



Our Lady of Peace Parish

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 11, #14/2017-2018

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Jn 3:16



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

Tue- Fri-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.

Feasts of the Week

Sat 17: St Patrick's Day



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Welcome to Our Lady of Peace Parish!

We 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:-Call the Parish Office if you need anointing at home or in the hospital.

Check the bulletin for upcoming anointing schedules.

BAPTISM: Please call the office to register/information.

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

RCIA/RCIC: - Call the Parish Office for information.

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Stewardship:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

Ask Fr. James

How is Lent a Journey in the desert

Liturgically and scripturally the theme of the journey is central to Lent. The Journey of Abraham and Isaac to the place where God was going to bless them and the Journey of the Israelites through the desert to the Promised Land is what we are called to attempt during Lent. The idea of the Israelites leaving the painful experiences of Egypt behind them, spending time struggling in the desert and finally arriving at the Promised Land is analogous to the Christian's journey with Jesus through tribulations until arrival at the Resurrection.

The Lenten journey invites us to detach ourselves from the habits and comforts that protect and sustain our status quo and to step out into a disorienting space like Jesus did after his baptism when he went into the desert for 40 days. Lent is being with Jesus in the desert. The desert is not a physical location but a spiritual state - an inner state where we come to have an experience of God. That no matter what pains and tribulations we go through, God has a plan to bring us to victory. God's plan is to lead us to the Promised Land.

Wandering in the desert was the single most formative experience for the Children of Israel. They wandered for forty years in the desert through long and crucial road to the Promised Land. Also, we too journey in the desert. This is why the singing of "Alleluia" is suspended during Lent until we emerge singing Alleluia again on Easter Vigil when Christ our Passover is risen from the dead. The dynamic concepts of journey, movement, and growth reminds us of the text from Hebrews; "By faith [Moses] left Egypt, because he had his eyes fixed on God's reward" (Hebrews 11:27). The journey is one to be undertaken seriously, yet it is a joyful walk. A journey from death to life like Jesus.

Sometimes, our journey through life involves moments of intense exertion, physical or emotional pains and stress but we must not lose the focus of getting to the Promised Land. Our trust in God leading us to the Promised Land is like knowing that the storm does not hurt the sky. The first question for the Children of Israel on entering the desert is whether they can survive there. They express this fear in terms of doubts about food and water. The Exodus story tells how, after the people enter the desert, they were concerned with water, with food, and finally with the desire for meat.

The Lenten journey invites us to step out into a disorienting space. Instead of being like the Exodus pilgrims, to be like Jesus' 40 days in the desert. Jesus invites us into this liminal space, a space he explored to its very limits. We too need bread for the journey and so we must be attentive to his presence all through the journey lest we risk not benefitting from the manna.

The Lenten observances and abstinences are intended to bring us to this desert place from where we can emerge, refreshed, singing Alleluia again. St. Benedict says; "It is this desire and longing for Easter that motivates us to make our Lenten journey in the joy of the Holy Spirit" (RB 49.6). Thus, our lifestyles all through this season is to have a Lenten quality; prayer, love and practising charity or good works. In these ways, we are able to await Holy Easter with all the joy of spiritual desire and longings for eternal life with the spirit. Therefore, we are to always remember that Easter is the goal of our Lenten journey.

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

Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

Mass	Readings	Mass Intention
Mon Mar 12: No Mass	Isaiah 65.17-21 John 4.43-54	
Tue Mar 13: 9AM Mass	Ezekiel 47.1-9, 12 John 5.1-16	† Elsie Fuchs by Peter Fuchs
Wed Mar 14: 9AM Mass	Isaiah 49.8-15 John 5.16-30	† John Geiss by Elizabeth Geiss
Thurs Mar 15: 9AM- Mass	Exodus 32.7-14 John 5.18, 31-47++	
Fri Mar 16: -9AM Mass	Wisdom 2.1a, 12-22 John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30	† Lawrence Rodrigues by Teresa Rodrigues
Sat Mar 17: 5pm Mass	Jeremiah 11.18-20 John 7.40-53	
Sun Mar 18: 9am & 10:30am mass 5th Sunday of Lent	Jeremiah 31.31-34++ Hebrews 5.7-9 John 12.20-33	For all Parishioners

Parish Events & Meetings

Mar 12-18, 2018

Mon Mar 12	10am-Bible Study 1309 Dover Ave. 7:00PM- Parish Reconciliation
Tues Mar 13	6:30pm-Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting
Wed Mar 14	-6:00PM -RCIA
Thurs Mar 15	9:40AM- Forever in Motion 1:30PM-Knitting & Chat
Fri Mar 16	2:15-Stretch & Relaxation
Sat Mar 17	5:00PM Mass 10:00AM-3PM- CWL Flea Market
Sun Mar 18	5th Sunday of Lent

OFFERTORY Mar 3/4, 2018

5pm - \$724.05

9am - \$520.05

10:30am - \$1,243.45

TOTAL: \$2,487.55

Thank you!



Our Home made Perogies

available,
Please call Anita @ 306 543 0421
or the Parish office.

For Perogy makers: Dough Mak-ers, Peelers, Mashers Tuesday, Mar 13 @1:00 o'clock. Rollers, Pinchers, Wed Mar 14th after 9:00 o'clock mass. Many thanks to all coming to help, newcomers most welcome!

Please **Pray** for our Sick Parishioners

- ◆ Terry Bedard
- ◆ Betty Sparrowhawk
- ◆ Antonette Rothecker



Stations of The Cross

Tue Mar 13, 6:30pm led by Parish Council

Fri Mar 23, 6:30pm led by the Youth

Mon Mar 26, 6:30pm led by K of C



The Knight of Columbus shamrock drive for Camp Monahan will end this weekend, please check the entrance to show your support. Thank you!



Upcoming Parish Events

- ◆ Our lady of Peace Concert Series -- Sunday, March 11, 2018 @3:30PM with Uni of Regina Music Students
- ◆ Mar 12 Parish Reconciliation @ 7:00 p. m.
- ◆ Clothing Sale- Mar 22nd and 24th
- ◆ Garage Sale - April 26 to 28th.
- ◆ Our lady of Peace Concert Series -- Sunday, April 8, 2018 @3:30PM with Various Musicians-Easter songs
- ◆ July 16 -28 Vacation Bible School

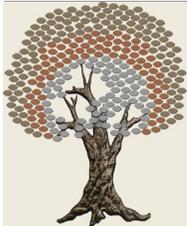
CHRISM MASS: Mon, Mar 19, 2018 2:00PM @ Holy Rosary Cathedral. A reception will follow in the cathedral auditorium. All are welcome to participate in this special Mass!

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday March 29, 2018. Mass 7:00 p.m. Adoration to Midnight
Good Friday, March 30. Service @3:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil, Saturday March 31. Mass- 8:00 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY-April 1, 2018-10:30 a.m Ma

CLOTHING SALE - March 22nd5:00 to 7:00 p.m., March 23rd 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. and March 24th10:00 to noon. *Because our facility is now smaller we cannot handle clothes at our Garage Sale.* Therefore, please save all your new and clean used clothes to donate to this clothing sale during office hours March 19th, 20th and 21st. And remember to also save your "stuff" for the garage sale at end of April. Thanks!!!

THANK YOU to all who attended, worked, donated to our Annual Old Fashioned Bazaar. We raised \$4,700 for the needs our of church. Besides the many who won prizes at our Parade of Prizes table, the following were winners for: Money Raffle...1st prize of \$200.00 was Megan Shechuk, 2nd prize of \$150.00 was John Young, 3rd Prize of \$100.00 was Thomas Martinez. The 50/50 winner of \$136.00 was Heather Stuike. The Holy Roller winners were 1st prize \$100.00 to Andy Tarr; Cineplex Tickets went to Justice Benesh and donuts went to (I have to find this name from Jackie). Many Blessings to all.



Memorial/Donation Fund --- An opportunity to assist with our building renovation project.

Anyone can donate, or a make donation in memory of a loved one. Names of donors of \$500.00 or more will be displayed on a tree in the gathering area of our church. Information letters with donation envelopes can be found at the information table or more information obtained by calling the office. Tax deductible receipt is issued. Until our "tree" is being designed and completed, we are utilizing the bulletin. We have received the following:

In Memory of:

Lylla Fahlman
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 John & Joanne Hartney

To date \$22,285 has been achieved.

CWL Corner

- Meeting for those involved with Funeral Lunches March 14th 1:30pm
- General Meeting March 20th CWL Socials at 6:30 PM meeting to follow.

Everyone Welcome:

- Forever in Motion Thursdays @ 9:40AM
- Knitting & Chat Thursdays @ 1:30PM
- Stretch & Relaxation Fridays @ 2:15
- Next 55+ Dance April 12th. 1:30-3:30. Coffee & sweets. Live music. \$5.00. Everyone Welcome.

55+ Corner

Reconciliation



**Parish Reconciliation Service Monday
 March 12, 2018 @ 7:00PM**

I would like to *thank* all for the lovely get well cards, flowers, visits, special thanks to Irene Haynes for bringing the communion, a lovely visit from Father James, his visit was very enlightening, and to all who phoned for all online call. If I missed anyone I am sorry. Thanks ..Thanks...Thanks
 Antonette Rothecker



Development and peace- Share Lent 2018

Next Sunday Mar 18, we will have a second collection for Development and peace, Please check your box of envelopes and use accordingly
 Thank you.



A come and go tea from 2-4pm on Sat Mar 17, 2018 to celebrate Emma Young's 90th Birthday @ Our Lady of peace Parish hall. Everyone Welcome.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Prayer Service for Victims of Clergy Abuse

Please join us in a Stations of the Cross prayer service for those who are victims of clergy sexual abuse. The service will encourage us to find the courage to listen deeply and compassionately to those who were wounded where they should have found love.
March 18, 2018: 7:00 p.m.: Christ the King Parish, 3239 Garnet Street, Regina.

TF77: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving Lenten Retreat - Part 4

This week on Thinking Faith, we wrap up our Lenten retreat on Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving with a look at Prayer and its role in off-setting our tendency towards an unhealthy personal pride that displaces our trust and reliance on God. As we bring things to a close you will once again have the opportunity to create a concrete prayer plan that will not only carry you through the Lenten season but, as with all of these practices, serve you well throughout the year! <http://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/tf77-prayer-fasting-almsgiving-lenten-retreat-part-4>

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Regina Regional CWL Spring General Meeting

April 12, hosted by Holy Child Parish, 2636 7th Ave. E., with Mass at 6:30, followed by guest speaker, Elder May Desnomie, lunch and a meeting to follow

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