



Holy Cross Parish

January 29/30, 2011

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Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.26-31
Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12a

Reflection:

Too many people want to sit out life complacently. Some of us argue that we are on the downside of life's hill, have already expended our energies, and are now entitled to retirement. Our aim is to do as little as possible. Others are busily climbing that same hill, burdened with jobs, rearing children, stealing time to relax - time that is instead spent

frantically chasing fun. In neither case is there a sincere search. In both instances, escape is the motivation. We are among those called to seek, search, probe, question, and rest in the magnitude of the God who "is the source of your life in Christ Jesus (1 Corinthians 1:30). God asks that we opt for radical "Be.ing" not surface "existing." This requires an openness to surprising possibilities - a "Be.attitudinal" lifestyle!

Questions:

Adult. What blessings or beatitudes do you experience in your life as you live your own faith?

Children. Who is welcome in the family of God? Who would you like to tell about the family of God?

Prayer:

O, My God. I offer you this day, all that I might think or do or say; uniting it with what was done by Jesus Christ your only Son. Take my body, Jesus, eyes and ears and tongue. Never let me, Jesus, help to do you wrong. Take my heart and fill it full of love for you. All I have, I give you. Give yourself to me. Amen.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK January 30-February 6

SUNDAY	9:00 & 11:00 AM	MASS
MONDAY		
TUESDAY	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	MASS CWL Meeting
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM 7:30 PM 7:30 PM 7:30 PM	MASS Choir Practice Prayer Group Meeting Spiritual Education Mtg.
THURSDAY	8:00 AM 8:30 AM	MASS Study Group
FRIDAY	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 PM	MASS (Charles Neigum) Adoration Benediction
SATURDAY	4:15 PM 5:00 PM 5:00 PM	Reconciliation MASS (Terry O'Sullivan) Confirmation Class
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 7:00 PM	MASS MASS PARISH MISSION 2011

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon:	Hebrews 11.32-40	Mark 5.1-20
Tues:	Hebrews 12.1-4	Mark 5.21-43
Wed:	Malachi 3.1-4	Luke 2.22-40
Thurs:	Hebrews 12.18-19, 21-24	Mark 6.7-13
Fri:	Hebrews 13.1-8	Mark 6.14-29
Sat:	Hebrews 13.15-17, 20-21	Mark 6.30-34

SUNDAY .5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Page 467-469
1st: Isaiah 58.6-10++ **2nd:** 1 Corinthians 2.1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations received on

Sunday Envelope: \$3,431.72

Loose: \$179.50

QVE Envelope Collection: \$67.00



ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL 2010: The total collected for the 2010 appeal was \$20,642. Our targeted goal was \$35,050.

Stewardship

It is not by accident that the happiest people are those who make a conscious effort to live useful lives. Their happiness is not a shallow one where life is one continuous party. Rather, their happiness is a deep sense of inner peace that comes when they are making a difference.

Sometimes true stewardship seems impossible. "How can I do more for my parish? I'm so busy." "How can I give more money? I'm in debt as it is." "Share my talents? I'm no musician or artist." And it's true that if we continue to think that way, we won't do more. However, we are people raising the barriers, not God. God does not require us to do the impossible. There is always a way to do what the Lord asks. It's up to us to find out how, through prayer, thought, and imagination.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the kingdom!* The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the kingdom *will be rewarded!*

CWL NEWS:

⇒ CWL membership fees of \$20 are now due.

⇒ Tuesday, Feb 1, mass 7 pm followed by general meeting. We will be hosting a Shower for Birthright. We are collecting for our hampers. Boxes are located at both entrances. **All parishioners are invited to participate.** Specific items needed are: baby food, receiving blankets, diapers, clothes (mostly newborn), new and used will be greatly accepted.

K OF C:

- "I Am My Brother's Keeper"
- Did you know...We donated \$250 to Comboni Missionaries to help support the Missionaries in their work in Ethiopia.
- 2011 Membership fees are now due. Please send payment to Leonard Kolb.
- Our next 1st Degree is Monday March 14. Growth in membership, helps grow our church.
- Next meeting is on Monday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER:

This weeks winner is Victoria Chrispin.



WHIST: Please join us for all the fun & fellowship on Fridays, January 28 and February 11 & 25 at 1:00 p.m. Our sponsors for February are Access Communications and Regina Marine (10km east on Hwy #1)

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **NO** Prayer Group Meeting or Choir Practice on Wednesday February 9. Pastoral Council meeting has been moved to Tuesday February 15. These changes are due to the Parish Mission. We hope to see you all there!

TAX RECEIPTS: Charitable donation receipts have been issued and are available for pick up in the Gerein Centre. Please pick yours up as soon as possible to save on postage. Receipts for donations to the Appeal made between July 1 and December 31, 2010 are included in your parish donation receipt. *Please note that receipts for donations made to the Commitment to the Future between January 1 and June 30, 2010 will be issued by the Archdiocese. Donations which were made by post-dated cheques, credit cards or auto debit will also be issued by the Archdiocese.*

PARISH HISTORY BOOK UPDATE: Progress is being made on the Holy Cross Parish 50th Anniversary History Book. The arduous task of proof reading the draft copy of the book has been completed. The graphic artist is making the necessary corrections and we hope to have a revised copy for review early in February. Printing will likely be done in February or early March. The size of the finished book will be 150 pages including more than 300 photos.

The goal of completing the book by Christmas was a bit ambitious. It has taken longer than expected because of the quantity of material submitted by parishioners. The editorial team is confident that the book is of a quality that proudly displays our parish story. Final details on the book's availability and price will be posted as soon as these details are known.

You may make a donation to offset publication costs. Place your contribution in an envelope marked "History Book" & place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the office. For more information, visit our parish website.

NEEDED FOR THE POOR: We have a couple of families who are in need of the following items. Please call the office to make arrangements to drop large items off. Items needed are: Couch, coffee table, towels & warm comforters.

NEW PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY:

As part of the ongoing 50th Anniversary activities for Holy Cross, a new pictorial church directory will be produced. The last directory was 2007.

IPC will once again be producing the books and they have agreed to provide a FREE 8"x 10"

print for all parishioners who have their photo taken and a FREE copy of the church directory. **You do not have to buy any picture packages to receive these two free items and there is no expense to Holy Cross to have the photos/booklets produced.**

Charlotte Dusyk has agreed to chair a committee and is looking for volunteers to assist with planning and organizing the photo sessions. Please contact her by February 5 at: 781-2562 or cdusyk@hotmail.com if you are able to assist.



February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 PM MASS 7:30 PM CWL Meeting & Birthright Shower	2 7:00 PM MASS 7:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Prayer Group 7:30 PM Spiritual Ed. Mtg.	3 8:00 AM MASS 8:30 AM Study Group	4 8:00 AM MASS 8:30 AM Adoration 12:00 PM Benediction	5 4:15 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM MASS 5:00 PM Confirmation Grade 5/6
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Parish Mission with Fr. Thomas Rosica - 7 PM Daily						
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20 9:00 AM MASS 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM-12:30 PM K of C Pancake Breakfast	21 7:30 PM CWL Executive Meeting 7:30 PM K of C Meeting Office Closed FAMILY DAY	22 7:00 PM MASS 7:30 PM Finance Council Meeting	23 7:00 PM MASS 7:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Prayer Group	24 8:00 AM MASS 8:30 AM Study Group 7:00 PM Growing Faith Project	25 8:00 AM MASS 1:00 PM Whist	26 4:15 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM MASS 5:00 PM GAT Bake Sale
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"Let us go up to Jerusalem with Jesus"
 Join Father Thomas Rosica CSB,
 CEO of Salt and Light Television and 2002 World Youth Day
 at the Holy Cross Parish Mission 2011
 Sunday, February 6 to Wednesday, February 9
 Attend one evening or all four evenings, at 7 p.m.



Fr. Thomas Rosica has been a priest in the Congregation of St. Basil since 1986. A scripture scholar and lecturer in New Testament, he was chaplain of Newman Centre, University of Toronto before becoming National Director and CEO of World Youth Day 2002 and the visit of Pope John Paul II to Canada. Following World Youth Day, he became the founding CEO of Salt and Light Television, Canada's national Catholic Television network. In October 2008, he was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as the English-speaking Media Attaché of the Synod of Bishops on the Word of God at the Vatican. In February 2009, Fr. Rosica was appointed by Pope Benedict as Consulter to the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. To learn more about Fr. Rosica and his reflections, visit www.saltandlighttv.org.

Everyone is welcome to take this opportunity to journey with Father Rosica

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

ÉCOLE ST. ANDREW SCHOOL CATHOLIC FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION:

Bonjour! Calling all excited Kindergartens!! We are currently accepting registrations for fall kindergarten classes. Questions? Want to register? Give us a call at 791.7300. We'd love to see you. Merci!

SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY:

Feb. 25-27 at Vanier Collegiate in Moose Jaw. All youth from 15 to 21ish years are invited to a fun-filled, faith-expanding, life-changing weekend. Registration deadline is February 7. Application forms are located at www.search.inthedeemer.com or at entrances. For information contact Monica at 371.5853 or archsearch.sk@gmail.com or to register contact Lamont at search@inthedeemer.com.

BOYS! BOYS!:

(grade 2 to 5) Learn to put on the Armour of God – Saturday, Feb. 5th at LeBoldus High School from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Come for a fun evening of sports, learning and high pace, formative activities. Boys from all parishes welcome. Hosted by Conquest. There is no cost. For more

information please email conquest.regina@gmail.com or visit our website www.conquestregina.ca.

INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITIES:

Everyone is invited to attend on Thursday, February 24 at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Fellowship 6:30 p.m. speaker at 7:00 p.m., reception 8:15. World renowned Jerry Goebel facilitator, presenter, musician, brings HOPE to communities around North America, works with students, teachers, parents and grandparents. He presents practical ideas to help to raise our children that you can use immediately. For more information contact Lucille 584.8694, Sponsored by Regina Regional CWL. No cost to attend. See poster for additional information.

MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST:

Everyone is invited to Little Flower Parish on Sunday, February 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. Tickets: Adults/\$5, children (12 and under)/\$3. Tickets available at the door, no advance tickets will be sold..



PRO-LIFE NEWS FEBRUARY 2011

We have just observed the day - January 28th, 23 years ago - when the Supreme Court of Canada struck down Section 251 of the Canadian Criminal Code.

Since then there has been no law against abortion, the deliberate killing of an innocent pre-born human being. Instead of being in the safest, most protected place in which to grow and be loved, every baby in our country is in jeopardy depending upon the decisions of its mother. If she decides the baby will be a social or financial handicap, or perhaps the doctors think it may not be a perfect specimen, or for whatever reason, it can be disposed of in the most inhumane manner. Even a person's dog is not "put down" as cruelly. The dog will be "put to sleep".

The baby, meanwhile, without anesthetic, will be poisoned, or torn apart by suction if it is small enough, or if not it will be cut apart with a sharp blade. Can you imagine "The Silent Scream" it makes as this excruciatingly painful mutilation,

aka "operation", is performed in order to kill it? When that is complete and the baby's head remains, it will be crushed so it can be removed more easily. Then a nurse must put the pieces back together to make sure they haven't missed anything. Or, if it is a full term baby, they can allow it to be partially born feet first, and as all but the head is outside its mother's body, the doctor will jab a pair of scissors into its brain and kill it. If the doctor doesn't work quickly enough and the baby's head is born, if he does the same process, he will be committing murder.

Make sense? And we get to pay for all this through our tax dollars.

We have God-given rights. The main one is the right to life – if we don't have that right, nothing else matters. The reason for the Pro-Life Committee is to educate people to recognize what is really happening in an abortion. Pro-choice is postulated as the woman's "right" to choose. That choice is really only the choice to accept new life or to kill it. Killing the innocent is murder.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – First Sunday

February 5/6, 2011	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 9:00 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
ALTAR SERVER	Dianna Onyango	Jordan Sylvestre	Myles Bistrizan
MINISTRY TEAM CAPTAINS	John Lebersback	Eugene Achtemichuk	Ed Deck
USHERS		Merv Schuster	Roy Taylor
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Connie Todd & Charlotte Dusyk	Kristy White	Chelsea & Carter Holmes Aimee & Taran Garchinski
MUSIC	Youth Choir	Neigum	Joyful Noise
COLLECTION	Team 9 Glen & Jean Thompson (Blaine & Lorraine Ferrara)		