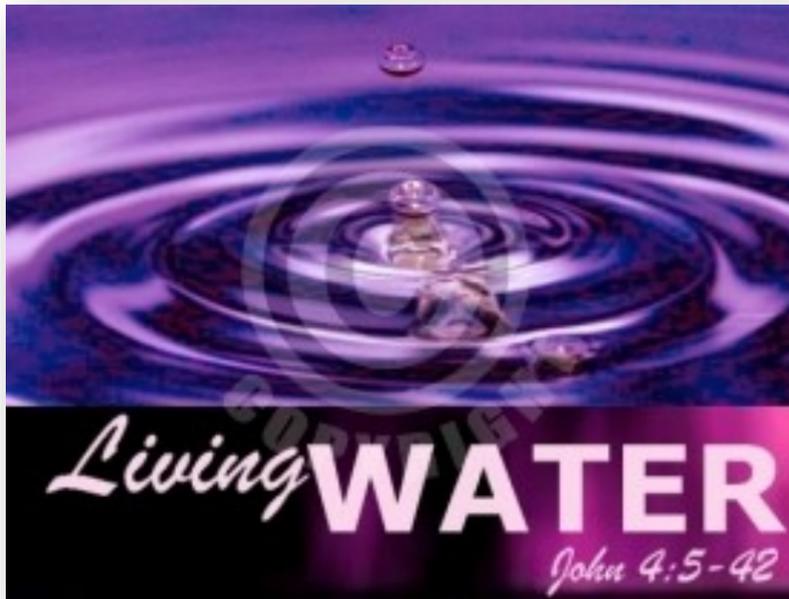




Our Lady of Peace Parish

Third Sunday of Lent March 19, 2017 #17/2016-2017



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass: 9:00 a.m.
Weekend Mass:
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

ROSARY

20 Minutes before our Weekend Masses

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Mass: 9:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Adoration until Noon

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday's: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday's: 8:30 a.m.

Ask Fr. James

How is the Mass a Celebration and not just a worship?

All the Sacraments are a celebration. The Mass is a sacrament. The Holy sacrifice of the Mass is the highest form of worship in the Catholic Church. It is also a joyful celebration in thanksgiving for Jesus' offering of his Body and Blood for our salvation. Every Mass we attend, we the Church on earth (Church Militant) are in holy union with the Church in Heaven (Church Triumphant) in worship and in joyful celebration with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the angels and saints, seeking the intercession of Christ for our intentions. As we worship and celebrate, we also pray for all the faithful departed who have died in Christ but are not yet wholly purified (church suffering or church in purgatory), so that they may be able to enter into the light and peace of Christ and join in the liturgical worship and celebration going on in heaven (Revelations 4: 1-8). This is the reason why we book Masses for the departed.

In heaven, God is seated on the throne and Christ at his right hand and all the angels and saints are singing Holy! Holy! Holy! (Revelations 4:8). Jesus presides at every Mass just as he presided at the First Mass at the Last Supper with his disciples. At the Eucharistic celebration we unite ourselves with this ever on-going heavenly banquet liturgy and anticipate our participation in them in eternal life, when we arrive heaven (see Catechism of the Catholic Church #1326). At Mass, the priest, while lifting the Body and Blood in the chalice, says; "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the World and happy and blessed are those who are invited to the supper feast..." Our response before holy communion reminds us that though we are not worthy to be in the presence of these heavenly hosts... we are indeed blessed and happy to have been invited by God just like the people God invited to the wedding banquet of His Son in Matthew 22: 1-14.

The early Christians celebrated Holy Eucharist (breaking of bread) everyday (see Acts 2: 42) and evidences from the writings of St. Justin Martyr in the 2nd Century shows that the basic lines of the Order of the Eucharistic celebration have stayed the same until our own day.

From those early church documents, we read that at the Mass:

"... all gather together. Christians come together in one place for the Eucharistic assembly. At its head is Christ himself, the principal agent of the Eucharist. He is high priest of the New Covenant; it is he himself who presides invisibly over every Eucharistic celebration. It is in representing him that the bishop or priest acting in the person of Christ the head (in persona Christi capitis) presides over the assembly, speaks after the readings, receives the offerings, and says the Eucharistic Prayer. All who attend have their own active parts to play in the celebration, each in his own way: readers, those who bring up the offerings, those who give communion, and the whole people whose "Amen" manifests their participation... Those who are well off, and who are also willing, give as each chooses. What is gathered in donation is given to assist orphans and widows, those whom illness or any other cause has deprived of resources, prisoners, immigrants and, in a word, all who are in need" (St. Justin, Apologia. 1,67: Patrologia Graeca (PG), 6,429).

You may email/send your faith questions to Fr. James and he would answer them in our Sunday Bulletins.

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

- Call the Parish Office if you need anointing at home or in the hospital.
- Anointing of the Sick will also be offered communally during weekend Masses. Check bulletin for upcoming anointing schedules.

BAPTISM:

- Baptism classes are offered in the Spring and Fall, please call the office for the next class date.

MARRIAGE:

- Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the wedding date to begin the necessary preparations.

Stewardship Reflection

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." John 4:13 Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

Welcome to Our Lady of Peace Parish!

We gladly welcome all new parishioners to our parish community. We are happy to assist you at our Information Desk before or after Mass. Here you can register at our parish, notify us of change of address, sign up for collection envelopes, get a Mass Card, notify the office of someone in the parish who needs prayers or a need that you may have. Someone will be at this table at least 15 minutes prior to Mass, and after as well. Hall rentals suspended until further notice.

Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

Mass	Readings	Mass Intention
Mon Mar 20: 9:00 a.m. St Joseph, Husband of the BVM	2 Samuel 7.4-5a, 12-14, 16; Rom 4.13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1.16, 18-21, 24	
Tues Mar 21: 9:00 a.m.	Daniel 3.25,34-43; Mt 18-35	
Wed 22: 9:00 a.m.	Deut 4.1, 5-9; Mt.5.17-19	
Thurs Mar 23: 9:00 a.m.	Jer 7.23-28; Lk 11.14-23	
Fri Mar 24: 9:00 a.m.	Hosea 14.1-9; Mk 12.28b-34	
Sat Mar 25: 5:00 pm	Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10; Heb 10.4-10; Lk 1.26-38	+Stan Krecklewich by Doreen Krecklewich
Sun Mar 26-4th Sunday of Lent	1 Samuel 16.1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephe 5.8-14; John 9.1-41	+Colin Grunert by Stacy Grunert +Mary Shewchuk by Pat Shewchuk

Parish Events & Meetings March 20- 26

Mon Mar 20	9am Mass 10am: Bible Study (1309 Dover Ave.)
Tues Mar 21	6:30pm - Stations of the Cross 7pm - CWL Meeting
Wed Mar 22	9:45 am Snrs' 20 20 20 Gold 6pm RCIA
Thurs Mar 23	9:40am Snrs' Forever in motion 1:30pm Snrs' Knit & chat
Fri Mar 24	12:00 noon- BAC meeting 1:30pm -Snrs' Stretch & Relaxation.
Sat Mar 25	10:30am Mass & anointing @ Regina Lutheran Home 5:00pm- Mass
Sun Mar 26	4th Sunday of Lent

CHRISM MASS
Tuesday, April 4, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Holy Rosary Cathedral

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday April 13, 2017. Mass 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14. Service 3:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, Saturday April 15. Mass 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY-April 16, 2017

9:00 a.m.: Mass & 10:30 a.m.: Mass

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
March 12, 2017
5:00PM: \$465.00
9:00AM: \$571.00
10:30AM: \$986.65
TOTAL: \$2,022.65



Stations of The Cross



March 21 @ 6:30pm led by CWL
March 27 @7pm—Led by Knights
April 7 @ 7pm—Led by the Youth
April 11 @ 6:30pm- Pastoral Council



OUR LADY OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 30, 2017- 11:30AM (Following the 10:30am Mass) The meeting is open to all Parishioners. We are looking to fill three vacancies on Parish council:

Ecumenism, Social Justice and Vocation Awareness

If you or someone you know has interest to serve our Parish in any capacity listed above, Please contact Brian Martens @ bmartens@netresults.ca 306 757 9600 or the Parish office @ 306 543 5355. "Your talent is a gift from God, What you do with it is your gift to him"

YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH—ELECTRONIC GIVING

- Quick and easy to make your parish donation!
- It's a way to never have to worry about forgetting your donation envelope at home.
- Sign up forms are available at the Information Desk or at the parish office, call the office for more info at 306-543-5355.
- Money comes from your bank account directly to the parish bank account on the second day of each month—hassle free!



Dear Parishioners: -- To help with fundraising during renovations, we are looking for volunteers, age 14 and older to work Bingo at one of the three Regina Bingo Halls. Training will be provided. Please sign up in the foyer of the church and provide information requested Or call any of the Stewardship folks..... John/Netty 545-1190, Ken/Betty 545-3402, Brenda 545-9807, Anita 543-0421

Music Ministry will be having rehearsals to prepare for the Triduum Celebration (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil). All musicians are welcome to attend. Please try to attend at least 3 rehearsals.

- Tuesday, March 21, 9:30AM
- Thursday, March 23, 7:30PM
- Tuesday, March 28, 9:30AM
- Thursday, March 30, 7:30PM
- Tuesday, April 4, 9:30AM
- Thursday, April 6, 7:30PM
- Tuesday, April 11, 9:30AM



New Collection Protocol -- The archdiocese has asked all parishes to follow a new protocol for collection handling. Father James asked that OLOP begin to follow the Archdiocese Protocol on Cash-handling. He stated that he wanted as few as possible parishioners handling the cash from collections and wanted this more secure method of handling the cash to be obvious to the congregation. Therefore, designated parishioners at each mass meet the collectors and put the money in tamper-proof bag(s). It is then placed in the collection basket and is taken with other gifts to the altar by the gift bearers. After mass that same person removes the bag and places it in the designed safe place to be counted with all monies by the collection counters.



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CWL CORNER.

- Ladies Please bring a wrapped item to be auctioned off at our Annual Development and Peace Auction. Auction to be held at our next General meeting
- March 21st Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm followed by general meeting @ 7pm. See you all there.
- Our Lady of Peace CWL will be sponsoring two of our High School Students interested in attending the Youth Rally at O'Neill High School on April 1 and 2. It is for Regina Archdiocesan Youth in Grades 9 to 12. The cost is \$50 per person. If you are interested please call Donalda Exner at 306-543-2728.

GIVING TREE

We are collecting packaged, nut free school lunch box items. Items can be placed in the basket at the base of the tree.

School lunch box items for the Schools in our Parish area

Thank You For your Donations!

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

- ♦ **"THINKING FAITH PODCASTS:**
- ♦ **TF26: Youth Ministry On The Road**
This week on Thinking Faith we have Michelle Braden and Braden Kuntz joining us once again from our Youth Ministry Office. These two have SO MUCH going on that it was hard to pin them down for an episode but we finally did it! They'll be telling us all about the amazing things they have planned in the diocese this Spring from the My Gen Rally to Youth Ministry workshops...and a party bus? Tune in and find out what's going on and how you can get involved.
♦ <http://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/youth-ministry-on-the-road>
- ♦ **Thursday April 6:** Regina Regional Spring General meeting of the CWL will be held on Thursday, April 6, commencing with mass 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King Church, followed by lunch and a meeting.
- ♦ **Sunday April 9:** Come enjoy a Country Gospel Sing-Along with Free Spirit at St. Peter's Church Hall (south side doors) on April 9, Palm Sunday, at 2:00 p.m. There will be a free will offering (proceeds to St. Peter's CWL and their charities), a 50/50 draw, and refreshments
- ♦ **Saturday April 22:** Are we called to proclaim the gospel or to dialogue with others? Can we do both? If so, how? This year's ecumenical workshop will be April 22 at St. Joseph's in Moose Jaw and will feature Archbishop Donald Bolen and apologist Matt Nelson. **SAVE THE DATE!**
- ♦ **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 St. N:
 - ♦ In the Shadow of the Cross: The Seven Last Words of Jesus Conversing with God in Lent: Lent is an ideal time to begin or intensify the practice of lectio divina
 - ♦ 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 Sr. Rufina Dubao at 352-1651 ext. 238 or email rdubao@archregina.sk.ca. You can also book resources online at www.archregina.sk.ca.



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Mission Statement:
Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we endeavor to build this community of Our Lady of Peace to a viable Christian Catholic Family, to which all are welcome.

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