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*(May be closed during weekday morning Mass)

MASS TIMES:

SUNDAY MASS: **11:00 a.m.**

WEEKDAY MASS: Tues. to Fri. 9:00 a.m .

*See weekly schedule for changes

SUNDAY, February 26, 2017
8th. Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday
March 01,
at 8:00 p.m.

NOTE: On the Wednesdays in Lent (beginning March 08), Fr. Jim will be hosting a **Faith Education** session. It will be from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Bring a sandwich, something to share and an open heart. It will be in the St. Mark rectory meeting room.

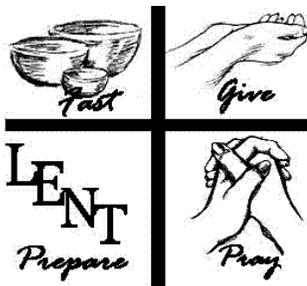
We will be praying the **Way of the Cross** at St. Mark on Fridays, during Lent at 7:00 p.m. beginning Fri. March 03 at 7:00 p.m.



Lent Around the Corner

Conversion is accomplished in daily life by: gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defense of justice and right, admission of faults to one's brethren, fraternal correction, revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one's cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way of penance. CCC #1435

Lenten Penance Practices



Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are the three traditional ways of entering into the Lenten Season. We should all strive to enter this season with these in mind. However, nothing we do should be entered into with a spirit of self torment. Rather because we are preparing for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, we should be entering into these practices in a spirit of Self Sacrifice. Our penances should never be to the extent that they become a penance for those around us. This year our parish is taking on the theme *"God's Love is a family of Ministries."* With this in mind, we can choose a penance which will deprive ourselves from something, thereby raising our hunger for the Lord; and we can choose one of the following:

- Option 1 - Fasting once a week.
- Option 2 - Abstain from eating meat on Fridays. (Strongly suggested by the Church)
- Option 3 - No television on certain days, or the whole of Lent.
- Option 4 - No coffee, sweets, etc. and donate that money to the poor.
- Option 5 - Social Media Fast (Fasting from texting, email, facebook etc.

But Penance can also be seen as taking on something new. With this in mind perhaps we need to have one of the following options in mind.

- Option 1 - Make a point of spending quality time everyday with your family, or someone you love.
- Option 2 - Special prayers before or after meals, or in morning and evening.
- Option 3 - Attend one weekday Mass per week.
- Option 4 - Take on a new devotion during Lent- Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Scripture Reading, Rosary.
- Option 5 - Visit someone in the hospital, or someone confined to their home.
- Option 6 - Volunteer your time to a charity.
- Option 7 - Campaign for Social Justice
- Option 8 - Spend time in Prayer or Spiritual Reading
- Option 9 - Ask your pastor , "Is there anything I can do?"
- Option 10 - Use your own imagination.

"Your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you."
(Mt. 6:4)

Weekly Schedule for Upcoming Week

- Sat. Feb. 25 5:00 p.m. Mass in Candle Lake
- Sun. Feb. 26 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James
 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark
 For All Parishioners
 Congratulations to Eberly Reinbrecht who was baptized today.
- Mon. Feb. 27 Fr. Jim's day off
Fr. Jim available for a supper invitation.
- Tues. Feb. 28 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark
 IMO Dory Provencher
 From Roland and family
 8:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus mtg.
- Wed. Mar.01 **Ash Wednesday**
 9:37 a.m. Mass at St. John School
 For all Staff, Students and families of St. John
 4:00 p.m. Mass at Candle Lake
 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. James
8:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mark
 For Increase in Vocations and Religious Life
- Thurs. Mar.02 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark
 IMO Mary Kehrig
 From Ed Charlebois
 9:45 a.m. Fr. Jim at a Deanery mtg. at St. Joseph
 7:00 p.m. RCIA mtg.
- Fri. Mar. 03 9:30 a.m. Mass at Carment Court *Plse Note: Time & Location*
 For Intentions of Olga
 2:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer at Calvary United Church
- Sat. Mar. 04 5:00 p.m. Mass in Candle Lake
- Sun. Mar. 05 1st. Sunday of Lent
 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James
 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark
 IMO John Fedirko
 PA Catholic School Division Staff
 4:00 p.m. Rite of Election at Sacred Heart Cathedral

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SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

*Our gifts to God and our gifts
to our Parish*

| | <u>Feb. 19</u> | <u>Feb. 12</u> |
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| Envelopes | \$1199.00 | \$1225.00 |
| Loose | \$ 245.56 | \$ 262.70 |
| Building | \$ 275.00 | \$ 80.00 |
| <i>"..for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)</i> | | |



During Lent and the Easter Season; we will be handing out the **Vocations Cross** at the end of Mass, and asking a family to **pray for Vocations** in the upcoming week. If you would like to be one of the families that prays for vocations, please see *sign up sheet* on bulletin board in church foyer or contact Lorraine Tremblay.

Next Sunday is the **First Sunday in Lent**. We will continue the tradition of praying for one another. When you come into church; your family will be invited to fill out a card like the one to the right. When you leave, you will be asked to pick up one of the cards and pray for that family throughout Lent. May our prayers help us to grow in faith and love.

Lenten Prayer Partners



(Your family name and initials)

"God's Love Is! A Family of Ministries"
 We grow in our faith by praying for and supporting one another. Pray that this family will renew its faith during this season of Lent.



As a **Communal Lenten Penance** our parishes will be collecting **food for the Food Bank**. As you are going through your cupboards and you notice a non-perishable food item you may no longer need, please **bring it to the bin provided**. We will bring it to the Food Bank.

A note to all Parents

The Church has always professed that parents are the primary educators of their children. The lessons in the schools, and the activities at the Parish and Diocesan levels, are only a supplement to the teachings of the parents. To this end we, the pastors of Prince Albert, pledge to do all we can to help parents in this endeavor. As pastors we see a number of children who do not receive any formal religious education and we are wondering whether there is a need for an evening program. If you are interested in having your child attend an evening catechism program, please contact your pastor by the end of February. If there is sufficient interest, as pastors, we will do our part to insure this happens

Special Note:

Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan have released three documents related to death, dying and pastoral care in an era of assisted suicide and euthanasia. To view these documents please go to: <http://padiocese.ca/diocesan-programs19/pastoral-care-commission/1899-saskatchewan-catholic-bishops-response-to-physician-assisted-suicide-and-euthanasia.html>



St. Mark Music Ministry Practice

1st. Tuesday of each month
7:00—8:00 pm

Next practice: **March 07**
New members always welcome!

Our prayers and condolences to the family of Marcien Doucette who recently passed away.
May He Rest in Peace.

Transportation Needed - a parishioner requires a ride to Sunday Mass; and due to a minor medical issue; is unable to utilize the K. of C. taxi service. Please contact the office if you can assist.

St. Joseph Seminary is hosting a “*Come and See*” weekend on March 10-12. If you are interested in discovering what it is to be a seminarian, and being called by God in a special way...this is the weekend for you. You will experience: The Eucharist, Community Life, Testimonials and Fellowship. For more information; **please contact Fr. Jim Kaptein** (Vocation Director for the Diocese) at (306) 764-4637.

Four years ago our diocese undertook a **Permanent Diaconate Program**. This summer five men will be ordained Permanent Deacons. We rejoice in the way our diocese has been blest. With their completion of the program, we are now looking for other men who would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Permanent Deacon. **If you are interested in becoming a permanent deacon**, or if you know someone who would make a good permanent deacon, please contact Fr. Jim Kaptein, before May 1st, at 306 764 4637 or frkaptein@hotmail.com.

Lenten Retreat

The annual city wide Lenten Retreat is scheduled for **Monday/Tuesday, March 6 & 7 at St. Michael Parish, at 7:00 p.m.** Bishop Emeritus Gerry Weisner is the retreat director and will be focusing on discipleship. Please take this opportunity to have Bishop Gerry challenge you in living your faith. Please pray for the success of this retreat and mark your calendars today!

24 Hours for the Lord Pope Francis, in his document on Mercy, has invited people all over the world to participate in 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration. **Our Lady of Czestochowa** will host this event on behalf of the Deanery I parishes. The event begins with a Mass at 7:00 p.m., Friday March 24th followed by all night Eucharistic Adoration, concluding with a closing Mass at 3:00pm, Saturday March 25th. If you wish to sign up for a designated time, please contact Carol at 306-922-6241. **Everyone is welcome to attend.** For further information, please contact Fr. Michael at 306-764-9056

World Day of Prayer will be held at Calvary United Church on Friday March 03 at 2:00 p.m. Come out and pray with all our brothers and sisters the world over.

Lenten Lunch Series
“*Music, Word & Fellowship*”
Thursdays at Noon
March 9 to April 13
Calvary United Church
Mar. 9 at St. Joseph Church
Free will offering for lunch collected and donated to local charity.
Everyone invited to attend!

**“If evil is contagious,
so is goodness. Let us be
infected by goodness
and let us
spread goodness!”**



Pope Francis
Twitter Friday, February 20, 2017



Stewardship Corner

February 26, 2017 - 8th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

You cannot serve God and wealth.” (Mt 6:24)

A stewardship lifestyle means putting God first, in all things! It means living stewardship 7 days a weeks, 24 hours a day and not just the time that I go to Church or participate in my parish ministry.

Discuss with your family something that has been before God—what will you do about it?

St. Vincent de Paul Society
is accepting donations/furniture.
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The Kids' Bulletin
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 26th, 2017
On Ash Wednesday if you go to Mass you can receive ashes on your forehead. The ashes are a sign of repentance. They remind us that without God we are nothing and that someday we will die and be buried. But they can also remind us that if we do have God living in us, after we die we will rise from the dead, just as Jesus did on Easter, after He died on the cross.




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