

BLESSED JOHN XXIII PARISH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 2, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS MAY 1 – 9, 2010

5:00 pm Saturday (1st) +Deceased Family Members req. John & Colette Mozol
9:00 am Sunday (2nd) For all our Parishioners' Intentions
1:00 pm Sunday (2nd) Special Intention Christopher Olinyk req. Charlie & Lois Olinyk
NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, MAY 3RD
9:15 am Tuesday (4th) +Magdalene Chelle req. St. James Knights of Columbus
9:15 am Wednesday (5th) +Cordelia Sibrian req. Ray & Alice Fleury
2:30 pm Wednesday (5th) **Monthly Mass at Golden West Centennial Lodge**
9:15 am Thursday (6th) +Kay Fox req. Betty Fox
9:15 am Friday (7th) +Cordelia Sibrian req. Monique & Max Armstrong
5:00 pm Saturday (8th) For our Spiritually Adopted Babies req. St. James K. of C.
9:00 am Sunday (9th) For our Spiritually Adopted Babies req. St. James K. of C.
1:00 pm Sunday (9th) For all our Parishioners' Intentions

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Knights of Columbus:	Monday, May 3	7:00 pm	Mass & General Meeting
A.C.C. Knitters Group:	Monday, May 3	7:00 pm	Lounge
Scripture Study	Tuesday, May 4	10:00 am	Room 10

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 9:15 Mass

First Communion Class & Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, May 8 9:00 -10:00 am in Chapel

First Holy Communion Celebration:

Saturday, May 8 5:00 pm Mass with reception to follow in Hall downstairs

MAY – MONTH OF OUR LADY

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Liturgy of the Word:

First Reading: The ministry of Paul and Barnabas is marked by a deep care for the Churches they established and visited. Their care is evidenced in encouragement and setting apart members for ongoing local leadership. Aware of the suffering and hardship that accompany Christian faith, Paul and Barnabas give encouragement to the Churches by speaking the truth and providing faithful leaders.

Second Reading: At the heart of John's vision of a new heaven and earth is the new Jerusalem, the place of God's dwelling among humankind. John emphasizes God's gift of preparing the city in which death is vanished and fullness of life is given. In Christ, God dwelt among us, the guarantee of future glory in the kingdom.

Gospel: In the face of Judas' impending betrayal, Jesus proclaims a word of fidelity and love. Judas' betrayal does not thwart God's love, but becomes the occasion of its deepest manifestation; the death of Jesus on the cross. Jesus is glorified in revealing the Father's love and in calling us to love as He has loved us. Jesus proposes His manner of loving as the standard of our behaviour, for His love manifests the love of God. *(Sourcebook)*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

It is wonderful to learn about the saints of the Church. In numerous books and articles, as well as a number of websites online, we can learn about their lives and their impact on the life of the Church. May 2 is the Feast Day of St. Athanasius. At Catholic.org we read the following about St. Athanasius, "St. Athanasius, the great champion of the faith, was born at Alexandria, about the year 296, of Christian parents. Educated under the eye of Alexander, later bishop of his native city, he made great progress in learning and virtue. In 313, Alexander succeeded Achillas in the Patriarchal See, and two years later St. Athanasius went to the desert to spend some time in retreat with St. Anthony. In 319, he became a deacon, and even in this capacity he was called upon to take an active part against the rising heresy of Arius, an ambitious priest of the Alexandrian Church who denied the Divinity of Christ. This was to be the life struggle of St. Athanasius."

As I celebrate my anniversary to priesthood this day along with my confreres, Frs. Jose Cabral and Michael Wollbaum, I thank God for the inspiration of St. Athanasius and for his courageous witness as a Defender of the Faith. I pray in thanksgiving this day for the many people who continue to witness their faith to me and inspire me to be a good and faithful priest. May God bless each of us on a daily basis as we carry the light of Christ to the world around us and may we never tire of sharing our faith stories so that others may encounter Christ in a personal and abundant way. God Bless!

(Fr. Gerald)



CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER GERALD!

Today, May 2, is the 14th Anniversary of Father Gerald's Ordination to the Priesthood. Thank you, Fr. Gerald, for your life of service and ministry to God's people. May God continue to bless you always.

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; Andre Meyer; Joan Nevins; Elsie Mason; Joe Lebedeff; Doug Rosler; Louis Gollets; Anne Luhowy; Judy Horn; Karen Cruickshanks; Geraldine Turner; Jack Egan; Mike Falavena; Baby Andi Robertson

Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Keough, father of Louis Mollot of our parish, and of Jack Krassie, husband of Angela Krassie of our parish. *Rest in Peace.*

Pre-authorized Debit (PAD): Parishioners who support the parish by PAD contributions and wish to change the amount of their contribution, the form is available in the office.

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 again be offered for sale in the Narthex this weekend and will be available during the week in the Office. All proceeds to the Development Education fund.

Adopt-a-Baby Program: Your spiritually adopted baby will be born this month. To celebrate the symbolic birth of the babies we have supported through our prayers over these past nine months, parishioners are invited to participate by contributing to a special collection that will be taken up at each Mass on Mothers' Day weekend, Saturday, May 8 and Sunday, May 9. In addition, the A.C.C. Knitters' Group have created lots of wonderful items for the Mothers' Day Baby Shower. This year's recipients of these beautiful hand-crafted items, as well as the proceeds from the special collection, will be Villa Rosa who will distribute the gifts to the mothers and babies looked after by them. If parishioners wish to purchase a baby gift such as receiving blankets, bibs, vest, etc. these can be brought to the office prior to Saturday, May 8, and they will be displayed along with all the other items from the Knitters' Group. Look for the lovely display next weekend in the Narthex.

Assiniboia Christian Centre Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 pm in Room 10. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend.

Rummage Sale: We are gratefully receiving any saleable items, especially **Jewellery** which is always very popular. Our next sale will be on **May 14** from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Stewardship Reflection:

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples – and us – a new commandment: “Love one another.” Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are fulfilling this command. Our discipleship is made known not by just what we say, but also by the way we live. Stewardship is a way of life. (*Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca*)

Winnipeg Harvest Appeal: Canned Fruit or Fruit Juice

Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Learning Ignatian Prayer: A six-week retreat program with Fr. Richard Soo, sj, starting **May 4** from 7-8:30 pm and every Tuesday thereafter until June 15 at St. Ignatius Church. For more information, call 453-9243 or e-mail education.center@stignatiusparish.ca

Our Place/Chez Nous is having an Open House on **Saturday, May 8** at 676 Main Street between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Parking is available in the lot next door - free! We'd love to show you "Our Place" and what we are able to offer those who are truly in very difficult circumstances. "Come and See!"

March for Life: The annual *March for Life*, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will take place in Winnipeg and across Canada on **Thursday, May 13**. This peaceful walk takes place to promote LIFE at all stages from conception to natural death. Gather at The Forks, between the Johnson Terminal and The Forks Market Building at 5:30 pm as the walk will leave The Forks at 6:00 pm sharp and proceed down Broadway to the Legislative Grounds where there will be a short presentation.

During the month of May, **Assumption Catholic Cemetery** will be holding **Information Days** at the Queen of Heaven Mausoleum, 3990 Portage Ave., every **Tuesday afternoon** from 1 - 4 pm. Family Service Counsellor, Lorne Bound, will be present to provide information and answer questions. Please call 888-7557 for more information.

Spring Garage Sale will again be held at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 2400 Portage Ave., on Saturday, May 22 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, and on Sunday, May 23 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. All proceeds donated to *Development & Peace Organization*.

Walking for Mary, the Catholic community of Manitoba united in prayer. Sunday, May 30, Walk 3-5 km approx., Registration 1:30; Walk 2:00; Devotion to Our Lady 4:00 with reception to follow; Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, Watt St. and Munroe Ave. This year's theme: *Walking and praying for our brothers and sisters of Haiti*. Proceeds in support of the Marian Hour, a daily Rosary Program on CKJS Radio Station 810. Pledge forms on south bulletin board.