



# Holy Cross Parish

April 23/24, 2011

## Parish Team

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## Easter Sunday

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34a, 36-43++

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

**Gospel:** John 20:1-18++

**Reflection:** It is Easter! After forty days of fasting and Lenten observance, we are bathed in the light of the resurrection. Easter is about life: life where we least expect to find it, life that overcomes the power of evil and death. Today's gospel hints at this in showing us the disciples looking for Jesus in the tomb. Mary Magdalene has seen Jesus die on the cross and wanted to honour him one last time. She looked for Jesus who had died and found only emptiness. Peter and the other disciple saw only the linen that had wrapped Jesus' body. There was no sign of life.

The disciples were invited to change their way of thinking: to see life in a new way, with new eyes. Mary recognized Jesus when he addressed her by name, but she still had to learn that although Jesus was alive and present to her, his risen life was different. She had to let go of what had been

familiar and accept Jesus' new way of being with her. Death had changed everything, but it did not extinguish the life that is God's gift.

As Christians we are Easter people, people who support, uphold and proclaim life. Like Mary and Peter and the other witnesses to the resurrection, we are invited to recognize life in new ways, even where all seems to be darkness, for our God is the God of resurrection, the God of life.

### Questions:

**Adults:** What is your experience of resurrection in your own life or the life of your family?

**Child:** *Jesus is with us today. How can you see him in the people around you in Church?*

**Prayer:** O God, you are love and truth. You are also a mystery beyond words. Faith leads us to desire only you. Accept what is in our hearts and keep us close to you. Amen.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK April 24-May 1

SUNDAY	9:00 & 11:00 AM	MASS Easter Sunday
MONDAY		Office Closed
TUESDAY	7:30 PM	Finance Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY	7:30 PM 7:30 PM	Choir Practice Prayer Group Meeting
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY	1:00 PM	Whist
SATURDAY	4:15 PM 5:00 PM	RECONCILIATION MASS (Ray Sthamann)
SUNDAY	9:00 & 11:00 AM	MASS

**Please note: No weekday masses April 26 through to May 5.**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!*



## WEEKLY READINGS

<b>Mon:</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33	Matthew 28:8-15
<b>Tues:</b>	Acts 2:36-41	John 20:11-18
<b>Wed:</b>	Acts 3:1-10	Luke 24:13-35
<b>Thurs:</b>	Acts 3:11-26	Luke 24:35-48
<b>Fri:</b>	Acts 4:1-12	John 21:1-14
<b>Sat:</b>	Acts 4:13-21	Mark 16:9-15
<b>Sunday - 2nd Sunday of Easter: Page 306-309</b>		
<b>1st:</b>	Acts 2:42-47	
<b>2nd:</b>	1 Peter 1:3-9	<b>Gospel:</b> John 20:19-31

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Collection Amounts for April 16/17, 2011

Sunday Envelope: \$4,146.00

Loose: \$190.60

Share Lent: \$924.00 + \$120.00 QVE = \$1,044.00

QVE Envelope Collection: \$84.00



**SUMMER MASS TIMES:** Effective the May long weekend (May 22) through to the September long weekend (September 4), there will be only one mass on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Saturday 5:00 p.m. mass will remain unchanged.

**NEEDED FOR THE POOR:** We are in need of 2 kitchen tables & chairs. Please call the office to make arrangements for drop offs.

**WHIST:** Please join us for all the fun & fellowship on Friday April 29, May 20 & 27, 1:00 p.m. Our sponsors are Regina Marine (10km east on Hwy 1) & Minute Muffler.



**SHARE LENT:** If you were unable to contribute to Share Lent last week, you may do so this week or any future week. Make cheques payable to Holy Cross and note for "Share Lent". Thank you for helping our Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY HISTORY BOOK:** The book, which is 150 pages and contains more than 300 photos, tells the good news of our faith community alive in Jesus Christ. Each parish family is encouraged to purchase a copy for themselves and to promote it to family members and former parishioners. Cost is \$20.00. Copies may be purchased after weekend Masses or by contacting , Ruth -789-2049 or Charlotte-781-2562.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:** Remember to book a date and time to have your photo taken for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pictorial Directory. Sign up sheets will be available after all masses. REMEMBER: All individuals/families who have a photo taken will receive a FREE 8" x 10" colour photo and a copy of the printed directory. If you are interested in helping at the photo sessions or have any questions, please contact Charlotte at 781-2562 or [cdusyk@hotmail.com](mailto:cdusyk@hotmail.com)

## Stewardship

Christ has no body now on earth but ours, no hands but ours. Ours are the eyes through which He is to see what needs to be done. Ours are the hands with which He is to accomplish His good deeds.



It is up to us now - Jesus has called all of us to service in His name.

When we share with others, we are always sharing love. We are living our purpose on earth.

Each of us needs to realize, with wonder and gratitude, the precious gifts of God that we have received. We all are given a small portion of time in this brief life and are variously endowed with talents and treasure. We are given the supernatural blessings of word and sacrament and the whole reality of the faith that comes to us from the apostles. Truly to realize that is to be impelled the share those gifts generously and in giving to be even more richly blessed.

Through our Baptism and Confirmation we are called to be active participants in the life of the Church, not just passive observers.

**Easter Sunday** - Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be among the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!

## CWL NEWS:

⇒ Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.

⇒ Next executive meeting, Monday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.

## K OF C:

◇ "I Am My Brother's Keeper"

◇ **Next meeting** will be Monday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.

◇ **Thank you** to all Holy Cross Parishioners who attended the Poor Man's Supper, the last six Friday's during Lent. A total of \$1,114.68 was donated towards the supper. From the proceeds \$500.00 was donated to World Youth Day and \$500.00 to Vocations.

◇ **Canadian Blood Services** has requested our assistance during the Easter Season. They require 400 blood donations weekly to meet the needs of hospital patients. I urge you to give serious consideration to this request. If you are healthy, between the ages of 17 and 71, and weigh at least 110 lbs., you are eligible to donate. The clinic at Broad Street and Broadway is open Tuesday from 4 - 8 p.m., Wednesday from 8 a.m. - noon, 4 - 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. - noon. Please call CBS at 1.888.236.6283 to book appointment. **One donation can save up to three lives.** For further details call Don at 545.2955.

## CALENDAR RAFFLE:

Last weeks winners was Larry Mueller.



## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & OFFICE HOURS

There will be no weekday masses April 26-29 for Easter Break and May 3-5 as Father Thomas will be away at the Priest's Retreat. The office will be closed Friday, April 22 and Monday, April 25. April 26-29 the office will be closed every afternoon. Regular hours resume on May 2.

## CONFIRMATION 2010/2011 GRADE 5 & 6

**Holy Spirit Retreat** - May 13th 9 a.m. Potluck supper for families & sponsors at St. Andrew's Hall, 6 p.m. Parents who can help with retreat please email Louise.

**Confirmation Celebration will take place on Saturday, May 14, 5 p.m. Mass**

## FIRST EUCHARIST 2010/2011 GRADE 2

**Jesus Day Retreat** - May 25 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (lunch provided).  
**First Eucharist/Confirmation Celebration will take place on Saturday, May 28, 5 p.m. Mass**

Please Email Louise Reeve at [ym.holycross@sasktel.net](mailto:ym.holycross@sasktel.net) or call the Parish office at 757-1325 with any questions.

Come to hear **FATHER THOMAS NGUYEN** as he shares his personal testimony

# **A LIFE OF VOCATIONS**

**SUNDAY MAY 29TH at 7PM**

Holy Cross Parish (315 Douglas Ave. East Regina)



*Pastor*

*Singer*

*Song Writer*

**Accompanied by Holy Cross Parish Musicians**

Do you do your part to encourage **VOCATIONS** to the priesthood  
through **prayer and financial contribution?**

Come and learn what you can do to support our **seminarians.**

Proceeds from our **Silent Auction** will Support our

**Diocesan Vocations to the Priesthood Fund.**

## A Easter Message from Father Thomas

We are quickly approaching Easter, that great day of celebrating our Savior's resurrection. It is a time of great anticipation and hope. Something is about to be restored, renewed, resurrected in our life.

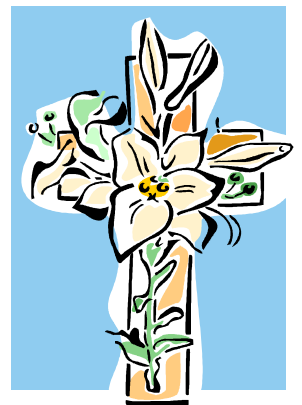
Easter is where God draws closer to us in a special way. Through the resurrection of Jesus, God says to us that everything that Jesus said or did was the right thing. After all Jesus was doing his best to bring God into the lives of people.

The good news for Christians is that God has intervened in history with Christ's death and resurrection. That historic mediation is what we celebrate on Easter and every Sunday of the year. Easter Sunday we are proclaiming because of God's intervention in history we no longer live in just "interesting times" we living in exciting times. Life can be exciting, engaging and enjoyable because we know the Easter message.

On behalf of the staff of the Holy Cross Parish, I wish you and yours a very blessed Easter! Thank you for giving powerful witness to your faith by your Lenten observance and devoted participation in the liturgies of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum. May the 50 days of the entire Easter season be a time in which your appreciation of Christ's resurrection grows, so that our possibility of sharing eternal life together with Him grows as well!

*Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed Alleluia.*

Sincerely in the Risen Lord,  
Father Thomas



### **The Archdiocese of Regina Social Justice Department**

*Greetings to all parishioners of the Archdiocese of Regina;*

*The Archdiocese of Regina has been committed for several months now to respond to the disturbing news of the persecution and suffering of Christians in Iraq. Last October the Archdiocese sent a letter to all parishes describing the grievous injustices heaped upon Christians in Iraq necessitating their flight from their homes to become refugees in other countries. The Bishop gave his support to a project initiated by the Social Justice Department of the Archdiocese to bring Iraqi families to Regina. All of our parishes were invited to take part in this undertaking.*

*Now the real work begins. We hope to raise enough funds to bring a few families to live in Regina. The cost per family of this endeavor will be between \$20,000 and \$30,000 – money needed to support the family for the first year.*

*Fundraising is difficult even at the best of times, but this situation carries a great sense of urgency. You can become familiar with the desperation of the situation by watching the Iraqi Christian videos posted on the Archdiocese website.*

*There is a long road ahead of us. However, we know that with the determination and generosity of the people within this Archdiocese, this goal is attainable. Lord, please give us a deep faith that unites us in compassionate action.*

*The Bishop has designated the Mothers' Day weekend (**May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**) as Iraqi Collection weekend where all parishioners are asked to make a special donation to this worthy cause. Donations should be placed in a separate envelope and clearly marked "**Iraqi Crisis Project**".*

# *Easter Flowers*

*Thank you to the following people who donated money for Easter Flowers:*

*Donor:*

*Gladis Maier*

*Esther Hubenig*

*Dorothy Bresciani*

*Joan Stulberg, Shirley & Dan Devers*

*Maureen LeGault & Children*

*V. & G. Huber*

*Shirley Sebastian*

*Marjorie Frison & Family*

*Agnes Swan*

*Marlene & Gordon Hoffert*

*Mike & Cec Duperreault*

*Genelle Nicholson & Family*

*Mr. & Mrs. G. Toderan*

*Delores Maierhoffer*

*Joseph Deringer*

*Bob & Helen Herauf & Family*

*Garry & Wendy Kraushaar*

*In Memory of:*

*Terry Kluk & Emily Maier*

*Ralph Hubenig*

*Hector Bresciani*

*Frank Stulberg*

*Hank LeGault*

*Deceased Family Members*

*Rudy Sebastian*

*Leo Frison*

*Jean Buechler*

*Brian Hoffert*

*Marjorie Flaman*

*Chris Nicholson*

*Mr. & Mrs. G. Toderan, Steve Zaharik,*

*Karl Maierhoffer*

*Piotta Deringer*

*Bernard & Olga Chomyn, Simon & Agatha Herauf*

*Our Parents*

*In Honour of:*

*Mrs. M. Zaharik*

*And to all those who donated anonymously.*



## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

**ST. PETER'S K OF C PARISH BRUNCH:** Everyone is invited to come to St. Peter's Hall on Sun., May 8, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the K of C Parish Brunch. Cost is donation and mothers eat for free.

**PORTRAITS OF JESUS:** Campion College is offering a four part series exploring divine imagery. This four part series, entitled portraits of Jesus: Literature & Arts, will begin Tuesday, May 10 at 5 p.m. with a lecture and ends with dinner and discussion. The cost for all four sessions is \$20 which includes dinner. Enrolment is limited to 25 participants. Deadline for registration is May 6. For more information or to register contact Linda at 586-4242. Sponsored by Campion College, The Catholic Studies Program and the Jesuit Fathers of Saskatchewan. See poster for more information.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** Saskatchewan Pro-Life is once again hosting the fourth annual March for Life at the Saskatchewan Legislature on Thursday, May 12. March to raise awareness of the devastation of abortion, where over 2100 pre-born babies lose their lives every year in hospitals all over the province. Please meet at Christ the King Church between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. There will be a Mass at 10:00 a.m. Come early to register your family, school, or church group. Walk will take place immediately following mass with events at the Legislature beginning at 11:45 a.m. Guest speaker will be Jojo Ruba of the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform. See posters for more information.

**COME & GO TEA - FR. SCHAFFER:** Congratulations to Rev. Eugene Schaffer who is celebrating his 50th year of Ordination to the Priesthood. A celebration will take place on June 5 at Holy Family Parish. Everyone is invited to a "Come & Go Tea" from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone is also invited to Mass at 4:00 p.m. presided by Fr. Eugene. The parishes that Fr. Gene has served at are: Gerald, Cupar, Langenburg, Sedley, Vibank, Esterhazy, Redvers, and in Regina at Sacred Heart, St. Peter, Holy Trinity, Holy Child, and currently at Holy Family.

**THANKS! THANKS!:** To the Parishes and individual Parishioners who so generously supported the 22nd Annual Catholic Family Services Gala dinner. You made it a great success. Please remember to mark you calendar for next year's event, which will be held on Friday, March 2 at the Delta Regina Hotel.

**ST. PETER'S PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY:** Mark your calendars for June 10-12. BBQ, games, wine & cheese, banquet, Mass, brunch. For details see bulletin board or call St. Peter's 545.4411.

### AN EVENING OF WORSHIP & INTERCESSION FOR

**BARRY MOFFATT:** Barry is a member of the band "Vision" and was part of City Wide Praise from the very beginning as well as a part of Holy Cross Music Ministry. Barry is now very ill with stage 4 lung cancer, bone cancer and a brain tumour. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us as we worship Jesus and bring Barry's needs before the Throne. Friday, May 6 (Barry's 49th Birthday) at 7:00 p.m. at Lighthouse to All Nations Church, 686 Pasqua Street. Featuring: A combined Worship Team of Vision and Lighthouse. Free Admission (An offering for the Moffatt Family will be received), Coffee and Birthday Cake will be served.

### NEW PARISHIONERS/CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are new to the parish or have recently moved, please complete this form and place it in the collection basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_\_ Change \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like Parish Envelopes? \_\_\_\_\_

<b>MINISTRY SCHEDULE – 1st Sunday</b>			
April 30/May 1	5:00 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
ALTAR SERVER	Dianna Onyango	Jordan Sylvestre	Myles Bistrizan
MINISTRY TEAM	John Lebersback	Eugene Achtemichuk	Ed Deck
USHERS		Merv Schuster	Roy Taylor
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Connie Todd Charlotte Dusyk	Kristy White	Chelsea & Carter Holmes
MUSIC	Adrienne Gagnon	Neigum	Joyful Noise
COLLECTION COUNTERS	Team 4 Leonard Jelinski (John Schneider, Dorothy Bresciani, Jack & Gladys Herzberger)		