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PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – MARCH 28, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS – MARCH 27 – APRIL 4, 2010

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
	NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, MARCH 29th
9:15 am Tuesday (30 th)	†Bob Hilsendager req. Joe & Maureen Ploquin
<u>1:00 pm Tuesday (30th)</u>	<u>Monthly Mass at Sturgeon Creek I</u>
5:30 pm Tuesday (30th)	Special Intention of a Little Girl req. Jose Barrera
9:15 am Wednesday (31 st)	†Baby Maira Fleury req. Bill & Helen Patterson
5:30 pm Wednesday (31st)	†Ernest Stach req. Dolores & Steve Zegalski

EASTER TRIDUUM:

HOLY THURSDAY: April 1st
No morning Mass today
7:30 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY: April 2nd
11:00 am
3:00 pm

Ecumenical Tenebrae Service with St. Chad's Parishioners
Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY: April 3rd
2:00 pm
7:30 pm Easter Vigil
(Reception to follow downstairs)

Blessing of the Easter Baskets
†Kathleen Fischer req. Macdonell Family

EASTER SUNDAY: April 4th
9:00 am
1:00 pm

†Deceased Family & Friends req. Kitty Piper & Mary Jambor
For all our Parishioners' Intentions

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On Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday) the Church enters the mystery of her crucified, buried, and risen Lord who, by His entrance into Jerusalem, gave a glimpse of His own majesty. We carry palm branches today as a sign of the royal triumph that Christ won by His acceptance of the cross. This Sunday awkwardly carries two titles (Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday) as one alone would not suffice. The story of Christ's triumphal entry makes a striking counterpoint to the Passion that follows. The triumphant welcome of Jesus at the beginning of the week sharply clashes with His painful arrest and condemnation at the end.

Liturgy of the Word:

First Reading: Isaiah announces the obedience of a suffering servant whose tongue faithfully proclaims God's word. Faithful proclamation itself opened the suffering servant to the calumny and abuse of the crowds; yet he endured mistreatment and continued to proclaim God's word. His fidelity is our salvation.

Second Reading: The Philippians' hymn, eloquent and poetic, speaks of a two-phase movement of Jesus' self-emptying love: the Incarnation and Crucifixion. The Incarnation is portrayed as the self-emptying of divinity through the embrace of our humanity. The Crucifixion is portrayed as the self-emptying of humanity through the embrace of a violent and cruel death. This twofold act of self-emptying love is both God's complete and total embrace of our existence and a summons to imitate the Lord in our relations with one another.

Gospel/Passion: Jesus' words concerning the new covenant memorial were followed without interlude with a prediction of the disciples' betrayal. Jesus' stark claim is ironically twisted into a conversation about the greatest among them. In the Lord's Passion and death, the very issue of greatness is played out. As the disciples, political leaders, religious groups, and crowds display the weakness of betrayal, refusal to take responsibility for their actions, scapegoating and condemnation of the innocent, Jesus' greatness is displayed in steadfast fidelity, the forgiveness of sin, and the promise of life in the kingdom. (*Sourcebook*)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: I am grateful to Father Mark Tarrant (St. Paul the Apostle); Father Paul Tinguely (St. Charles Parish); Father Stan Gacek (St. Anthony of Padua - Hungarian); Father Mariano Batucan (St. Edward's), who assisted at our Parish Penitential Service on Thursday, March 25.

Please be reminded that I will be available to hear Confessions 45 minutes prior to the 9:15 am and 5:30 pm Masses on Tuesday, March 30 and Wednesday, March 31 for those who have not yet had an opportunity to receive the Sacrament in preparation for Easter. (*Fr. Gerald*)

Attention Ushers: A sign up sheet for ushers to cover the additional Easter Triduum Masses is posted on the closet door in the Narthex. Please sign up to let us know when you may be available or contact Richard Carlyle at 889-0238. Thanks once again for your assistance with our Ministry of Hospitality.

Thank you to all who took part in the **5th Annual Fish & Loaves Meal and Stations of the Cross** on Friday, March 19. With your support and participation just over \$927.34 was realized. These proceeds will be donated to *Development & Peace*. The St. James Knights of Columbus hope for all to come together and experience this Lenten devotion along with some fellowship was met. Thank you again. *(Paul Swart)*

National Catholic Lenten Mission for 2010: Tomorrow night the National Catholic Mission 2010, "A God For All Seasons", will be broadcast on VISIONTV on Monday, March 29 (Part 1) and Tuesday, March 30 (Part 2) at 8:00 pm and repeated at 10:00 pm. It will feature Spiritan Father Pat Fitzpatrick and Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister.

Rummage Sale: 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: It is always difficult to hear the Passion narrative. Yet we see in Jesus' Passion something that is at the heart of discipleship and stewardship – **trust**. Jesus' anxiety in the garden turns into trust, "*yet not my will but yours be done.*" Good stewards set aside pride and fear and trust in God's plan for their lives. Pray for wisdom, so that you may know how God wants you to use and share the gift of your life. There is an intense joy and peace of mind that can only be found in doing the will of God. *(Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca)*

Immaculate Conception Drop-In Centre Dinner - April 18, 2010: Thank you to Cindy Allard who has agreed to coordinate the dinner this time. We require twelve people to cook the seven-layer casseroles (recipes, all ingredients and pans are provided). A blue binder is on the table in the Narthex for those who are willing to help out with this outreach to the poor of our city.

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

Winnipeg Harvest Appeal: Baby Food

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; Jack Krassie; Andre Meyer; Joan Nevins; Elsie Mason; Joe Lebedeff; Doug Rosler; Louis Gollets; Anne Luhowy; Gladys Barton; Pat Phillips; Judy Horn; Karen Cruickshanks; Geraldine Turner; Jack Egan
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Darcy Uzelman, nephew of Loretta Maley of our parish.

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.

ADOPT-A-BABY PROGRAM: Seven Month Developing Baby – You are in the homeward stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. It is completely formed and has been since 8 weeks. All the baby is doing now is gaining weight – and making the mother uncomfortable with its size. But she is not worried now. In a short time her baby will be born. She has planned to bring her baby home or to place it for adoption. Either way, she knows she can receive the assistance she needs from the Catholic Church and from the crisis pregnancy centres. Your baby's mother appreciates the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It hasn't been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace to seek the help she needs.

The Archdiocese of Winnipeg GiFT Committee (Growing in Faith Together) is offering a day entitled: *Praying With Scripture* here at our parish on **Saturday, April 24** from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. This day will present experiences of praying with scripture individually in private prayer and also praying with scripture in a group. A light lunch will be provided at no charge. Registration forms are available in the office.