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MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 10 - 18, 2010

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
	NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, APRIL 12TH
9:15 am Tuesday (13 th)	+Baby Maira Fleury req. Colette & John Mozol
9:15 am Wednesday (14 th)	+Elma Gauthier req. Grace Hospital Visitors of the Sick
9:15 am Thursday (15 th)	Health John Baziuk req. Justice, Development & Peace Cttee.
<u>2:00 pm Thursday (15th)</u>	<u>Monthly Mass at Heritage Lodge</u>
9:15 am Friday (16 th)	Health Doug Rosler req. Stephanie & Ted Dandewich
5:00 pm Saturday (17th)	+Health Osiowy req. Agnes Remias
9:00 am Sunday (18th)	Special Intention req. Kitty Piper
1:00 pm Sunday (18th)	For all our Parishioners' Intentions

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Scripture Study	Tuesday, April 13	10:00 am	Room 10
Rummage Sale	Friday, April 16	6:00-7:30 pm	Gymnasium
First Communion Preparation			
Second Class	Saturday, April 17	9:00-10:00 am	Worship Area

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Today is the eighth and last day of the octave of Easter, the Second Sunday of Easter, which now also bears the name of Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Gospel today is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners. The title of Divine Mercy was given to this Sunday by Pope John Paul II in 2000 when he canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska. In a homily he had prepared for the Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday just before his death, and that was presented posthumously, the Pope said, "To humanity, which at times seems to be lost and dominated by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the risen Lord offers the gift of His love that pardons, reconciles and opens the soul to hope. It is love that converts hearts and brings peace... How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!"

We are called to act daily with a spirit of mercy toward our neighbours and our enemies, with prayers, words, and deeds. (*Sourcebook*)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

As we continue to look at the process of liturgical renewal in the parish, we recently received another insert for the Liturgy of the Word in our bulletins. I hope you are taking an opportunity to look through the information. In addition to looking at the Liturgy of the Word, it is important to take notice of some subtle changes that we will begin to make during our worship.

Firstly, please notice that the Ministers of the Word (readers) will be acknowledging the presider with a simple head bow prior to making their way to the pulpit. As the reading from the scriptures is a ministerial role, it is customary to acknowledge the presider and the presidential role that he takes during the liturgy. The presider is not required to bow back to the reader, but to make eye contact acknowledging the ministry of the reader.

Secondly, you'll be familiar with the procession of the Lectionary during the opening procession. In the past, the Lectionary has been processed to the ambo/lectern/pulpit during the Entrance Rite. In the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the Lectionary or Book of the Gospels is to be processed and placed at the middle of the altar. The presider or deacon (if present) will proceed during the Gospel Acclamation to the altar, take up the Book of the Gospels, and process to the ambo. As we await the approval of a Book of the Gospels from the Canadian Conference of Bishops, we will process the Lectionary forward as a Book of the Gospels. As the Book of the Gospels remains at the altar until the Gospel Acclamation, another Lectionary will be placed at the pulpit for the readers. The second reader will have the responsibility of placing the Lectionary on the shelf under the pulpit to make room for the procession of the Book of the Gospels. We will institute this practise beginning on the Third Sunday of Easter and over the coming weeks.

(*Fr. Gerald*)

Immaculate Conception Drop-In Centre Dinner - April 18, 2010: We require **two more 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.

Rummage Sale: The next sale will be on **Friday, April 16** from **6:00 - 7:30 pm**. We are now accepting articles, especially **Jewellery** which is always very popular. Workers will be needed in the morning for set-up and in the evening during the sale. 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, we need to know how many people to expect; therefore, if you plan on attending, please call Marilyn 832-5019. **Please bring a copy of the New Testament as well as writing paper to the retreat.**

Mothers' Day Card Sale: The Parish Justice, Development & Peace Committee is offering the beautiful cards specially designed for the three-year Grandmothers Campaign just completed. Designs include the African Madonna, and the grandmother with grandchild; they are blank inside. The cards will be offered in the Narthex the two weekends before Mothers' Day (April 24 & 25 and May 1 & 2) and will be available during the week in the Office. All proceeds to the Development Education fund.

Annual Retreat for Young Adults at St. Benedict's Retreat and Conference Centre, April 15-18, 2010: Are you a young adult age 18 to 35 years? Feel a need for a spiritual lift? A rest? Think on this!! St. Ben's is offering a retreat, entitled "Sabbath", a rich opportunity for young adults to rest from a hectic pace of life, to learn new ways to pray and reflect on sacred scripture, to receive group and individual spiritual direction and to celebrate in community. The retreat costs a minimal fee of \$75 for board and room and is sponsored by St. Benedict's Foundation. If you are interested check it out on their website: www.stbens.ca. Register online or by phone at 339-1705. A copy of the agenda is posted on the bulletin board in the south entrance of our church. St. Benedict's is located at 225 Masters Avenue (North Main near Middlechurch).

Winnipeg Harvest Appeal: Cereal or Peanut Butter

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.

Stewardship Reflection: We all believe in the Resurrection without seeing it. Our belief has grown, and is being nurtured, in our community of faith. However, belief does not lead to belonging; it is actually the other way around. As good stewards we pray that our parish will always foster a sense of belonging; with arms wide open, welcoming every person. When people see, or feel that they belong, then we nurture their desire to grow in their belief!

(Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca)

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; Judy Horn; Karen Cruickshanks; Geraldine Turner; Jack Egan

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Verna Fowler who passed away this week. Verna was the sister of Charlie Olinyk of our parish. *May she rest in peace.*

Holy Names House of Peace Second Annual Natashas' Home Project Dinner, Friday, April 23 at 6:00 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral Hall. The purpose of the dinner is: To deepen our knowledge about the enslavement and trafficking of women and children throughout the world; to strengthen our unity by sharing our concern and conviction that the trafficking of women and children is real, wrong and must be eliminated; to raise funds to further educational projects that raise awareness about the 27 million women and children ensnared in the \$9.5 billion worldwide sex trade. Our guest speaker will be Dianna Bussey, The Salvation Army National Representative for the anti-trafficking movement. Reserve your tickets \$15 now and call the House of Peace at 942-5535.

Penny Mead Memorial Scholarship Fund-raising Concert on Sunday, April 18 at 7:00 pm at Sturgeon Creek United Church. The late Penny Mead was the mother of Cary Denby, who provides organ accompaniment at the Assiniboia Christian Centre. The scholarship will be awarded each year to a graduating high school student in the St. James School Division. For more information, please call Cary at 889-4950.