



Holy Cross Parish

Celebrating **50** Years!

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First Sunday of Lent

February 20/21, 2010

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Thomas Nguyen

Assistant to the Pastor: Jim Kaip

Pastoral Assistant: Sandra Morris

Youth Minister: Louise Reeve

Bookkeeper: Erna Woynarski

Administrative Assistant: Heather Melnyk

Parish Schedule:

Saturday Liturgy: 5 p.m.

Sunday Liturgies: 9 & 11 a.m.

Weekdays: Tues. & Wed.: 7 p.m.

Thurs. & Fri.: 8 a.m.

Reconciliation: Sat. 4:15 p.m.

or by appointment

Office Hours: Mon. – Fri.

9 a.m. – 12 noon, 1 – 4 p.m.

Contact the office to arrange for Baptisms,

Marriages & Funerals

Hall Rental: 757-1325

Gerein Centre Use: 757-1325



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Was Jesus Really Tempted?

It's strange, but quite a few Christians act as if the jury is still out on whether there is a devil. We all admit that suffering, violence, and bad things happen in this world. But, from "The Devil made me do it" to "The Devil Wears Prada," we have made the very real entity of Evil into almost a cartoon figure—either a talking snake or a little red creature with horns and a pitch-fork who lurks about, whispering naughty ideas in people's ears.

This could be one reason Jesus being tempted by the devil might be such a hard story to swallow. Many Christians can't believe that Jesus—the Son of God, the Redeemer of the entire cosmos—could ever "really" be tempted to sin. But if we don't think Jesus could be tempted to do evil, maybe we don't believe Jesus really lived a human life.

Remember, it's a core teaching of our faith that Jesus became fully human in order to completely experience our human condition, and fully redeem that condition. Temptation itself is not sin. But to be fully human, Jesus

did have to feel the same desires, emotions, and inclinations that all humans experience.

We may find it hard to believe that Jesus felt a desire to be sexual, or powerful, or successful. But Jesus was put into tempting situations and forced to choose between good and bad just as we are. Temptations are always "tailor-made" to appeal to our weakest spots. How well do we know our temptations? God can "show us to ourselves" so much better while we take this often difficult journey through Lent.

Lent is not a "giving up" time so much as a "going in" time—with prayer and silence. Jesus deeply understands our temptations. He will stand with us during Lent with living water to quench our thirst and strengthen our resolve, if we let him.

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLECTION REPORT

February 13/14, 2010

Sunday Envelopes – \$4,047.00

Loose Collection – \$157.05

50th Anniversary Building Fund – \$60.00

Collection from Queen Victoria Estates – \$52.00



"I am not laying down the rules. But by showing how eager others are to help, I am trying to find out how real your own love is." 2 Corinthians 8:8

Thank you!

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER:

This weeks winner is Pam Richaud.



CWL:

- CWL Regional Meeting: Feb 23 at St. Anne's Church. Mass at 6:30 p.m. Meeting to follow.
- Holy Cross CWL General Meeting: March 2; mass at 7 p.m. Meeting to follow. Guest speaker Sr. Joyce Lorentz will speak about 'Human Trafficking for profit in all of its different forms'.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Holy Cross Parish's Annual meeting is March 7 and you are invited! We will have a luncheon after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, followed by the meeting at 12:30 p.m.



Please sign-up at either entrance to help us plan for the luncheon.



COME JOIN US FOR WHIST!

We will be playing on February 26 and March 5 at 1:00 p.m.

Come out for all the laughs, fun and fellowship.

Notice of Holy Cross Parish Annual General Meeting:

When: Sunday March 7, 12:30 p.m.

Where: Gerein Centre

Who: All members of Holy Cross Parish are invited to attend.

Pastoral Council is in need of volunteers to fill vacancies on the council. If you feel you could donate some of your time or know someone who could help, please let the Parish office or any member of Parish council know.

Vacancies that need filling include, but are not limited to: Vice Chair, Spiritual and Education, Stewardship, Youth, Fundraising, Public Relations, and Finance. If there is another committee that interests you, please let us know.

FEBRUARY MASS SCHEDULE

During Lent the Mass schedule for Friday's has changed. Beginning February 19 the daily schedule is as follows:

5:00 p.m. Poor Man's Supper (sponsored by K of C)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. Mass

The regular Friday 8:00 a.m. Mass will return after Easter.

Please also note that on February 28, there will only be one mass at 9:00 a.m. as Father has other commitments.

Lenten Enrichment



Poor Man's Supper

Lenten Fast: Before the way of the Cross each Friday from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Hosted by the K of C. Supper consists of soup, sandwiches, and tea/coffee (Free Will Offering)

Way of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 p.m. Each week a different group of parishioners will lead a reflection on the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. This week the leaders will be K of C.

Lenten Booklets

There are Lenten booklets for families and adults which will be available at both entrances of the church. (A \$2 donation will help cover costs.)

Lent 2009 information sheets

There are information sheets available at both entrances regarding prayer, fasting, reconciliation, etc. Please feel free to pick one up.

Celebrating 50 Years!

Parish Traveling Anniversary Cross:

Crosses will be going home with different families through to the end of June. Please take a moment to sign up for a weekend or weekends that best suits your family. Sign up sheet is located in the Gerein Centre.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1990 the CWL gave \$4,000 to charities such as the Early Learning Centre, Peru Mission, Birthright, Pro-Life, Teen Parent Program, Save the Children, Marian Centre, Food Bank, Circle Project, Sofia House, Martha House and Camp Monahan. Funds for CWL charitable works come from the Dollar-A-Month collection envelopes and the Christmas Craft and Bake Sale.

Did you know....

There were 104 donation receipts that were not picked up and therefore had to be mailed. This cost the parish \$62.24 in postage.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

HOPE FOR SLEEPLESS NIGHTS: St. Michael's Retreat is hosting two workshops on Feb 28 (Part 1) and March 14 (Part 2) from 1-4:30 p.m. Come take a time out to rejuvenate your body and care for your soul. Find ways to help you sleep better, be more at peace during your sleepless nights and be more refreshed when your sleep is limited. Cost \$65 per person. For more information or to register call 731-3316 or office@stmichaelsretreat.ca

LADIES REFLECTION EVENING: March 1, 7 p.m. at Holy Child Hall. Facilitator is Judith Pelerin; *Dancing with Life/Dancing with God*. Books will be available to purchase. For more information call Dianne 789-9995.

PRIEST TESTIMONIES: Come hear Msgr. Ken Miller's testimony on March 8, 7 p.m. at Holy Family Parish followed by adoration with special prayers for our priests, seminarians and for vocations along with the Holy Rosary, silent prayer and benediction. Evening is completed with refreshments and fellowship for all who can stay. We encourage all young people to come and be blessed by these wonderful testimonies filled with truth, love and hope.

SPIRITUALITY OF SINGLE LIFE: SoSL is a group of Christian Single Adults who socialise & grow in their faith. All single adults are invited to come & examine; 'Single Role Models' from the Bible on March 8, 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish. Please bring your Bibles. For more information call Dwaine 596-1755 or Lloyd at 527-3109.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES ANNUAL CHARITY

GALA: Featuring comedian & pianist Martin Janovsky. March 13 at the Delta Hotel. Silent Auction 5:30 p.m., reception 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Tickets \$80 each of which a portion qualifies as a tax-deductible receipt. For tickets or information call Jennifer at 525-0521.

TRIUMPH: RESULTS GOD GIVES: St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission is hosting this nine day facilitated program from March 19-28. This program will provide a prayerful environment for the work of healing and transformation to begin. See bulletin boards or call 306-369-2555, or email ccrittenden@StTherese.ca

A GOD FOR ALL SEASONS: This lenten Mission for 2010 will be broadcast on VISIONTV Part one will be on March 29 at 7 and 9 p.m. and part two will be on March 30 at 7 and 9 p.m. It will feature Spiritan Father Pat Fitzpatrick and Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister.

GOOD MOURNING WALK: Regina Palliative Care Inc. Invite you to participate in the 4 km walk. Walk in memory

of a loved one, help people who are dealing with a death loss and need specialized support. Walk is April 18, registration 11 a.m., walk starts at 11:30 a.m. at Canada Games Athletic Complex, Douglas Park in Wascana Centre. For More information call 766-2300 or go to www.rpci.org See bulletin board for more information.

CAMP MONAHAN: Please join us on April 24 for an afternoon of family fun at the Golden Miles Bowling Lanes. Come out and get some information about Camp Monahan and see a few camping friends. For more information call 306-522-1047 or visit www.campmonan.ca

GROWING UP A FRIEND OF JESUS: A great resource for families by Francoise and John Paul Berube: "This book offers parents a practical resource for sharing your faith with your child and deepening your own spirituality at the same time. A handbook for children ages 8-11". The book is 128 pages, hardcover; \$5 until March 31 from Novalis (\$20 value). Call 1-800-387-7164. This book is also available from the Diocese Resource Center.

31ST NASH MEMORIAL SEMINARS: Join Geoffrey Williams, SJ, PhD, author and lecturer for two seminars at Campion College.

- March 11 at 7:30 p.m. *The Incarnation and the Stories We Live By*
 - March 12 at 3:30 p.m. *4 Postmodern Narratives*.
- For more information see posters on bulletin boards.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MICHELANGELO: A touching documentary that follows a day in the life of Father Dunstan and at the centre of it all is his creation of "The Celestial Banquet". Feb 27 at 9 p.m. on Salt and Light TV. For more information visit: www.saltandlighttv.org.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE RAISES \$13.5 MILLION FOR HAITI

The international development organization Development and Peace has raised \$13.5 million for emergency relief and reconstruction efforts in Haiti.

The organization is one of the registered charities eligible to participate in a matching funds program for individual donations received which is administered by the Canadian International Development Agency.

As the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis, the international emergency relief network of the Catholic Church, Development and Peace is participating, along with other Caritas groups, in the Caritas network's emergency response, which includes the distribution of food and hygiene kits, providing clean water to camps for those left homeless, providing medical treatment and services, distributing tents and installing mobile latrines.

The organization is now in the process of planning for the reconstruction phase in Haiti. It is drawing on its five years of experience working in Tsunami-affected countries to help develop a longer-term recovery program to rebuild communities and livelihoods devastated by this disaster.

Vocation Views

What tempts us away from the reign of God? Try this week to live as an example for the young people in your life. Let them see the rewards of living by the Good Spirit. Encourage them in their discernment with your prayers and support." Luke 4:1-13





PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

February 21-28, 2010

SUN Feb 21	9:00, 11:00 a.m. 9:30-12:30	Mass K of C Pancake Breakfast Lent 1	Church St. Andrew's Gym
MON Feb 22 1 Peter 5.1-4			
TUE Feb 23 Isaiah 55.10-11	7:00 p.m.	Mass	Church
WED Feb 24 Jonah 3.1-10 Luke 11.29-32	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Mass (Preiner Family) Prayer Group Choir Practice	Church Upper Gerein Centre Church
THURS Feb 25 Esther 14.1, 3-5, 12-14 Matthew 7.7-12	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Don Herauf) Lenten Study Group RCIA Meeting	Church Upper Gerein Upper Gerein Centre
FRI Feb 26 Ezekiel 18.21-28 Matthew 5.20-26	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Poor Man's Supper Station of the Cross (K of C) Mass	Upper Gerein Church Church
SAT Feb 27 Deuteronomy 26.16-19 Matthew 5.43-48	4:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Reconciliation Mass K of C Ladies Night	Church Church Upper Gerein
SUN Feb 28	9:00 a.m.	Mass Lent 2	Church

No 11:00 a.m. Mass

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – 4th SUNDAY (2nd Sunday of Lent)

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR February 27/28, 2010	5:00 P.M. SATURDAY	9:00 A.M. SUNDAY	11:00 A.M. SUNDAY
ALTAR SERVER CAPTAINS	Erica Rieder	Harrison Andruschak	Miranda Fellner
GREETERS, READERS, COMMUNION MINISTERS USHERS	Dolores Deis 789-6434 Volunteer	Katherine Liska 789-4442 Merv Schuster	Gerry & Lynn Heymen 522-3591 Roy Taylor
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Monique Wahl Lindsay Rice	Chelsea Graham	Melissa Vass Robin Tocker
MUSICIANS/SINGERS	Joyful Noise	Anthem	Holy Cross Choir
COLLECTION COUNTERS	Team 6 Ray Gartner (Grant & Sharlene Karst)		
READINGS (Cycle C) Pages 207-209	FIRST READING Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18	SECOND READING Philippians 3.17 – 4.1	GOSPEL Luke 9.28b-36

*"Leave all your worries with God, because God cares for you."
1 Peter 5:7*

Prayer Group Meeting: Wed., 7:30 p.m.

If you are in need of prayer or know someone who is, please contact the prayer group (Homer: 789-4015) or leave a message with the office (757-1325).



Prayers for Community Churches



For the faith community of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, that they may be effective witnesses to the Gospel.