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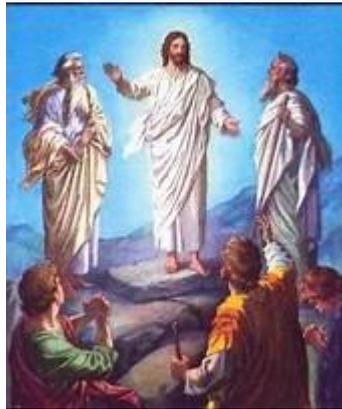
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First & Second Sunday Of Lent

March 5th & 12th, 2017



Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English

Sun. 9:00 am English

11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

Baptism:

First Sunday of the month at mass.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.

Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Focus of the Sunday Readings

Jesus is the model of love and obedience.

It can be difficult to be obedient. Temptations, deceptions and lack of will can contribute to our failures. When we focus on what love asks us to do, however, we can overcome the obstacles to our desired choices and behaviors. Jesus serves as the model of love and obedience, and relying on him in prayer gives us strength to make the right choices.

Genesis recalls the first sin committed by humankind: disobedience to God. The second reading from Romans explains how Christ came to counter that sin of disobedience with his perfect obedience. In the Gospel, Jesus remains perfectly faithful to his Father as he resists the temptations put to him by the devil in the desert.

The transfiguration brings together the law, the prophets and the saving act of Christ.

Today's Gospel tells of Jesus taking Peter, James and John up a mountain where he was transfigured before them. Similarly, Jesus invites each of us into a deep relationship of love with him so that he may change and transfigure our lives and hearts. Let's accept this invitation each day so we may lead more Christ-like lives of love and service.

The first reading tells of God's promise to Abraham to make of his descendants a great nation. In the second reading, Paul reminds Timothy that he must be willing to bear hardship for the sake of the Gospel. Today's Gospel recalls Peter, James witnessing the transfiguration of Jesus.

Season of Lent

Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their baptism and do not penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Pascal Mystery.

Lost Apostle

This musical production, originally performed in 2005, has been adapted and revised to explore themes faced in our modern world. Lost Apostle begins in the time of Christ and details the hopes, passions and struggles of four of His followers; Peter, Judas, Mary Magdalene and Mary of Bethany. Act II set in present day includes three new characters of aaron, Tevy and Rebecca who also struggled to find meaning, acceptance and hope. With five new musical numbers, new characters and staging the inspirational music and message of Lost Apostle is even more relevant today. Be inspired to live a life of purpose, hope and genuine human conception; a life that can make a beautiful difference in the world. All performances are being held at the Arden Theatre on the following days: March 3rd at 7:30 pm, March 4th at 2:30 pm, March 4th at 7:30 pm, and March 5th at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 for more info visit www.sandrarenneis.com. There will also be a bus leaving here from Morinville on the March 5th 2:30 pm performance there is room for 20 people on the bus to reserve your spot you can call Iris at 780-939-6208.

Share Lent

Supporting women is a priority for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. For this year's Share Lent campaign, we invite you to listen to the voices of women who are working to build the world of tomorrow – Women at the heart of change.

Our first testimonial is from Marta and Silvia, two women from Paraguay who are members of an Indigenous women's farming association supported by Development and Peace-Caritas Canada. "I wish that there was land for everyone, that women were free (and) that they had the freedom to organize and defend their rights," Silvia tells us.

Women have always been at the heart of our organization! Did you know that in 1979, Development and Peace led a campaign to support the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo, in Argentina, whose children and grandchildren disappeared under the military dictatorship?

The week of March 12th, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is taking you to Indonesia to meet Risya, a 22-year old Indonesian woman who has been blind since adolescence. Thanks to a workshop in journalism offered by our partner the Association of Independent Journalists (AJI), this courageous young woman started to use her blog to write about the discrimination faced by women with disabilities and to encourage these women to believe in their potential. AJI has offered media workshops to 170 women and now they can make their voices heard!

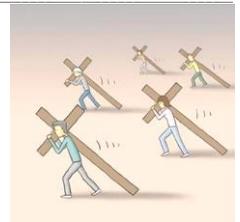
Remember! In 2004, a tsunami hit the coastlines around the Indian Ocean, resulting in 3000,000 victims, In collaboration with its partners, Development and Peace provided emergency relief, completed the construction of 3,500 permanent homes and related infrastructure, and helped establish 26 community organizations.

Stations of the Cross



Let us gaze on the crucified Jesus, and let us ask in prayer: Enlighten our hearts, Lord, that we may follow you along the way of the cross. Put to death in us the "old man" bound by selfishness, evil and sin. Make us "new men", men and women of holiness, transformed and enlivened by your love

We invite you – every Friday during Lent at 7 pm



Western Canadian Home School Conference All parents & young adults are welcome to attend the Western Canadian Catholic Home School Conference March 9-11 at Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton. Keynote speakers are Holly Pierlot with Fr. Penna, John Carpay, Karen Hanlon, and a panel of seminarians & religious for more info visit the website

www.wcchsc.net, Veronica 780-467-8410 or e-mail wchscreg@shaw.ca.

Spaghetti Supper

We would like to thank everyone who supported our recent Parish spaghetti supper. It was a great evening to get together for some food and fun and who thought we would be building snowmen! A special thanks to Lisa and the volunteers for their work and it was a successful evening and the proceeds will be going to renovate our basement bathrooms in the church. Good job everyone.

MCHS Presents - La Vie Rose an evening of music talent coffee & Desserts from the students of MCHS. On March 15th at 7:00 pm Tickets sold at MCHS for \$10.00 profits go to Development & Peace.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Mar 4 Saturday	5:00 pm	Special Intention - Parishioner	First Sunday of Lent
Mar 5 Sunday	9:00 am	RIP George Roeland – Noreen & Garry	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	
Mar 7 Tuesday	8:30 am	RIP Adele Brenneis - Shirley	
Mar 8 Wednesday	10:00 am 7:00 pm	(Lodge) RIP Wayne Holowaychuk – Walter Starko (Church) RIP Norm Chalifoux Jeannine & Girls	
Mar 9 Thursday	10:00 am	(Aspen) NO MASS	
Mar 10 Friday	8:30 am 7:00 pm	RIP Maurice & Armand Tailleur - Family (Church) Stations of the Cross	
Mar 11 Saturday	5:00 pm	Special Intention	Second Sunday Of Lent
Mar 12 Sunday	9:00 am	Special Intention for Rita - Nicole	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	
Mar 14 Tuesday	8:30 am	RIP Glenn Brenneis – Celina Kieser	
Mar 15 Wednesday	10:00 am 7:00 pm	(Lodge) (Church) Rip August Kieser – Ben Van De Walle	
Mar 16 Thursday	10:00 am	(Aspen) NO MASS	
Mar 17 Friday	8:30 am 7:00 pm	RIP Cole Palmer (Church) Stations of the Cross	
Mar 18 Saturday	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Third Sunday of Lent
Mar 19 Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 am	RIP Alice Roeland _ Garry & Noreen RIP Emilia Bastien – Wilfred & Rogelle Holterhus	

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Irene Dupuis All those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.



Gift Card sales for March will be on the weekends of 11th & 12th and 25th & 26th.

Collections February 5th - \$ 3553.00 12th \$ 3603.00 19th \$ 3100.00 26th \$3658.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels	- March 6 th , Monday 8:00 am - March 13 th , Monday 8:00 am	- Church
Parish Council Meeting	- March 7 th , Tuesday 4:00 pm	- Church

“Set your clocks ahead Next Sunday March 12th from 2:00am to 3:00 am.”