

**BLESSED JOHN XXIII PARISH**  
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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 14, 2010**

**MASS INTENTIONS – MARCH 13 – 21, 2010**

<b>5:00 pm Saturday (13<sup>th</sup>)</b>	For the Csizmadia Family req. Connie & Steve Csizmadia
<b>9:00 am Sunday (14<sup>th</sup>)</b>	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
<b>1:00 pm Sunday (14<sup>th</sup>)</b>	†Arthur Stuart McNaughtan req. Edith McNaughtan
	<b>NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, MARCH 15<sup>th</sup></b>
9:15 am Tuesday (16 <sup>th</sup> )	Spec. Int. Dolores & Paul Mulaire req. Robertson Family
*** <b>5:30 pm Tuesday (16<sup>th</sup>)</b>	†Joseph Downey req. Marnie & Bob Downey
9:15 am Wednesday (17 <sup>th</sup> )	†Elisha Alma Louise Lamirande req. Joanne Laval
*** <b>5:30 pm Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup>)</b>	†Peter Pittarelli req. Steve & Dolores Zegalski
9:15 am Thursday (18 <sup>th</sup> )	†Beloved of Kuryk Family req. Anne Lamothe
	<b><u>2:00 pm Thursday (18<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>
*** <b>5:30 pm Thursday (18<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b><u>Monthly Mass at Heritage Lodge</u></b>
9:15 am Friday (19 <sup>th</sup> )	†Jean Gatien req. St. James-Assiniboia CWL
*** <b>5:30 pm Friday (19<sup>th</sup>)</b>	†Beloved of Lamothe Family req. Anne Lamothe
9:00 am Saturday (20 <sup>th</sup> )	†Cordelia Sibrian req. Justice, Development & Peace Cttee.
*** <b>5:00 pm Saturday (20<sup>th</sup>)</b>	†Gudrun Margaret (Peggy) Hiebert req. St. James K. of C.
<b>9:00 am Sunday (21<sup>st</sup>)</b>	†Baby Maira Fleury & Family req. Kitty Piper
<b>1:00 pm Sunday (21<sup>st</sup>)</b>	For all our Parishioners' Intentions

**What's Happening This Week**

\*\*\* **Please remember:** There is a 5:30 pm Mass Tuesday - Friday during Lent. Following the Friday evening Mass this week there will be the D&P Stations of the Cross followed by the Fish & Loaves Meal.

Knights of Columbus Exec. Mtg:	Monday, March 15	7:00 pm	Room 10
ACC Knitters Group:	Monday, March 15	7:00 pm	Lounge
Scripture Study	Tuesday, March 16	10:00 am	Room 10
ACC Board Meeting:	Thursday, March 18	7:00 pm	Room 10

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**(Laetare Sunday – Half-way mark of Lent)**

**Liturgy of the Word:**

**First Reading:** After 40 years of desert wandering, the Israelites tasted the fruits of their homeland. The manna, given as sustenance by God, ceased to fall, and the land of Canaan, God's gift, would supply their need. As we wander in the desert of Lent, the Church invites us to be strengthened by a vision of future blessings, the fullness of blessing in the kingdom. God will exchange one great gift that sustains us for another that provides everlasting life.

**Second Reading:** Paul encourages the members of the Corinthian Church to be God's ambassadors of reconciliation by proclaiming the gift of grace that they themselves received from the Lord. The Lord Jesus himself provides the model, for He emptied Himself by drawing near to us in compassion, so that we might become like God. In the self-emptying acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we seek to prepare a space within us for both the Lord and those in need to draw near to us.

**Gospel:** In the parable of the prodigal son, we know only of the decision of the younger son, who accepts the fullness of the father's embrace. The elder "faithful" son, filled with resentment at the father's lavish forgiveness of his brother, remains in the field. We are not told whether the father's message of extravagant love for both sons will move him to enter into the celebration of eternal life. In this holy season, whether we are distant or close to home, we are invited to fuller life.  
*(Sourcebook)*

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:**

**Change of Dates for Liturgy Gatherings:** Due to the Penitential Service schedule within our Central Deanery, beginning on Tuesday, March 16 at Good Shepherd Parish in Portage La Prairie, I am changing the Liturgy Committee meeting to Saturday, March 20 from 1-3 pm in the Narthex. I am hoping to have representatives (all three Mass times) from all groups involved in our parish liturgies; namely, choir members, sacristans, lectors/readers, communion ministers, ushers/greeters, and any other parishioners who would like to attend. As this date was originally set for the Liturgy of the Eucharist Workshop for the Liturgical Renewal, the date for that workshop is now set for Saturday, March 27 from 10-12 pm in the Worship Area.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance:** Please be reminded that the Sacrament will be offered here in our parish on **Thursday, March 25** from 10-11:30 am. Several priests will be available for this Penitential Service. I will also make myself available 45 minutes prior to the two Friday evening Masses on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:15 pm and again on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 45 minutes before the 5:00 pm Mass (4:00-4:45pm). In addition to these date, I will also be available prior to the daily Masses (8:30-9:00 am) and (4:30-5:15 pm).  
*(Fr. Gerald)*

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish and Loaves Meal – March 19 – Get your tickets now before it's too late!**

**The St. James Knights of Columbus** have teamed up with *Development & Peace* again this year to bring you this very popular event, 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 go 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.

**CWL General Monthly Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 22, at St. Ann's Parish, beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm followed by a meeting downstairs in the hall. Dr. Larry Rados will speak to us on Euthanasia. Come and bring a friend to fellowship with your Sisters in the League from all four parishes.

**Stewardship Reflection:** The Christian disciple is a steward who is prayerful, persistent, patient, and strives to joyfully and generously live out the personal vocation to which God calls him or her. These characteristics are most valuable in our own prodigal stories. At times we may stumble and wander away from God. When we do, we find hope in today's Gospel. Through our patience, perseverance, and above all prayer, we can return to the Father trusting in His forgiveness. (*Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca*)

**Justice, Development and Peace Reflection:**

Next Sunday, March 21, is Solidarity Sunday, when parishes dedicate their collection to *Development and Peace* (D&P), the international development agency of the Canadian Catholic Church. Perhaps you have been following the activities and almsgiving suggestions in the *D&P Lifestyle Awareness Calendar*. Solidarity Sunday is a wonderful time to donate the alms you have collected. Through D&P, you can watch your gift grow in the hands of those with the least in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. This year, you may want to consider joining ***Share Year-Round***, the monthly giving program of *Development and Peace*. Find out more by talking to our parish Justice, Development & Peace members today, after Mass.

**Winnipeg Harvest Appeal:** Canned Beans (with or without Pork)

**The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Good Friday Public Way of the Cross** will take place on Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will begin at 9:00 am at Holy Ghost Parish, 341 Selkirk Ave. (between Main St. and Salter St.) Come and be part of the prayers and reflections, depicting Jesus' act of love where "He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:7) that leads us to Resurrection and life everlasting. Any questions please contact Fr. Mieczyslaw at Holy Ghost Parish (582-4157 ext. 224 or email: [parish@holyghost.ca](mailto:parish@holyghost.ca))

**Director of Youth Ministry:** The Archdiocese of Winnipeg invites applications for the position of Director of Youth Ministry, duties to commence August 1, 2010. As part of the Pastoral Team, the Director provides direction, resources and counsel on formation of ministry with youth. The successful candidate should possess a strong commitment to and understanding of the Catholic Faith. If you have excellent interpersonal and organizational skills, an attitude of service and hospitality, flexibility, initiative and dedication, then you are asked to submit your resume in writing or by email, with the names of three references including your pastor, in confidence by **March 31, 2010** to: Human Resources, Archdiocese of Winnipeg, 1495 Pembina Hwy., Winnipeg, MB R3T 2C6 or [humanresources@archwinnipeg.ca](mailto:humanresources@archwinnipeg.ca). A detailed job description is posted on the bulletin board at the north and south entrances to the building.

**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; Pat Phillips; Judy Horn; Karen Cruickshanks;

**Our condolences to Dolores Zegalski on the death of her brother, Ernest Stach, in Brandon on March 4<sup>th</sup>. *May he rest in peace.***

**St. François-Xavier Parish** presents as a fund-raiser, Sisters of the Holy Rock, at the Headingly Community Centre on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 6:00 pm, show starts at 7:00 pm. Tickets (\$20 each) are available from Charles & Elaine Senecal (864-2865) of Odile Thibert (864-2367).

**An appeal from Our Lady of Victory Parish: Please help!** The Graves-Haasbeek Family (Bannerman Ave Fire) have lost everything due to a house fire. The family escaped from the house with their six children and night clothes on their backs. Our Lady of Victory is hosting a Silent Auction/Pasta Dinner on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. All donations are greatly appreciated. A trust account has been set up for the family at: Bank #5026281 Transit #06827 Financial Institution #003 – a monetary donation can be made at any financial institution. Please contact Our Lady of Victory at 452-7632 or visit our web site at [victory.edu.com](http://victory.edu.com).

**Coming Events at St. Benedict's Retreat and Conference Centre, 225 Masters Ave.**

Wednesday, March 17: Blessed Work! This month's topic for the Contemplative Living Series; led by Marie Baker, OSB 9:30-3:00 \$35 includes lunch

Friday, March 19: Centering Prayer, Deepening Retreat weekend experience.

For more information or to register Call 339-1705 or go online for details at [www.stbens.ca](http://www.stbens.ca)