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EASTER SUNDAY: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – APRIL 4, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 3 - 11, 2010

7:30 pm Saturday (3rd)	+Kathleen Fischer req. Macdonell Family
9:00 am Sunday (4th)	+Deceased Family & Friends req. Kitty Piper and Mary Jambor
1:00 pm Sunday (4th)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
	NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, APRIL 5TH
9:15 am Tuesday (6 th)	+Chuck Lambert req. John & Colette Mozol
9:15 am Wednesday (7 th)	+Chris Shade req. Flora Zaharia & Family
9:15 am Thursday (8 th)	+Bill Senderewich req. Chera Kirkpatrick
9:15 am Friday (9 th)	+Baby Maira Fleury req. St. James-Assiniboia CWL
5:00 pm Saturday (10th)	+Roger Piché req. Hélène & Family
9:00 am Sunday (11th)	Health of Christine Holtmann req. Justice, Development & Peace Committee
1:00 pm Sunday (11th)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions

At the Easter Vigil we welcomed into our faith community *Precious Hurst* who was Baptized, Confirmed and made her First Holy Communion; and *Erin Fulford*, who was Confirmed and made her First Holy Communion. *May our all powerful God send His Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, of right judgement and courage, of knowledge and reverence, of wonder and awe in His presence. Amen.*

The “Little White Books” for the Easter Season are available on the table in the Narthex. These six-minutes a day reflections are on the Resurrection Narratives of Luke. **No charge!**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

There is no day to compare with Easter Sunday. It stands out from the conflicts and turmoil of our broken world, lifts our minds and enlivens our hearts with a joy and love so complete that it conquers death. Early on the first Easter morning a mighty act of God took place – Christ rose from the dead, altered the past and shaped our future. Nothing can be the same again. That is what makes Easter the greatest occasion of the year and Good News for all time. All our hopes and happiness stem from that event. Easter announces that there is a way forward out of darkness, transformation is possible and change can take place in our lives.

The gospel tells us that on the first Easter morning the stone at the entrance of the tomb of Christ was rolled back. The question we must all face is: have we arisen to new life with Christ, or are there boulders weighing us down and keeping us imprisoned in our tombs? The Good News is that by God's power the boulders that hold you and me locked and buried can be rolled back and we can be set free. God is in charge. It is His world and He has breathed eternity into our bones. The best way we can give thanks to God for the gift of His life within us this Easter, is by opening our hearts to the risen Jesus and by allowing ourselves to be sent out into our world to proclaim the Good News of Christ's love. (*Voicing a Thought on Sunday*)

(Fr. Gerald)

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.

Stewardship Reflection: In Luke's Gospel, Mary Magdalene is described as being one of the women "who used their own resources to help Jesus and His disciples." She was a good steward, and in today's Gospel she is rewarded, God blesses her with being the first to see the Risen Lord. Making stewardship a way of life always begins with a personal relationship with the Risen Christ. We pray that we may be as faithful as Mary Magdalene in our discipleship and stewardship, and enthusiastically announce Christ's Resurrection. (*Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca*)

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.

The St. James-Assiniboia CWL cordially invites **ALL** women of the parish (not only CWL Members) to participate in a **Spiritual Retreat** on Saturday, April 17 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2400 Portage Ave. Guest Presenter is Sr. Thérèse Jasmin, Order of the Sisters of the Cross. Topic: *Praying with the Aramaic Jesus*. Registration Fee: \$10 (includes muffins and coffee in morning and lunch). In order to know how much food to prepare, please call Marilyn 832-5019 no later than April 9th to confirm your attendance.

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; Jack Krassie; Andre Meyer; Joan Nevins; Elsie Mason; Joe Lebedeff; Doug Rosler; Louis Gollets; Anne Luhowy; Pat Phillips; Judy Horn; Karen Cruickshanks; Geraldine Turner; Jack Egan

Thank You to everyone who sent “get well” wishes and offered prayers for my recovery. They really helped! (*Gladys Barton*)

Winnipeg Harvest Appeal: Your generous choice.

Captain Miles MacDonell Assembly #370 of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring it's 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 4.

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 is required; forms are available in the office.