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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – FEBRUARY 28, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS – FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 7, 2010

5:00 pm Saturday (27th)	†Stan and †Chris Zaharia req. Connie & Steve Csizmadia
9:00 am Sunday (28th)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
1:00 pm Sunday (28th)	†Gracia Daignault req. Antonia Allard
	NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, MARCH 1ST
<u>7:00 pm Monday (1st)</u>	<u>Monthly Mass St. James Knights of Columbus</u>
9:15 am Tuesday (2 nd)	†Baby Maira Fleury req. John & Yvonne Chiasson
*** 5:30 pm Tuesday (2nd)	†Cordelia Sibrian req. Mary Nicholson
9:15 am Wednesday (3 rd)	†Kelvin Ntwanga; Spec. Int. Lucas Musonda req. Irene Korowski & Karen Ntwanga
<u>2:30 pm Wednesday (3rd)</u>	<u>Monthly Mass at Golden West Centennial Lodge</u>
*** 5:30 pm Wednesday (3rd)	†Cordelia Sibrian req. Glen & Heather Dainard
9:15 am Thursday (4 th)	†Fergus Sherlock req. The Sherlock Family
*** 5:30 pm Thursday (4th)	†Margaret Wilson req. René Defries and Family
9:15 am Friday (5 th)	†Fernando Bettencourt req. Maria Bettencourt
*** 5:30 pm Friday (5th)	†Cordelia Sibrian req. The Morning Mass Group
5:00 pm Saturday (6th)	†Victorina Alberto req. The Tualla Family
9:00 am Sunday (7th)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
1:00 pm Sunday (7th)	†Deceased Family Members req. Doug McKay & Family

What's Happening This Week

Today is Catechism Sunday – 2:00 p.m. downstairs in hall and classrooms

Knights of Columbus:	Monday, March 1	7:00 pm Mass followed by meeting
ACC Knitters Group:	Monday, March 1	7:00 pm Lounge
Scripture Study	Tuesday, March 2	10:00 am Room 10
Development & Peace Mtg:	Tuesday, March 2	7:00 pm Lounge

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Liturgy of the Word: Today's First Reading relates Abram's experience of God's covenanting and faithful love. In God's covenanting with His people, He provides what we cannot, the fire of love that consumes our hearts, uniting us with the Lord forever. In the Second Reading, Paul encourages his listeners to put their trust in Jesus, rather than earthly things. In today's Gospel, Moses and Elijah converse with Jesus concerning the exodus that He is about to accomplish in Jerusalem; He is transfigured before three of His Apostles and a voice from heaven declares Jesus to be God's beloved Son; they are to listen to Him. The cross, a symbol of sin, defeat, suffering, and death, will be transformed into a symbol of holiness, victory, exaltation, and life, for by it the beloved Son leads us out of death into life.

As we walk the way of the cross, may the Holy Spirit sustain us in an awareness of this truth.

(Adapted from The Sourcebook and Faith Catholic Homilies & Commentaries)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Over the past months we have had one catechumen, Precious Hurst, and one candidate, Erin Fulford journeying with four other individuals from St. Paul the Apostle Parish. Thanks to Fr. Mark Tarrant and his team, we were invited to combine forces this year and offer a joint process. Last Sunday, we had the Rite of Election at the 11:15 mass at St. Paul the Apostle. Normally this Rite would have taken place at the Cathedral; however, as Archbishop Weisgerber is away on sabbatical until the end of March, the parishes were asked to offer the Rite this year. All of the participants spoke of the overwhelming sense of welcome they received at the Liturgy.

As Lent is reserved in a special way for those preparing for baptism and full communion in the Catholic Church, I invite you to join with me in praying for Precious and Erin in a special way throughout this time of preparation as they will soon be received into our community. While the scrutinies in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent will be held at St. Paul the Apostle, Precious and Erin will be received into **our** community at the Easter Vigil celebration on **Saturday, April 3**. Please keep them in your prayers throughout our Lenten journey and let us prepare to welcome them at Easter.

Liturgical Renewal: Last Saturday was the second workshop of four to introduce the Liturgical Renewal to our parish. Our next session will be on **Saturday, March 20** from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Including the two Renewal Workshops, we have also offered a lectors and communion ministers workshop. These workshops will be offered again in April and May to allow our "Snow Birds" an opportunity to participate. If you are considering participating more fully in our liturgies at the parish, I welcome you to consider joining us in a future workshop. We would be happy to increase our participation numbers. Please continue to pray for this process and the opportunity it offers our community to grow. *(Father Gerald)*

2009 Income Tax Receipts: This is your very last opportunity to save the parish the cost of mailing out receipts that have not yet been picked up. **Please make sure before going home today that you take your income tax receipt from the box in the Narthex.**

Rummage Sale: Our next sale will be on Friday, March 12, 2010. We will now gladly accept articles for sale. Perhaps it's a bit early for Spring cleaning, but please remember us when you decide to dispose of your re-saleable items.

The St. James Knights of Columbus have teamed up with *Development & Peace* again this year to bring you the **5th Annual Fish and Loaves Meal** at Blessed John XXIII Parish. The date is **Friday, March 19th** beginning with Mass at 5:30 pm, then Stations of the Cross with Fr. Gerald presiding, followed by the meal downstairs in the hall. The cost is \$5.00 per person. All monies realized goes to *Development & Peace*. Tickets will be available after each Mass in the Narthex. Let us all come together to experience this Lenten devotion and share in some fellowship. All are welcome. For more information call Paul Swart at 885-2588.

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.

Stewardship Reflection: At the top of the mountain, Peter and his companions were blessed to witness the glory of God present in the person of Christ. It was *good for them to be there*. We do not have to climb to the top of a mountain to experience God's glory. We see God's glory every day in simple acts of generosity and kindness. We good stewards know that when we use and share our gifts for God's glory, and **not** for our own, our lives can be transfigured. As good stewards we all have a role to play in advancing God's Kingdom; it is *good for us to be here!* (Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca)

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

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, please call the school (837-1520).

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please pick up your schedules for March and April, which include Palm/Passion Sunday and the Easter Triduum. These schedules start next weekend, so please remember to pick up your copy today.

Immaculate Conception Drop-in Centre: The next parish-sponsored meal for the poor of our city will be on **Sunday, April 18th**. 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).

Winnipeg Harvest Appeal: Canned Meat or Stew

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; Adelle Farkas; Shirley Payment; Jean Foley; Darcy Uzelman; Jack Krassie; Andre Meyer; Joan Nevins; Elsie Mason; Joe Lebedeff; Doug Rosler; Louis Gollets; Anne Luhowy; Gladys Barton;

A “**Big Thanks**” to all of you for your Masses, Prayers, thoughts and concerns for us during Doug’s recent illness. He is recovering and gradually getting back into normal routine. God bless you!
(Doug & Elsie Rosler)

Justice, Development and Peace Reflection: As Pope Benedict reminds us in the encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, “Food and access to water are universal rights of all human beings without distinction or discrimination.” Yet more than a billion people do not have enough food to live healthy, productive lives. Most live in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. This is where *Development & Peace* works in solidarity with partners to increase access to food for poor communities. Some success stories: a new partner in Madagascar which has helped a thousand families increase the amount of rice they grow, and a Haitian partner which has trained small-scale farmers to increase their yields sustainably.

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, 9:00 a.m. 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.