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PARISH BULLETIN

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 2016

SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY LITURGIES (MASSES)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Tuesday through Friday 9:15 a.m.

and/or as announced

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

Contact the parish office for assistance

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Contact the parish office to make arrangements for the preparation and celebration of Baptism

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Contact the Pastor (Fr. Robert)
or the Pastoral Assistant (Sharon)

FAITH FORMATION OF CHILDREN

Catechism sessions for children (K to Grade 8) are held on **Sunday mornings, September through May, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.** Contact our Pastoral Assistant (Sharon) for further information and to register.

FAITH FORMATION OF ADULTS

In addition to formation sessions for those preparing for the Rites of Christian Initiation, periodically other programs, workshops, and/or study sessions will be offered throughout the year to help adult parishioners deepen their love of God and understanding of our Catholic faith. Contact our Pastor or Pastoral Assistant for further information.

GATHERING, FELLOWSHIP, AND COFFEE

After Masses on the first weekend of the month

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

and/or as announced or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Pastor (Fr. Robert)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements for preparation and celebration of marriages should be made through the Pastor at least six months in advance

CELEBRATION OF THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

Contact the parish office before finalizing arrangements with funeral directors

DEVOTIONS

Rosary at 9:00 a.m. before weekday Masses

Eucharistic Adoration - First Fridays at 9:45 a.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Fridays at 3:00 p.m.

FACILITY BOOKINGS: PARISH HALL, MEETING ROOMS, ETC.

Contact the parish office for more information

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 10 – 17, 2016

As circumstances suggest, the following schedule may be subject to change.

Sunday, April 10	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
5:00 pm Saturday	MASS – including the Baptism of Jonam <u>Nio Delos Reyes</u>
9:00 am	MASS – Deceased family members, requested by Phyllis Garet
10:15 am	Catechism Classes
10:15 am	Sacramental Preparation Session for First Eucharist in room 10
11:45 am	MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners
Monday, April 11	MEMORIAL: SAINT STANISLAUS, Bishop and Martyr <i>Office closed on Monday</i>
Tuesday, April 12	FERIAL
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – Joseph Downey+, requested by Bob and Marnie Puchniak
9:45 am	Coffee and fellowship in honour of José Barrera’s birthday (<i>in the former St. Chad’s Chapel</i>)
3:00 pm	PFC Meeting
Wednesday, April 13	FERIAL
	<i>Office closed on Wednesday – custodian on duty</i>
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – Mark Patson (health), requested by Sonja Patson
10:30 am	Central Winnipeg Deanery Meeting at St. Edward the Confessor Parish
5:00 pm	Winnipeg Harvest in Room 12
Thursday, April 14	FERIAL
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – Stafford O’Connor+, requested by Margaret Downey
6:00 pm	38 th Annual Caritas Award Dinner at RBC Convention Centre
Friday, April 15	FERIAL
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – Jean O’Connor+, requested by Bob and Marnie Puchniak
3:00 pm	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (<i>in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i>)
Saturday, April 16	FERIAL
5:00 pm	MASS – Jose (Ze) Leitao+, requested by Cecilia & Julio Santos
Sunday, April 17	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – “GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY”
9:00 am	MASS – Mel Martin+ (Rose Thomas’ father), requested by the St. James CWL
10:15 am	Catechism Classes
11:45 am	MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners

HOLY NAMES HOUSE OF PEACE ANNUAL RAFFLE is on again. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. 1st prize Travel Gift certificate value \$3500.00 or \$3000.00 cash, 2nd prize Sony 55” TV value \$1200.00 or \$1000.00 cash, 3rd prize Apple iPad Air 2 value \$650.00 or \$600.00 cash, 4th prize Nikon camera value \$550.00 or \$500.00 cash, 5th prize Dinner for Four at Inferno Bistro. Draw: June 11, 2016. Tickets will be available **after all Masses April 16th & 17th** from Barb Macdonell.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING AND COMFORT: Liz Baziuk, Peter Corcoran, Connie Csizmadia, Phyllis Dreveski, Donald Hanis, Eola Johnson, Angela Kalichak, Debra McEnturff, Dolores and Paul Mulaire, Nell Ramsay, Cecile Roberts, Rose Stakewich, Marie Stuart, Jacob Trudel, Ted Wood and Helen Yankoski.

Please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Sharon, to have names added to our prayer list. Please remember that to have names added to the list and printed in the bulletin we require permission from the person(s) concerned. Thank you for your help.

The Holy Year of Mercy Reflection: COME! LIVE IN THE LIGHT! Jesus makes it clear to Peter and the rest of his disciples that they will follow him. Following Jesus, the light of the world, is the call of all Christians. What does it mean to follow the Lord? The prophet Micah puts it simply: To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God (6:8). Unsure you’re equal to the task? Take small steps each day toward the light by acknowledging a mistake, forgiving an offense, or letting go of an argument. Soon light will shine from you.

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APRIL 10, 2016

The Third Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 5:28-32, 40b-41

The apostles give their allegiance to God and not to human opinion.

Psalms 30:1+3, 4-5, 10+11a+12b

Our weeping lasts for a time, but God's rescue is certain.

Revelation 5:11-14

All the heavenly beings pledge their allegiance to the Lamb of God.

John 21:1-19

"Follow me" has a different ring to it, the second time around.



NOT WORDS, BUT DEEDS

— Alice Camille

"Follow me." These are the first words the disciples of Jesus ever heard him address to them. They're also the last two words of today's gospel. But so much has happened since the first time those words were spoken to Peter and the others!

At the shore of Galilee, "follow me" must have sounded like a lark, a young man's game, an adventure with all sorts of wonderful possible outcomes. This teacher might become famous, and they would have been the first graduates of his school. This preacher might wind up being a great leader, and they could assume powerful positions in his coming regime. This healer might be a holy personage in God's plan, and who doesn't want to be at the side of the next Moses? At the very least, it all beat normal life as a fisherman and family man by a nautical mile. So why not follow, and see where it leads?

That was 20 chapters, three years, a legend ago. Before miracles that rocked the senses; deep clashes with powerful authorities; terrible signs that made lips quiver and legs wobble. It was before the supper, the arrest, the trial, the cross. Before horrible days and nights spent in hiding. Before the dawn of Easter, whispers of an empty tomb, and the searing ache of hope.

"Follow me" didn't sound so innocent now. It wasn't a game, no mere adventure. It was for keeps. And it would cost everything they had to give. "Follow me" had a very different ring to it, now that they'd seen Jesus hauled away, saw him beaten and abused, saw the lifeless body and gaping wounds. Once you've stood at the tomb, walking in the footsteps of Jesus doesn't sound like a stroll along a sandy beach. Even with the full knowledge of Easter under your belt, you couldn't fall in step behind this man with the same jaunty air.

Jesus asks Peter for his love three times. But not just words of love: Jesus asks for a devotion that translates into specific deeds of leadership, service, and care. He asks for the absolute surrender Peter thought he was giving the first time—before he read the fine print on the contract. Now when Peter answers, his response will be more meaningful. Not unlike the renewal of vows taken by couples married for 25 years, or 50. The first exchange was mostly bravado and romance: of course, together forever, you and me! When two people say those words to each other after a quarter century or more, "forever" is better perceived, and "together" is more clearly defined. If Jesus asks us to follow today, after all this time, how many would get up right now and do it?

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IN AND AROUND THE PARISH, ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

EUTHANASIA / PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE: How will this affect you and your family?: St. Charles Parish and St. Mary's Cathedral invites you to a series of presentations dealing with the legalization of physician assisted suicide. **Wednesday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m.** - Morality & Ethics/Speaker Pat Murphy (ethicist); **Wednesday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m.** - Redemptive Suffering/Speaker Msgr. Maurice Comeault; **Wednesday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m.** - Palliative Care/Speaker Dr. Mike Harlos and Vulnerability of the Mentally Ill/Speaker Dr. Stewart Wakeman (Psychiatrist). The presentations will take place at St. Charles Parish Hall located at 320 St. Charles Street, Winnipeg.

GAME NIGHT: April 14th, May 12th & June 9th at Kirkfield Park United Church, 472 Kirkfield Street, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., no admission fee. Bring a friend and make new friends. Table top board games and card games. Snacks and drinks available - \$1 per item. Learn to play new games or play the old classics. Sponsored by St. Chad's Anglican Church.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE ANNUAL MANITOBA Regional Assembly: Friday, **April 15** and Saturday, **April 16** at St. Charles Parish, 320 St Charles Street, Winnipeg. Hosted by the Winnipeg Diocesan Council. Please register ahead of time with Banet, office clerk, at dpmnitoba@devp.org or at 204-231-2848. All are welcome!

ST. CHARLES RETREAT CENTRE: **St. Teresa of Avila: Friendship with God – a Day of Reflection:** Saturday, April 16th, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; **7-Day Silent Retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius,** May 6-13, 2016; **Cana Session for Couples,** July 9-15, 2016. CANA is a six-day retreat for married couples to strengthen their marriage and deepen their spiritual life. St. Charles Retreat Centre, 323 St. Charles Street, 204-885-2260, stcharlesretreat@hotmail.com

SLOW MEDICINE: Two public lectures with Dr. Victoria Sweet will be held on **Monday, April 18, 2016** at 12:00 noon and at 7:00 p.m. in the Samuel N. Cohen Auditorium, St. Boniface Hospital Albrechtsen Research Centre, 351 Taché Avenue. Dr. Victoria Sweet is an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, and a prize-winning historian with a Ph.D. in history and social medicine, and an author. Free Admission. No registration required. For more information, contact Suzanne Dupuis at 204-258-1053, sdupuis@chcm-ccsm.ca

CAPTAIN MILES MacDONELL ASSEMBLY #370 of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a **Dinner and Draw** in support of St. Edward Catholic School, 836 Arlington Street. The Dinner and Draw will be held on **Wednesday, April 20, 2016** at Saint John XXIII Parish Hall, 3390 Portage Avenue. Social Hour at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m., Draw to follow at 8:30 p.m. The evening includes a full course dinner, complimentary bar and up to 14 cash prizes as listed on tickets and a final \$1000 prize. **Tickets are \$60 of which \$25 is tax deductible.** If you are unable to attend the Dinner and Draw, you may participate in the Draw portion of the event by buying a "Draw Only" Ticket for \$30 – this gives you a chance at the prizes plus a \$25 tax receipt. Donations in lieu of purchasing tickets will also be accepted. Make cheques payable to "Captain Miles MacDonell Charitable Fund Inc."

HIGH TEA in support of West Broadway Community Ministry will be held on **Saturday, April 23rd from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Free will offering at the door; hat contest: wear your best or most outrageous hat!; tea and cakes; silent auction; honouring long term volunteers. At West Broadway Community Ministry, 222 Furby Street. For more information, contact Terry Reilly at reilly@ucalgary.ca or 204-261-8516.

YEAR OF MERCY - GUEST PRESENTATIONS: In our Year of Mercy, St. Paul the Apostle Parish is hosting a guest speaker series each month on various life issues and challenges in order to tear down our prejudices, judgements, and discriminations. Come and hear the stories of people who have experienced struggle and pain as well as mercy and hope in their lives. All are welcome. Upcoming presentations: Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. – Domestic Abuse: Why & How; Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. – Cancer Survivor: What to say and not to say to those suffering; Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. – Addictions & Recovery.

RESPONDING TO THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION REPORT: Sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at Sturgeon Creek United Church, 205 Thompson Drive. **April 25, 2016 – Truth and Reconciliation Report:** Justice Murray Sinclair will discuss the TRC findings and its recommendations. **May 16, 2016 – Walking Together:** Considering our response to what we have learned.

2016 CATHOLIC CONFERENCE: "Taste & See the Goodness of the Lord" on May 13-14-15 to be held at the Winakwa Community Center, 980 Winakwa Road, Winnipeg. The speakers are Archbishop LeGatt, Archbishop Lavoie, Sr. Marilyn Minter and Bob Canton. Hear Faith inspiring talks, experience Healing Ministry, vibrant praise & worship, Eucharistic celebrations and great fellowship. Tickets available through CCRS, 6 Dumbarton Blvd, Winnipeg MB R3P 2C4. Telephone 204-895-7544 (Adults \$55. Youth \$15. Families \$120.) Limited space, please register early. To print the flyer visit www.catholicrenewalservices.com

For other events in and around the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, please see information posted on bulletin boards at the north and south entrances of the church, and/or go to the website: www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly_bulletin.php

PARISH VISIONING AND STRATEGIC PLANNING: We are thankful to the following parishioners for agreeing to serve on this committee: **George Brown, Laurette Burch, Sharon Camier, Chris Carlyle, Ken Derendorf, Janine Gaudry, William Gould, Gemma Minerva, Colette Mozol, Rod Olinyk, Marnie Puchniak and Victorina Tualla.** We kindly ask that the rest of the entire parish remember us in your prayers as we prepare to meet to sort through various questions and challenges and help our parish priest in the process of discerning many things at hand so our strategic plans are made in harmony with God's desires for this Parish Community of Saint John XXIII. **Saint John XXIII – Pray for us!**