



Holy Cross Parish

March 26/27, 2011

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3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Reflection: In John's gospel we encounter a Samaritan woman preparing to draw water from a well. This daily, ordinary ritual becomes an extraordinary, transformative life experience for her. At the well she encounters one not bound by the legalism of religious authorities, but instead by the law of love written on his heart by God who led him to her. As a

woman, a Samaritan and one married five times, she was an outcast. Not blinded by categories, imperfections or sins, Jesus models for us all how to satisfy the deepest human thirsts. This is Jesus the pastoral minister whose words water the human soul.

The Samaritan woman, like all of us, thirsts for understanding and acceptance, which are hard to find in a patriarchal society marked by rigid religious laws. Jesus offers her cleansing water of the truth or her life experience. There is no harsh, judgemental rebuke. This truthful encounter is tempered by loving acceptance.

We all thirst for meaning in life. Jesus encounters each of us at the well of our lives and offers unconditional love. With all catechumens preparing for baptism, let us join the entire community in answering Jesus' renewed initiation to selfless service.

Questions:

Adults: Where have you found a source of living water for your own journey of faith?

Child: Name some times when your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger.

Prayer: Abide, O Spirit of Life! Let peace fill our hearts, Let love fill our minds. Make us loving disciples of Christ. May we all be one, may we all be yours, abide, O spirit of Life! Amen.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK March 27 - April 3

SUNDAY	9:00 & 11:00 AM	MASS
	12:00 PM	Appreciation Luncheon
	12:30 PM	Annual Meeting
MONDAY	7:00 PM	Holy Hour
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	MASS
	7:30 PM	Liturgy Meeting
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	5:30-6:30 PM	Poor Man's Supper
	Begins 6:00 PM	Living Christ Retreat
	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (CCO)
	7:30 PM	MASS
	8:00-8:30 PM	Adoration
	8:30 PM	Benediction
SATURDAY	Begins 9:00 AM	Living Christ Retreat
	4:15 PM	RECONCILIATION
	5:00 PM	MASS (Francesco Ranalli)
	5:00 PM	Confirmation Class
SUNDAY	9:00 & 11:00 AM	MASS
	7:00 PM	Reconciliation Celebration

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon:	2 Kings 5:1-15	Luke 4:24-30
Tues:	Daniel 3:25, 34-43	Matthew 18:21-35
Wed:	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9	Matthew 5:17-19
Thurs:	Jeremiah 7:23-28	Luke 11:14-23
Fri:	Hosea 14:1-9	Mark 12:28-34
Sat:	Hosea 5:15-6:6	Luke 18:9-14
Sunday - 4th Sunday of Lent: Page 128-133		
1st:	1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13	
2nd:	Ephesians 5:8-14	
Gospel:	John 9:1-41	

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collection Amounts for March 19/20, 2011

Sunday Envelope: \$4,845.00

Loose: \$199.70

QVE Envelope Collection: \$110.00

Stewardship

I offer this day to you, dear God. Thank you for the blessings you have given me. May I use these gifts to build your kingdom. May my actions be a reflection of your love. May what I do today bring others closer to you. May my words be kind and gentle and may they bring joy to others. Today, help me to give back a portion of what you have given me. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Third Sunday of Lent: When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We too must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

CWL NEWS:

- ⇒ No April meeting.
- ⇒ CWL LADIES REFLECTION, Mon., April 4, 7:00 p.m. at 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 beginning with Mass 6:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Next Executive Meeting is April 18, 7:30 p.m.

K OF C:

- ◇ "I Am My Brother's Keeper"
- ◇ From the sale of Shamrocks - \$189.14 was collected. We donated \$200.00 to Camp Monahan.
- ◇ **Reminder:** Our 2nd Annual Bake Sale is only 2 weeks away, Sunday, April 10.
- ◇ Next council meeting is Monday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m.



WHIST: Please join us for all the fun & fellowship on Fridays April 8 & 29, May 13 & 27. Our sponsor is Regina Marine (10km east of Hwy #1) and Quality Tire Service.

NEEDED FOR THE POOR: We are in need of men's everyday clothes sweats, t-shirts, etc. & jeans for a tall man.

GOLF COMMITTEE: Meeting is Tuesday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Cal & Joyce's. Anyone interested in joining the group, please call 789-1983.



CALENDAR RAFFLE:

Last weeks winners were Gerard & Erna Woynarski.



Pictorial Directory

Here are the confirmed dates that photos will be taken at the church: April 26 and 30; May 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Sign up sheets will be available after mass.

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, please contact Charlotte 781-2562 or cdusyk@hotmail.com

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 after the Poor Man's Meal, 7:00 p.m. Led by a different group each week. 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 at 7:00 p.m. Rosary, chaplet, and adoration music.

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.

To help have a heartfelt reconciliation, you can pick up a reconciliation pamphlet available at either entrance.



Sign up Now!

Share a bit of good food, some talking about your faith, and a dose of great friendship with fellow parishioners.

"Living Christ Retreat"

Friday, April 1, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 2, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday supper, Saturday lunch, 3 snacks included.

Cost \$10.00 Please register by calling the office, 757-1325.

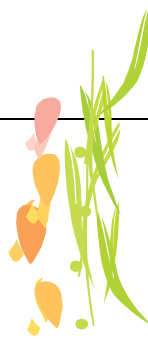




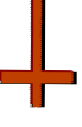

Holy Cross Church

"Come with me by yourself to a quiet place to get some rest" Mark 6:31



April 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>3 9:00 AM MASS 11:00 AM MASS 7:00 PM Reconciliation Celebration</p>		<p>4 7:00 PM Holy Hour</p>	<p>6 7:00 PM MASS 7:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Prayer Group Mtg.</p> 	<p>7 8:00 AM MASS 8:30 AM Study Group</p>	<p>1 5:30-6:30 PM Poor Man's Supper 6:00 PM Living Christ Retreat 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (CCO leaders) 7:30 PM MASS 8:00 PM Adoration 8:30 PM Benediction</p>	<p>2 9:00 AM Living Christ Retreat 4:15 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM MASS 5:00 PM Confirmation Class</p>
<p>10 9:00 AM MASS 11:00 AM MASS 9:00 & 11:00 AM K of C Bake Sale</p> 	<p>11 7:00 PM Holy Hour</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM MASS 7:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting</p>	<p>13 7:00 PM MASS 7:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Prayer Group Mtg.</p>	<p>14 9:15 AM MASS--St. Andrew School 5:30 PM Visitation House Tea</p>	<p>15 5:30-6:30 PM Poor Man's Supper 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Regnum Christi Leaders) 7:30 PM MASS</p> 	<p>16 4:15 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM MASS 5:00 PM Communion Class</p>
<p>17 9:00 AM MASS 11:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM K of C Pancake Breakfast</p> 	<p>18 7:30 PM CWL Executive Meeting 7:30 PM K of C Meeting</p>	<p>19 7:00 PM MASS 7:30 PM Liturgy Meeting 7:30 PM Social Action Mtg.</p>	<p>20 7:00 PM MASS 7:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Prayer Group Mtg.</p>	<p>21 7:00 PM MASS 8 PM - Midnight Adoration</p>	<p>22 3:00 PM SERVICE Office Closed</p> 	<p>23 8:30 PM MASS</p>
<p>24 9:00 AM MASS 11:00 AM MASS</p>  <p>EASTER SUNDAY</p>	<p>25 OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>EASTER MONDAY</p>	<p>26 7:00 PM MASS 7:30 PM Finance Council Meeting</p>	<p>27 7:00 PM MASS 7:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Prayer Group Mtg.</p>	<p>28 8:00 AM MASS</p> <p>HOLY THURSDAY</p>	<p>29 8:00 AM MASS 1:00 PM Whist</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY Vigil of the Cross</p>	<p>30 4:15 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM MASS</p> <p>Easter Vigil</p>

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

A HOUSE WITH MANY MANSIONS: The presidents of the U or R, Campion College, First Nations University and Luther College present this third annual Forward Together Lecture. March 30, 7:30 p.m. at Rex Schneider Auditorium. See poster for more information.

JOB POSTING: St. Martin de Porres Parish is in need of a Caretaker. Applicants must be able to perform janitorial duties (including ordering supplies), set up/take down equipment for events, maintain outside grounds year round, perform small maintenance tasks & be familiar with boilers & furnaces; all with minimal supervision. Resumes can be dropped off at St. Martin's or email to l.burkhart@sasktel.net.

NEW STUDENTS AT CAMPION COLLEGE: If you are beginning your university studies at Campion College this fall, an information evening for you and/or your parents will be held Tues., April 5, 7-8 p.m. main floor of Campion. The focus of the evening will deal with the question - "now that I've been accepted to university, what's next?"

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.

PRO-LIFE

ABORTION – The deliberate killing of someone's son or daughter before birth.

Here are a few statistics from the Province of Ontario in 2007:

- ◇ It is estimated there were 51,000 abortions.
- ◇ Among teens aged 15-19 there were 152 abortions for every 100 live births.
- ◇ Almost 1/3 of those teens said they had already had at least one abortion.
- ◇ Overall, there were 37 abortions for every 100 live births.
(*This data doesn't include medical abortions or deaths from abortifacients like the morning-after pill.*)

"A nation that kills its own children is a nation without Hope." Pope John Paul II.

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.

"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.

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 – 1st Sunday

April 2/3, 2011	5:00 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
ALTAR SERVER CAPTAINS	Dianna Onyango	Jordan Sylvestre	Myles Bistriztan
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 COUNTERS	Team 3 John Lagus (Bob & Katherine Liska)		