mass at 7:00 pm followed by the meeting and ending with a Social Evening. Come and bring a friend to get to know all your sisters in the League from our four parishes. Hope to see you there!

**St. Charles Catholic School (Our School), 331 St. Charles Street:**

(1) There will be another Open House for Kindergarten - Grade 8, at the school on **Thursday, February 25**. Drop by between 1:00 and 3:00 pm for information and a tour of the school.

(2) Explore Music with Your Child: Suzuki Early Childhood Education Classes at St. Charles Catholic School. Join us on **Tuesday, March 2** at 7:00 pm for a discussion of the benefits of music in early childhood.

For more information on either of these events, please call 837-1520.

**The St. James Knights of Columbus** are pleased to sponsor a presentation on the topic of Prostrate Cancer presented by Mr. Norm Oman. The event takes place here at Blessed John XIII Parish on Monday, March 8 at 7:30 pm. ALL are welcome.

**Immaculate Conception Drop-in Centre:** The next parish-sponsored meal for the poor of our city will be on **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**. Our long-time coordinators are unable to look after this meal; therefore, we require replacements for them for this month. If you are able to take on this ministry to the poor for this particular dinner, please contact Alice or Ray Fleury (889-2660).

**Archbishop Weisgerber to receive Caritas Award:** The Catholic Foundation of Manitoba will be presenting the Annual Caritas Award to Most Reverend James Weisgerber, Archbishop of Winnipeg, at the Annual Caritas Award Dinner on **Thursday, April 15** at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Tickets may be ordered from the Catholic Foundation of Manitoba, phone (204) 233-4268 or e-mail: [cfmb@mts.net](mailto:cfmb@mts.net). We also have a few available through the parish office.

**Winnipeg Harvest Appeal: Macaroni & Cheese Dinners**

**Justice, Development and Peace Reflection:** Each Lent, D&P, the Canadian Catholic Church's international development agency, invites Canadian Catholics to give, with love, to those with the least in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. The popular *Lifestyle Awareness Calendar*, distributed in our bulletin last week, helps families reflect on the gifts they enjoy, and collect alms so that others may share in the feast of life. This year the *Calendar* has more activities for families with young children, including growing a Lenten plant that can be used as a Symbol of Solidarity. Please be sure you have a *Calendar* to share with your extended family – if not, pick one up from the Narthex or the Office. Tell others about it. The annual D&P **ShareLent** collection will take place in this parish on **March 21, Solidarity Sunday**.

**World Day of Prayer 2010:** This is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. The theme this year is *Let everything that has breath praise God* and is written by the women of Cameroon. In our area, we will join our neighbours in celebrating World Day of Prayer at Crestview United Church, 316 Hamilton Ave., on **Friday, March 5 at 7:30 pm**. Please come and bring a friend.

**Learn more about Human Trafficking Fund-raising Breakfast:** Saturday, March 6, 2010, 9:00 am to Noon, St. Boniface Cathedral, Lower Level, tickets \$20. Hosted by Associates of Missionary Oblate Sisters - Social Justice Committee. Guest Speakers are Cst. Darren Skomoroh, Winnipeg Police Service, *Protecting People from Sexual Exploitation*; Rosalind Prober, Founder & President, Beyond Borders; Sr. Lesley Sacouman, SNJM, Holy Names House of Peace. For more information and tickets contact: Gisele Meilleur, a.m.o. (237-5992 (Tues & Thurs); or Yvette Barnardin, m.o., 414-8887 (Wed & Fri, 5 - 9 pm). Proceeds to Holy Names House of Peace.

