



Holy Cross Parish

April 2/3, 2011

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Reflection:

Today's reading from John's gospel of the man born blind invites us to reflect on how we receive Jesus. Do we, with the Pharisees, attempt to limit God with rules and judgments? Or are we open to possibility, to transformation, as we journey with Jesus into the Easter mysteries? Together with the man born blind, we see anew through our encounter with Jesus; we learn to view everything through the lens of committed discipleship.

Later in his gospel, John uses the familiar and rich image of Jesus as light of the world. Yet earlier this year, in Matthew's gospel, we heard Jesus tell us that we *too* are light of the world. In the second reading today, Paul assures us that "in the Lord" we are light. Not a light that is nebulous, diffused, soft focused. But light embodied, light incarnated - light with a purpose. We become a people who reflect Christ in our words and attitudes, through our actions, here...now.

With the man born blind, let us affirm with confidence, "Lord, I believe".

Questions:

Adult. *What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?*

Children. *How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?*

Prayer:

God of my blindness, bring me sight;

Allow my darkness to flood with light.

Teach me the way to know my sin;

Let it provide a path for you to come in.

Anoint my sightlessness with graced mud and clay,

That I might have blinding vision each day. Amen

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon: Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54
Tues: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 John 5:1-16
Wed: Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:16-30
Thurs: Exodus 32:7-14 John 5:18, 31-47
Fri: Wisdom 2:1, 12-22 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat: Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7:40-53

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1st: Ezekiel 37:12-14

2nd: Romans 8:8-11 **Gospel:** John 11:1-45

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK April 3-10

SUNDAY	9:00 & 11:00 AM	MASS
	7:00 PM	Reconciliation Celebration
MONDAY	7:00 PM	Holy Hour
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	MASS
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	MASS (Joe Fahlman)
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
	7:30 PM	Prayer Group Meeting
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	MASS
	8:30 AM	Study Group
FRIDAY	1:00 PM	Whist
	5:30-6:30 PM	Poor Man's Supper
	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (Children's Liturgy Leaders & Altar Servers)
	7:30 PM	MASS
SATURDAY	4:15 PM	RECONCILIATION
	5:00 PM	MASS (Francesco Ranalli)
SUNDAY	9:00 & 11:00 AM	MASS Lent V
	9:00 & 11:00 AM	K of C Bake Sale

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations received on March 26/27, 2011:

Envelopes: \$3,942.81
Loose: \$175.67

Stewardship



Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ looks out on the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good and yours are the hands with which he is to bless his people. (St. Theresa of Avila)

Fourth Sunday of Lent: The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?



K OF C:

- ◇ "I Am My Brother's Keeper"
- ◇ Next council meeting is Monday, April 21 at 8:00 p.m.
- ◇ **Reminder:** Our 2nd Annual Bake Sale is next weekend, Sunday, April 10.



WHIST: Please join us for all the fun & fellowship on Fridays April 8 & 29. Our sponsors are Regina Marine (10km east on Hwy 1) & Minute Muffler.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER: Last weeks winner was Geri Huber.



NEEDED FOR THE POOR: We are in need of a highchair. Please call the office if you have one to donate.

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following couples from our parish on the celebration of their wedding anniversaries this month.



Don & Gemma Jackson	April 23	51 years
John & Cheryl Yaehne	April 29	33 years

PRO-LIFE

We need to become aware of what is happening around us. If we are schooled in our faith and developing an educated conscience, and become aware of the heinous crime that abortion is, we will know that it is our duty to act, to protect the most defenseless of innocents. But we mustn't forget the problem of euthanasia. If we have made it past our mother's womb, the next hurdle will be if we are going to be allowed the right to life in our old age or handicapped situation. The pressure is on now in many hospitals here in Canada to allow euthanasia of the terminally ill - end of life illnesses cost money. We're all heading down the road to our own end of life, so now might be the time to pay attention while we have a say.

(See article in April issue of Knights of Columbus' Gerein Gazette.)

SHARE LENT: Next Sunday, April 10, there will be an envelope in your bulletin for Share Lent. Please give as generously as you can to support our Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Thank you.

50th ANNIVERSARY HISTORY BOOK NOW

AVAILABLE. The book, which is 150 pages and contains more than 300 photos, tells the good news of our faith community alive in Jesus Christ. Former parishioners are encouraged to purchase a copy for themselves and to promote it to family members. It makes a great gift! Copies may be purchased from the Parish History Book Committee for \$20 each. They are available after weekend Masses in the Holy Cross Gerein Centre or by contacting committee members, Ruth (789-2049) or Charlotte (781-2562).

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: Remember to book a date and time to have your photo taken for the 50th Anniversary Pictorial Directory. Sign up sheets will be available after all masses. Photographers will be coming to the Gerein Centre on: April 26 and 30; May 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

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

RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION

Jesus Christ came into the world to save all people from the power of Satan, sin, and sin's consequence, death. The purpose of his ministry was our reconciliation with the Father. In a special way, his death on the cross brought the possibility of forgiveness, peace and reconciliation to all.



Everyone is welcome to attend on Sunday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.
This will be the **ONLY** Lenten Reconciliation Celebration for the East Deanery.

CONFIRMATION 2010/2011 GRADE 5 & 6

Holy Spirit Retreat - May 13th 9 am
Potluck supper for families and sponsors at St. Andrew's Hall 6:30 pm. Parents who can help with retreat or potluck setup, please email Louise.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2010/2011 GRADE 2

All meetings begin with mass at 5pm.
All Children & families are expected to be at mass.
After mass we will share in a meal together with an hour of instruction time. Each class runs from 5pm-8pm.

Class- April 16th

Jesus Day Retreat—May 25 9am-12pm (lunch is provided).

Please Email Louise Reeve at ym.holycross@sasktel.net or call the Parish office at 757-1325 with any questions or concerns or to register for youth nights.

CWL NEWS

Catholic Woman's League (CWL) is a national organization of Catholic woman under the patronage of "Our Lady of Good Council" bound in Christian solidarity and friendship for the furtherance of religion, cultural and intellectual interests and the development of social action. Its motto: For God and Canada.

Our C.W.L. Council meets on the 1st Tuesday of October, December, March and May, at 7 p.m. in the Holy Cross Gerein Centre. All ladies are welcome.

Dollar A Month Envelopes: A special thanks from the Holy Cross C.W.L. to all parishioners who have donated to the „Dollar-A-Month“ envelopes. Some of the charities we help support by your donations are as follows:

Birthright, Save the Children Community Development, Share Lent, Marian Centre, Sask. Pro Life, Peru Mission, Sofia House, Holy Cross Christmas Hampers, Prairie Messenger, Visitation House, Campion College, Teen Parent, Hope's Home and Telemiracle.

The Executive for 2012 is as follows:

Past President	Lila Selinger
President	Loretta Jelinski
Treasurer	Liz Maticka
Secretary	Connie Todd
1 st . Vice (Membership)	Lynn Heymen
2 nd Vice (Spiritual)	Louise Hornung
3 rd . Vice (Education)	Brenda Achtemichuk
4 th . Vice (Comm. Service)	Ursula Mosthaf
Comm. & Public Relations	Marie Lebersback
Councilors	Louella Butchko & Joyce Kent Doris Herauf & Maria Ricci Terry Dreher & Evelyn Hauck
Comm. & Public Relations	Marie Lebersback
Parish Council	Theresa Davis
Funeral Co-ordinate	Dorothy Bresciani & Doris Herauf
Spiritual Director:	Fr. Thomas Nguyen

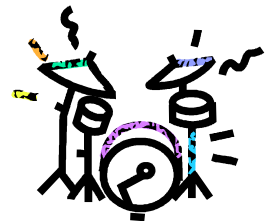


- ◇ NO CWL APRIL MEETING
- ◇ NO CWL EXECUTIVE MEETING IN APRIL
- ◇ CWL LADIES REFLECTION, Mon. April, 7 p.m. @ Holy Child Parish. Presenter is Jenny Banga Topic: Hope & Peace. Everyone welcome, lunch to follow.
- ◇ **Regina Regional Meeting** will take place at Christ The King Parish on April 7, Mass 6:30 p.m. Meeting to follow.

MUSIC MINISTRY IS PURCHASING A SET OF DRUMS

They will remain at the church for use during mass. The cost of the set is approximately \$379.00. We are looking for any parishioners who may be interested in donating some money towards this cause. If you enjoy the music provided at masses – this might be one way you can give back.

Please contact the office if you are able to help out!



Light Your Lamp Dinner

March 26, 2011 saw Holy Cross host its second Vietnamese Dinner at St. Andrew's Hall. There were 156 people who took part in this event which proved to be an enjoyable evening for all. Our Lantern Lottery was a great success - with 87 tickets sold. Congratulations to Adrienne Gagnon who was the winner of the draw.

The evening was full of wonderful food, great fellowship and a special appearance by our own Fr. Thomas who played guitar and sang a few songs which he personally wrote. The evening was also made special by a performance by the "Voice Choir" led by Junamar Mislang. This group of 14 Philippine men, from Holy Rosary Cathedral, treated the group to 6 songs ranging from acapella songs to those accompanied by a piano and a guitar.

The event raised **\$2777.25** for the church!



Grow a little spiritually this Lenten season

Would you like to like to nurture your spirituality this Lenten season? Are you short on time?

Catholic Lighthouse Media CDs are exactly what you're looking for. You can pop them in your car for your ride to and from work or for your next road trip. You can listen to them in the comfort of your own home, on your own time.

We have specially chosen titles to help you on your Lenten journey. Might we suggest:

- Our Lives Change When Our Habits Change – Matthew Kelly
- The Passion of Christ Applied to Your Life – Fr. John Corapi S.O.L.T.
- Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross – Fr. James P. Shea
- Three Days that Changed the World – Fr. Hector R.G. Perez
- The True Meaning of Easter – Archbishop Fulton Sheen
- The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin – Fr. Franciscus Peffley
- The Significance of Holy Saturday and Applying it to your Life -- Fr. John Corapi S.O.L.T.
- Becoming the Best Version of Yourself – Matthew Kelly

CDs are available in the Gerein Centre. The suggested donation is \$5 per CD or 4 for \$20.

Lenten Spiritual Growth Opportunities

◇ **Poor Man's Meal** - Every Friday during lent. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Hosted by the K of C. Supper consists of soup, sandwiches and tea/coffee. (Free Will Offering)



◇ **Way of the Cross** - Fridays beginning after the Poor Man's Meal, 7:00 p.m. Led by a different group each week. We will reflect on the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.



◇ **Mass** - 7:30 p.m. every Friday during Lent following Way of the Cross.

◇ **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration** - Monday's, April 4, 11, & 18 at 7:00 p.m. Rosary, chaplet, and adoration music.

Chrism Mass

Will be held on Monday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Everyone is invited to attend.

Anointing with oil is an important part of the sacramental life of the Church. The consecration of Sacred Chrism and the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens by the local bishop at the Chrism Mass is a powerful symbol of our oneness as a diocesan family through the ministry of our chief shepherd.

The oils that each parish receives at the Chrism Mass become part of the parish's celebration of sacraments for the coming year. The oils are to be formally presented to the parish at the Celebration of the Lord's Supper liturgy on Holy Thursday evening.



Knights of Columbus Bake Sale

Be sure to stop by the Gerein Centre on Sunday, April 10 for the 2nd Annual K of C Bake Sale. One day only, don't miss out!



Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers for our church are supplied through the generous donations given by parishioners in memory of deceased loved ones or in honour of the living.

If you wish to make such a memorial donation, complete this form and place it along with your gift in an envelope clearly marked **Easter Flowers**. That envelope can be placed in the collection basket or turned into the Parish Office.

All memorials will be published in the Church bulletin over the Easter season unless otherwise requested. Thank You!

In Memory of _____
(Name of deceased)

In Honor of _____
(Name of living person who is being honored)

Requested by _____

Amount _____ Envelope # _____ Please do not publish my gift _____



**Holy Cross Parish 2011
Annual General Meeting
March 27, 2011**

Forty-eight (48) people attended the Annual General Meeting, held March 27, 2011.

The meeting began with an Appreciation Lunch, hosted by the Public Relations Committee organized by Sheri Gauthier.

Prior to the meeting, Ruth Robillard and Charlotte Dusyk presented Fr. Thomas with the first copy of the Holy Cross History Book, Celebrating 50 Years.

The following are some of the highlights from the meeting:

Karen Eisler explained the proposed changes and amendments to the Holy Cross Constitution and Bylaws, which were made to bring our Constitution in line with the recommended guidelines of the Archdiocese that came out in 2010. The Amended Constitution and Bylaws were approved by a clear 2/3 majority vote.

The 2011 Budget, which consists of a deficit budget was presented by Nikki Hauck for discussion and approval. The Budget was approved on the condition that Pastoral Council and Finance Council develop a plan of action by June 2011 to reduce the margin between income and expenses.

The Nominating Committee presented the names of parishioners who had agreed to let their names stand for election to positions on Pastoral and Finance Council.

The members elected at the AGM consist of the following:

Pastoral Council Chairperson: Karen Eisler

Liturgy: Mavis Luce

Spiritual Education; Barbara Potter and Alex Banga

Social Action: Theresa Davies

Ecumenism: Isabel Solano and Rita Lebioda

Fundraising: Brenda and Eugene Achtemichuk
Stewardship: Chelsea Graham and Dan Devers
Vocation Awareness: Candide and Dave Wollbaum
Finance Council Chairperson: Nikki Hauck
Vacant Positions:

There were no nominations from the floor for Members at Large. Pastoral Council was asked to recruit one more Member at Large.

These newly elected members join existing elected members:

Vice Chair: Co.chairs Monique and James Wahl

Public Relations & Communications: Sheri Gauthier

Members at Large: Albert Robillard and Glen Dube

Past Chairperson: Bernie Ryma

Organization Representatives and Appointed Representatives:

Pro-Life: Joyce and Cal Murphy

Youth: Harrison Andruschuk

CWL: Theresa Davies

Knights of Columbus: Cal Murphy

Deanery Pastoral Council Representative: Glen Dube

Thank you to all who have accepted the call to give back to God and our Holy Cross Parish the many gifts and talents with which you have been blessed.

Sincerely,

Bernie Ryma

Past Chairperson, Pastoral Council



Are you enjoying the Matthew Kelly book, *'Rediscovering Catholicism'?*
Watch for an opportunity to discuss this wonderful book with fellow parishioners after Easter.

HELP NEEDED!

The Public Relations committee currently consists of just one person. We are looking for 3 or 4 volunteers to help out with different parish events. Work involves help with preparing the food, setting food out, making coffee, and cleaning up.

Many hands make light work.

With a list of volunteers, the work would not fall on just one. If you are interested in helping out, or would like more information, please call Sheri @ 584.9244

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

VOCAL JAZZ COFFEE HOUSE 2011 FUNDRAISER:

Miller High School is to present its concert on Mon., April 4 at 7:00 p.m. Evening features Miller's vocal jazz ensembles, mocha java, cappuccino and Latte Jazz as well as a plethora of student soloists accompanied by local jazz musicians Ken Jefferson, Carlo Petrovitch and Don Young. Dessert and coffee will be served. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$5/students and are available at the door. Event will also include a silent auction and raffle.

FUNDRAISING BANQUET FOR PRO-LIFE:

April 8, at St. Mary's Hall. Dinner 6:30 p.m., Guest Speaker Jim Hughes. Tickets: adults/\$40, students/\$15. (adults receive a \$20 charitable tax receipt). Tickets can be purchased at Regina Pro-Life or Burns-Hanley. Please bring a unwrapped baby gift that will be given to a new mother. See bulletin board for more information.

BOYS LENT WEEKEND RETREAT: *Black Ops.*

Resurrection, April 8-10 for boys 10-16 (Grade 5-10) at Leboldus High School. Action packed weekend will help prepare you for Easter. Activities are mission-based just like the popular video game, Black Ops. For full details visit www.conquestregina.ca, call Trevor 585-1609, or email conquest.regina@gmail.com. Cost \$40. Registration deadline is April 1. Sponsored by ConQuest Regina.

REGINA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 36th ANNUAL BAND

DAYS: Over 800 solos and 200 ensembles. April 12-15 at Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School. Grand Concert, Saturday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m.

"THE HEART OF THE MATTER": Broadcast on VISIONTV on Mon., April 18 (part 1) & Tues., April 19 (part 2) at 5 p.m. and repeated at 8 p.m.. It will feature Fr. Jack Lynch, s.f.m., Fr. Donald Senior, C.P. and Sister Melannie Svoboda, SND. Fr. Senior will talk about the challenge of reconciliation in our families, our Church, and in our world. See poster for more details.

TRIBUTE TO THE LEGENDS OF COUNTRY MUSIC:

Presented by Broadway United Church, Canadian Martyr's Catholic Church & Richardson Community Cooperative. Join us on Tuesday, April 26 at George Reed Auditorium at The Orr Centre, 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$20 includes coffee & door prizes. Tickets available at all three sponsors or Bach & Beyond. For more information see www.contryblend.ca. All proceeds go to the three sponsors.

10TH ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE:

A tribute for the Beautification of Pope John Paul II to be held on Divine Mercy Sunday, May 1, at Canadian Martyrs Church. 11:00 a.m. adoration, Presentations by Fr. Ben Fiore and Shirley Oleskiw, and Benediction. See bulletin board for more information.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Available daily at the Eucharistic Apostles Divine Mercy Centre at 484 Hamilton Street. Monday & Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday & Thursdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 2 - 5 p.m. Please help us keep Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in our city on a daily basis.

SUMMER SCHOOL IN LITURGICAL STUDIES:

Will be held from July 18 - 29 at St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon. Courses this summer include topics such as Liturgical Music I and II, General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Liturgies with Children and Youth and other courses on the liturgical life of the Church for all preside, lead, evaluate, participate in and appreciate the liturgical life of the parish. More information is available at www.wcl-ssls.ca or call Marian at 789-8276.

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? _____

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – 2nd Sunday

April 9/10, 2011	5:00 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
ALTAR SERVER CAPTAINS	Robin Tocker	Kevin Todd	Natasha Bigeau
MINISTRY TEAM	Mary-Anne & Don Harazny	Phyllis Kennedy	Sharie & Bernie Ryma
USHERS		Merv Shuster	Roy Taylor
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Brenna/Tim Patenaude	Jan/Will Genert	Melanie Nargang
MUSIC	Hauck	Anthem	Holy Cross Choir
COLLECTION COUNTERS	Team 3 John Lagus (Bob & Katherine Liska)		