



Holy Cross Parish

March 5/6, 2011

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9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28
Second Reading: Romans 3:21-25a, 28
Gospel: Matthew 7:21-27

Reflection: In today's gospel Jesus concludes and summarizes his Sermon on the Mount by exhorting us to live lives of personal integrity. Repeatedly he reminded his followers of the "Father who sees in secret" and urged them to live with honesty and sincerity. The honest person has built his house on rock, while the devious person has a house built on sand.

We see this in our own lives. At one time or another, every one of us has tried the way of deceit and found that one lie just leads to another - and what happens? Our life becomes complicated and we live in constant fear of discovery. We get nervous whenever the phone rings and a chance remark makes us wonder what that other person knows. We lie awake at night trying to figure out how to get out of the mess we have made of our life. That is a house built on sand.

It's infinitely wiser to face the truth and deal with life as it really is even if painful or embarrassing.

Questions:

Adult. What values have provided a strong foundation for you and your family?

Children. What have you learned from your family that helps you make good decisions?

Prayer: Loving God we ask your guidance in speaking the truth always. With open hearts, we pray for willingness to admit our faults, for steadfast spirits, for commitment to seek and life in truth, for understanding and wisdom, for those who bear the weight of mistrust, for those who are persecuted for preaching your word. Amen

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK March 6-13

SUNDAY	9:00 & 11:00 AM	MASS
MONDAY	7:00 PM	K of C First Degree
TUESDAY	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	MASS (Ambrose Wald)
	7:30 PM	Pastoral Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:15 AM	MASS with St. Andrew
	7:00 PM	MASS
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
	7:30 PM	Prayer Group Meeting
		ASH WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	MASS
	8:30 AM	Study
FRIDAY	1:00 PM	Whist
	5:30-6:30 PM	Poor Man's Supper
	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
	7:30 PM	MASS
SATURDAY	4:15 PM	RECONCILIATION
	5:00 PM	MASS (Mike Winterhalt)
	5:00 PM	Gr 2 First Communion Class
SUNDAY	9:00 & 11:00 AM	MASS Lent 1

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon: Tobit 1:1, 2, 3, 17; 2:1-8 Mark 12:1-12
Tues: Tobit 2:9-3:1 Mark 12:13-17
Wed: Joel 2:12-18 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
 Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25
Fri: Isaiah 58:1-9 Matthew 9:14-15
Sat: Isaiah 58:9-14 Luke 5:27-32

1st Sunday in Lent Page 114-118

1st: Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25; 3:1-7++
2nd: Romans 5:12, 17-19 **Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations received on February 26/27:

Envelopes: \$3,349.00

Loose: \$141.67

QVE: \$232.00



Stewardship

"How we use & manage God's gifts affects far more than our economic life. We are stewards in our use of God's creation, in our personal relationships, in our political & ecclesial instructions, in our work, & in our use of time. Indeed, we are stewards of the gospel itself ...the good news entrusted to all of us in the church." Bruce C. Birch



Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Today's readings call us to active discipleship. It is not enough to know the commandments; we must actively obey them. It is not enough to hear the words of Jesus; we must act on them. Good stewards demonstrate their gratitude for their gift of faith by putting it into action.

CWL NEWS:

- ⇒ Next executive meeting is Monday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Regina Regional Meeting, will take place at Christ the King Parish on Thursday, April 7 beginning with Mass 6:30 p.m.

K OF C:

- ◇ "I Am My Brother's Keeper"
- ◇ **Reminder** - 1st Degree is Monday, March 7 at 7:30 pm, Upper Gerein Centre.
- ◇ **Did You Know** - From the sale of 222 Saskatchewan Roughrider Football Pool tickets last year, \$1,998.00 was distributed to the following charities: Santa Maria - \$400.00, Camp Monahan - \$300.00, Birth Rite - \$198.00, K of C Indoor Games - \$200.00, Save the Family - \$100.00, Columbus Park - \$400.00 and Holy Cross Building Fund - \$400.00.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER:

Last weeks winner was June & Ed Thorpe.



WHIST: Please join us for all the fun & fellowship on Fridays March 11 & 25. Our sponsor are Regina Marine (10km east on Hwy 1) & Quality Tire Service.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & PARISH APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



Holy Cross Parish's Annual General meeting and Parish Appreciation Luncheon is on Sunday, March 27 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.

The annual report is available in the Gerein Centre. We ask that you review these reports for discussion at the Annual Meeting.

NEEDED FOR THE POOR: We are in need of men's everyday clothes (sweats, t-shirts, etc.). Other items needed include: 2 Coffee Tables, small desk, bookcase, dresser, towels, and 2 night tables. Please call the parish office to make arrangements for drop offs. Thank you to everyone who dropped on clothes hangers, we have enough to last for quite a while.

STEAK NIGHT FOR BARRY MOFFATT: The family and friends of Barry Moffatt are hosting a Steak Night at Bonzzini's Brew Pub on Saturday, March 12. All the proceeds are directed towards Barry and his family. For more information or tickets, please call Neil or Lori at 949-3806 after 6 p.m.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Special thanks to the following parishioners for volunteering their time on the Pictorial Directory committee: Helen and Bob Herauf, Evelyn Houk, Betty Stang, Steve Tonita and Dorothy White. We are in the process of finalizing the April and May dates that the photographers will be coming to the Gerein Centre. More information will be posted in the church and weekly bulletin.



REMEMBER: All individuals/families who have a photo taken will receive a FREE 8" x 10" colour photo, and copy of the directory.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Charlotte Dusyk at 781-2562 or cdusyk@hotmail.com

CONFIRMATION 2010/2011 GRADE 5 & 6

All meetings begin with mass at 5pm.

All Candidates & families are expected to be at mass

Instruction time 5pm - 8:30 pm.

Supper is provided for all candidates.

Classes. April 2nd

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.

Classes. March 12th, April 16th

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

All Children are also strongly encouraged to attend Children's Youth Group as this is where they will partake in fun activities which bring the course to life.

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.

Lenten Spiritual Growth Opportunities



◇ **Ash Wednesday** - Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 9. There are two masses that day at Holy Cross, one at 9:30 a.m. (with St. Andrew School) and one at 7:00 p.m.

◇ **Read** - Have you read any good books lately? Matthew Kelly's book, "Rediscovering Catholicism" will be available after mass on Ash Wednesday, March 9.

◇ **Lenten Booklets** - Available at both entrances for a donation of \$2.00

◇ **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, March 14 and 21 at 7:00 p.m. Rosary, chaplet, and adoration music.

◇ **Reconciliation** - Here at Holy Cross on Sunday, April 3, 7:00 p.m. All the priests from the East Deanery Parishes will partake in this celebration as this will be the **ONLY** Lenten Reconciliation Celebration for the East Deanery.

Lenten Information from Fr. Thomas

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. Lent also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest feast of the year. I would like to highlight a few important points according to the pastoral liturgy notes.

PENITENTIAL DISCIPLINE

Lent: The penitential character of Lent is to be maintained. On these days penance is to be considered an important requirement of the Christian Life. Fulfilment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully and especially observing the prescribed fast and abstinence. The paschal fast for Good Friday and Holy Saturday is described in the notes for Passion Sunday. In the Roman rite, including Canada, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. Abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older. Fasting (one full meal and two small snacks on that day) – fasting binds those from 18-59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in the matter.

LENTEN MASSES

Flowers are not used in decoration. Glory to God and Alleluia are omitted. During Lent, God's people do not sing Alleluia until the believing community has undergone conversion and is ready to sing this chant with renewed meaning during the Easter Vigil.

PENANCE CELEBRATION

This celebration signifies a new return of the faithful toward God and toward one another in the love and pardon of the Lord Jesus. The Reconciliation Celebration will take place on Sunday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, not only during lent. Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. Finally, the highest point in the Church year of prayer is the Easter Triduum celebrating the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus. We prepare for this three-day period of the season of Lent and prolong it for the great 50 days of the Easter season.

Have a Blessed Lent,
Fr. Thomas

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

This Lenten season -

Let Christ touch your heart through a "Living Christ Retreat"

Join us at Holy Cross Church

Friday, April 1, 6 pm to 10 pm

Saturday, April 2, 9 am to 6 pm

Friday supper, Saturday lunch, 3 snacks included.

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



OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

WORKSHOP FOR READERS: Archdiocese of Regina and Diocese of Qu'Appelle offer this workshop on March 19, 9 a.m. to noon at Holy Rosary Cathedral. No charge for the workshop, advance registration is requested. Please register by email: dmichaeljackson@sasktel.net or call Sister Mel at 359-1506. See bulletin board for more information.

LENT: A RETURN TO GRACE: On March 24, 31 and April 17, Holy Family is hosting a faith building series on the season of Lent. These presentations are designed to inspire and enrich your Catholic faith. Each presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. with mass, and conclude at 8:30 p.m. with refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please see bulletin board for more details.

CUSTODIAN WANTED: St. Martin de Porres Parish is seeking applications for a custodian for the hall, banquet area, meeting rooms, offices and church proper. Applicants must be able to perform janitorial duties, set up and take down equipment for banquets, maintain outside grounds year round, perform small maintenance tasks, be familiar with boilers and furnaces. Applicants must be able to order janitorial supplies and have a good command of the English language. They must work with minimal supervision and relate well to people of all ages and abilities. Interested applicants should drop off a resume at 4720 Castle Road, Attn. Finance Committee or email l.burkhart@sasktel.net.

PARISH BRUNCH: The Santo Nino Council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a brunch at St Mary's Parish Centre following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Cost/Donation. Everyone is welcome.

CHILDREN'S USED CLOTHING SALE: Quality used clothing for infants to teens, as well as toys, books, furniture, also a hardware sale and bake sale. Sat., March 26, 10 am - 1 pm at St. Timothy School 280 Sangster Blvd.

CAMP LEMIEUX JOB POSTING: Seeking someone to work as the camp cook as well as a maintenance person this summer. Positions are for months of July and August. Room and board is provided. Deadline for applications is May 30. If you are interest call 773 -0026. See bulletin board for full details of both positions.

LENTEN RESOURCES: Are you looking for something special to help you on your Lenten journey this year? Here's just a sampling of what we have in the Archdiocesan Resource Centre at 445 Broad Street North.

- Walking the Sacred Path-Spiritual Exercises for Today is a series of 30 reflections designed to draw readers into a personal, living, growing relationship with Jesus.
 - Seven Weeks for the Soul: A Reflective Journey for Lent is a practical, Scripture-based 7 week retreat that is perfect for the Lenten season.
 - Small Surrenders - A Lenten Journey helps readers to discover that Lent is our chance for a new start and an opportunity to joyfully put ourselves in God's hands.
- Please feel free to drop by or call Teresa at 352-1651 extension 238 or email twhalenlux@archregina.sk.ca. You can also book resources online at www.archregina.sk.ca



LIGHT YOUR LAMP DINNER & LOTTERY MARCH 26, 6:30 PM ST. ANDREW'S HALL



Tired of the winter months and looking for a chance to get away - if only for one night. Mark your calendars for March 26 as Holy Cross is hosting a Light your Lamp Vietnamese Dinner and Lottery.

Join us for an authentic Vietnamese Dinner, entertainment and fellowship.
Tickets are \$25 with all proceeds going back to the church.

If you are unable to attend but would like to still participate, you can purchase a Light Your Lamp Lottery Ticket. Tickets are \$20 and there are only 111 tickets printed. This lottery works on the same concept as a 50/50 draw.

Tickets for both the lottery and dinner will be available after masses or call Neil or Lori at 949 -3806 after 6 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – 2nd Sunday

March 12/13, 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 11 Wayne Rutten (Art Biegler, Marilyn Rink, Carmen Amyotte)		