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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 21, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS – MARCH 20 – 28, 2010

5:00 pm Saturday (20th)	†Gudrun Margaret (Peggy) Hiebert req. St. James K. of C.
9:00 am Sunday (21st)	†Baby Maira Fleury & Family req. Kitty Piper
1:00 pm Sunday (21st)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
	NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, MARCH 22nd
9:15 am Tuesday (23 rd)	†Bob Hilsendager req. Loretta & Paul Maley
*** 5:30 pm Tuesday (23rd)	†Ben Puchniak req. Marnie & Bob Puchniak
9:15 am Wednesday (24 th)	†Baby Maira Fleury req. Joan & Gary McCallum
*** 5:30 pm Wednesday (24th)	†Tekla Hryhorka req. Steve & Dolores Zegalski
9:15 am Thursday (25 th)	†Sophie Pochailo req. Elsie & Doug Rosler
*** 5:30 pm Thursday (25th)	Thanksgiving req. Al & Ann McMurdie
9:15 am Friday (26 th)	†Sophie Pochailo req. Anne Karpinchik & Family
*** 5:30 pm Friday (26th)	†Cordelia Sibrian req. Alice Edwards
5:00 pm Saturday (27th)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
9:00 am Sunday (28th)	†Deceased Family & Friends req. Sue & René Gobeil
1:00 pm Sunday (28th)	†Deceased Family Members req. The Daignault Family

What's Happening This Week

*** **Please remember:** There is a 5:30 pm Mass Tuesday - Friday during Lent. Following the Friday evening Mass there will be Stations of the Cross.

Scripture Study	Tuesday, March 23	10:00 am	Room 10
Parish Reconciliation/Penance Service	Thursday, March 25	10:00 - 11:30 am	
Liturgy of the Eucharist Workshop	Saturday, March 27	10:00 - Noon	
Upcoming: Catechism Sunday	March 28	2:00 pm	Downstairs

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 21, 2010
(Solidarity Sunday)

Liturgy of the Word:

First Reading: Through the words of Isaiah, God called His people to turn their gaze from the past to the future, where He will do something new. God provides abundant water in the desert to satisfy the people that He Himself will make His own. In our desert wandering and exile, the Lord calls us not to memory of glories past, but to the vision of our lives made new.

Second Reading: St. Paul's proclamation that Christ is now the sole focus and meaning of his life is accompanied by another powerful claim. He will no longer rely on his own efforts for salvation. Christ is not only the beginning and end for Paul; He is also the way itself, both as the model and means of the way to salvation. The victory of the Resurrection is Christ's gift to be bestowed on all who believe.

Gospel: The adulterous woman's execution was thwarted by the dropping of stones, and not by her protestations of repentance. Her accusers laid down their stones and their hearts of stone as Jesus' penetrating challenge enabled them to make an honest assessment of their own lives. The woman herself made no protestation of a repentant life, but acknowledged that her accusers had departed. Jesus, while siding with those who refuse to stone her, challenges her to a new life free from this sin. *(Sourcebook)*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

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 19th and 26th from 4:30-5:15 pm and again on Saturday, March 27th 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).

Liturgical Renewal Workshop (Liturgy of the Eucharist): Saturday, March 27 from 10-12 pm in the Worship Area.

Catechism Sunday, March 28: Sr. Lesley Sacouman, s.n.j.m, will speak to parents regarding the mission and work of The House of Peace. Any interested parishioners are invited to come join us for coffee and refreshments following the 1:00 pm Mass to hear her talk.

Thanks to all who participated in the **5th Annual Development & Peace and Fish & Loaves Meal**. Thanks to our St. James Knights of Columbus for putting on such a delicious meal. Thank you to our Justice, Peace and Development Group who led us in the Stations of the Cross following Mass. It was a wonderful occasion to come together during this Lenten season to pray and break bread together for a good cause. Know that the funds gathered from the supper will serve a good purpose in the work of *Development and Peace*.

(Fr. Gerald)

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.



Share Lent Special Collection Today

Donations made by churches across Canada on this one day, Solidarity Sunday, allow *Development and*

Peace to support more than 200 partners in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. Ten percent of the **Share Lent** collection goes to help people living in emergency situations. Because of the special needs in Darfur, where people are suffering from the effects of 20 years of civil war, *Development and Peace* has made Sudan a priority country for special assistance until 2011. Joining forces with Caritas Internationalis, *Development and Peace* will focus on the needs of women and children living in internal refugee camps in Sudan. Thank you for your generous contributions. Your gifts to *Development and Peace* today, given in love, will grow wisely in the hands of our partners. In solidarity, we can help peace and justice grow, and ease hunger in the world. **Please make cheques payable to Blessed John XXIII Parish**, marked "Share Lent". The parish will forward all donations received to *Development and Peace* and issue the income tax receipts at year-end.

Rummage Sale: The last sale on Friday, March 12 raised a total of **\$508.87**. The next sale will be on Friday, April 16 and we are now accepting articles, especially **Jewellery** which is always very popular. Our present **Publicity** volunteer, Stella Howard, after many, many years of holding this position, would like to hand it over to someone else. If you are interested, please call Stella at 896-8439.

Stewardship Reflection: How will you be remembered? As one who adhered to a strict observance of the law? Or, as one who was not too quick to judge and lovingly gave others a second chance? Throughout our lives we will experience many relationships, and they are *all* gifts from God. How will you be a good steward of those relationships? In Jesus' encounter with the woman caught in adultery we are given an example of how we are to care for the people we encounter in our lives. (*Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca*)

The 23rd Annual Good Friday Public Way of the Cross will take place on Good Friday, April 2nd. 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)

Caritas Award Dinner: 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 are available here at the office or they may be ordered from the Catholic Foundation of Manitoba, phone (204) 233-4268 or e-mail: cfmb@mts.net

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;

Captain Miles MacDonell Assembly #370 of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring its 34th Annual Dinner and Draw in support of Catholic Schools. This year's recipient is St. John Brebeuf Catholic School. **Dinner & Draw Details: When:** Wednesday, **April 21, 2010** – Social Hour 6:00 pm – Dinner 7:00 pm – Draw to follow. **Where:** Blessed John XXIII Parish Hall. **What:** A full course dinner. Complimentary bar. Up to 14 cash prizes of \$25 each and the final \$1,000 draw prize. **Cost:** Dinner and Draw Ticket \$50 of which \$20 is tax deductible. If you are unable to attend the Dinner & Draw, you can participate in the Draw portion of the event by buying a "Draw Only" Ticket for \$25. You get a chance at the prizes plus a tax receipt for \$20. Tickets are available at the office until Sunday, April 5.

Winnipeg Harvest Appeal: Canned Vegetables

Way of the Cross: Prayer service in the form of the Way of the Cross in solidarity with the families and victims of Human Trafficking at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 4588 Roblin Boulevard on **Friday, March 26** starting at 7:00 pm. Coffee and refreshments to follow in Fr. Manley Hall. This is sponsored by Micah House and the Winnipeg Diocesan CWL.

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

St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Women's League is hosting the Annual Palm Sunday Tea on **March 28** between 1:00 and 3:30 pm, St. Basil's Parish Auditorium, 202 Harcourt St. His Grace Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak will officially open the tea. Home Baking - Raffle - Silent Auction.

St. Benedict's Retreat and Conference Centre, 225 Masters Ave. has a position open for weekend dishwasher. Shifts are 7:00 am - 3:30 pm. Apply to Andrew at 338-4601