

## St. Anne's Church

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Served from Notre Dame, Selkirk



**Pastor:** Fr. Stan Gacek  
**Secretary:** Fiona Lawson

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Church Website: [www.ndparish.ca](http://www.ndparish.ca)

Bulletin announcements: due 1 week in advance

### MASS TIMES

Selkirk - Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 10:30 am

Petersfield – Sunday 9:00 am

**Please check the bulletin for Weekday Masses.**

### DEVOTIONS at Notre Dame, Selkirk:

Thursday - Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

1<sup>st</sup> Friday – Holy Hour (Sacred Heart of Jesus, Divine Mercy),

Other Fridays – Devotion to St. Joseph

### CONFESIONS:

Selkirk, Notre Dame - Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Petersfield, St. Anne's – before Sunday Mass

**Marriages:** Call at least 6 months in advance

**Baptisms:** By appointment 6 weeks in advance

**Emergency Sacramental Ministry:** 204.787.2071 (Winnipeg only)

## Notre Dame Church

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### ND PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Fr. Stan (P), Chris Furgale (Chairperson), Leo Fraser,  
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Darren Reiter

### ND PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (PFC)

Fr. Stan, Lee Pearson, Joe Nordin, David Borgfjord

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*"A parish pastoral council is a consultative body engaged in common pastoral visioning and planning, and in the fostering of pastoral action in the threefold ministry of the church:*

1. its teaching ministry, 2. its prayer and worship,
3. its shepherding ministry.

*This threefold ministry responds to the threefold mission of Christ: to teach, to sanctify and to serve."*

*(Confer: Norms for Parish Pastoral Councils, Archdiocese of Winnipeg, March 2005)*

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Parish Organizations & Committees are posted on the Parish Bulletin Board.

## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time

October 15, 2017



Isaiah 25:6-10a

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22: 1-14

Wedding feasts are celebrations of joy. The one in today's Gospel, however, turns ugly. The guests refuse to attend; they attack the king's slaves. The king retaliates with murder and destruction. But the feast must go ahead. Just when things seem to be improving, the king notices a man without a wedding robe and casts him out into the darkness.

This parable is scary and makes me squirm. I recognize myself in those who ignored the king's invitation and in the man wearing the wrong outfit.

The parable challenges us to critique our friendship with God. God desires our friendship, inviting us time and time again into relationship. We sometimes fail in our response. Like those who rejected the invitation, we get busy with our own agendas;

we ignore God. Or, like the man who shows up improperly attired, we have the wrong attitude. We may be smug, indifferent or insincere. We cast ourselves into the darkness when we refuse God's offer of friendship.

The Mass is a transitional time between the present and eternity. It is God's standing invitation to enter more deeply into relationship with God and others. Our presence here expresses our willingness to put on the robe of Christ so that we may stand confidently in the light of God's friendship. Louise McEwan, Trail, BC

### Psalm 23

This is in response to the reading from Isaiah 25 on the messianic banquet, the emphasis lies upon the Lord's house or temple, where he prepares the banquet table and invites his people to share the blessings of his kingdom. The third stanza marks a shift in imagery from God as shepherd to God as HOST at his banquet.

The psalmist, therefore, sings of the Lord as a shepherd (king or host) who protects, provides for, and nourishes us.

### STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading, St. Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his distress and promises that God, in turn, will fully satisfy every need they have. We've heard it before, and it bears repeating – God simply will not be outdone in generosity!

### All Souls Day

The Church sets aside the month of November to remind us to pray for our faithful departed. All Souls envelopes have been provided for your intentions in the foyer of the church. Please print deceased names clearly and carefully in block letters on the envelope and return them as soon as possible.

### Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick - Oct 21 & 22

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered after the final blessings of the Masses October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> to all those who wish to receive it and be strengthened by it.

The official "Rite of Anointing of the Sick" states: "Great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament." The sacrament used to be called *Extreme Unction*, which made it sound as if it was meant only for those who were at the point of death. Some people believed that once a priest walked into a room, that was the end. The revised rite attempted to correct this: "The faithful should be educated to ask for the sacrament of anointing and, as soon as the right time comes, to receive it with full faith and devotion.... A prudent or reasonably sure judgement, without scruple, is sufficient for deciding on the seriousness of an illness."

The sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after the anointing and then falls ill again, or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious. A person may be anointed before surgery if a serious illness is the reason for the surgery. Sick children may be anointed if they're old enough to know what's going on. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened, even though no serious illness is present. Those who have lost consciousness or the use of reason may be anointed if it's likely they would have asked for it under other circumstances. Sacraments are meant to be for people, if there is a doubt whether someone should be anointed or not, let that person be anointed.

*28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, October 14**

**5:00pm** —for all parishioners

### Sunday, October 15

9:00am – (Petersfield) – for the health of Marg Laycock, req. by Laura

10:30am – Sunday Mass

### Tuesday, October 17

10:00am (Tudor) – Mass

### Wednesday, October 18 Feast of St. Luke

9:30am (KC) - Mass

### Thursday, October 19

\* No 10:00am Mass

2:00pm (Betel) - Mass

7:30pm (KC) - Mass

### Friday, October 20

10:00am – all souls in purgatory, special intentions, req. by L. Smith

## *29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Saturday, October 21

5:00pm —for all parishioners

### Sunday, October 22

9:00am – (Petersfield) - Sunday Mass

10:30am – Sunday Mass

### Readers/Altar Servers

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> - 5pm: Anne / Jennifer; Samantha, Beau, Bree

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am: Family Mass; Hunter, Abby, Rylan

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> - 5:00pm: Chris / Leesa; Samantha,

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> - 10:30am: Louise / Doreen; Hope, Beau, Bree

### Parish & Parishioners' Activities

1. *K of C Breakfast*: Oct. 15, 10 am – 1 pm

2. *Parish Council Mtg*: Oct, 17, 7pm

3. RRCRT Dinner: Oct. 20, 7pm,  
Selkirk Rec Cen.

4. *Communal Anointing of the Sick*:  
Oct 21-22 following the Mass.

5. *All Souls*: Wed. Nov. 2, 6pm

### Please Pray For the Sick

Let us remember our friends and relatives who are sick or in the hospital including: Bernice Bekavac, Milagros Berena, Sally Budolowski, Bill Camiere, Dolly Felix, Vicky Hewan, Helen Kennedy, Verna Matt, Kathy Morris, Owen Remple, Joe Schilling and Robert Wallis.

### Marian Month

October as a "Marian month" must be understood within the context of the liturgical year. Where the tradition exists of a Marian Hymn at Mass, it is appropriate that it be the concluding song of the celebration. We encourage you to say at least one decade of the Rosary each day during the month of October together with your family.

**"May the Rosary always be in your hands"** Message of Our Lady from Medjugorje of February 25, 1988.



### Mass Intentions

When faced with the mystery of death and the sorrow of loss, Catholic people rightly turn to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as our greatest and most powerful prayer.

This is especially true at the time that someone dies. Every Catholic should have the benefit of a Funeral Mass offered for the salvation of his or her soul. This should be done for each of us, without question. Then afterwards family and friends should arrange for other Masses to be offered for that person, as signs of friendship, expressions of consolation, and for the most important purpose: helping that person, if his or her soul went to purgatory, to more swiftly be released from there and welcomed into heaven.

Thanks to God's mercy as revealed in the Scriptures, faithful people trying to live their lives with Christ need not worry that they are going to hell, where souls will never see God. But even if we are so fortunate as to be going to heaven, we still need to make up for the consequences of our sins.

Who of us with humility and common sense feels worthy to see the face of God right now if we should die suddenly? We know we are sinners and need to make up for those sins. Therefore we want our family and community to pray for us at Mass when we die. And in the months and years that follow, we want them to

offer Masses for our souls, so that if any stain continues or barrier exists, we may be swiftly cleansed and cross that divide into paradise through the merits of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, which is renewed for us at each Mass.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

#### LET US BE MERCIFUL

World mission Sunday, which will take place this year on **October 22**, assumes a particular nature. Indeed, a few weeks before the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy, this day allows us to celebrate missionary activity and also deepen our understanding of the spiritual meaning of mercy. It opens our hearts and minds to a future in which mercy is at the heart of our Christian life. What is mercy? Why mercy? How is this pastoral attitude a sign of God in our world? How can our Christian communities become the "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference"? Having drawn from the sources of life – the Word of God – now, we must "roll up our sleeves and not stand by and watch passively the suffering of the world." (Pope Francis, February 15.2015)

The Church is essentially a missionary extension of God's mercy. For us who believe in Jesus Christ, our mission is to be the signs of God's presence and closeness with all people in today's world. What we receive during the Year of Mercy, we must share with our brothers and sisters so they too may experience God's love and tenderness, through comfort, forgiveness and hope.

A few days after his election to St. Peter's pulpit, Pope Francis assured that mercy changes everything: "feeling mercy changes everything. This is the best thing that we can feel: it changes the world. A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just. We need to properly understand this mercy of God, this merciful father who is so patient..." (Angelus, March 17, 2013). Moreover, in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Holy Father developed his thoughts on "mercy". It appears like a chorus that must be repeated together and offered to the world. Along with Pope Francis, we acknowledge that Canadian society and in particular the Church, has a "great need of mercy today, and it is important that the lay faithful experience it and bring it into different social environments. Move forward! We are living in the age of mercy; this is the age of mercy." (Angelus, January 11, 2015).

Because he had resources at his disposal? Because he said Mass humbly, heard confessions from dawn to dusk and was, it is not easy to say, one who bore the wounds of our Lord. He was a man of prayer and suffering." Padre Pio was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2002.

### Altar Guild Ministry

Altar guild is a group of laypersons in a parish church who maintain the ceremonial linens used in worship. We are looking for someone is willing to help on a monthly basis twice a year. If interested or for more info please contact Marlene Bosko (204-482-4023) or the office (204-482-3422).

### CWL News

#### Perogy Bee

CWL will be making Perogies once again. Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm - to peel potatoes and set up the hall, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00am to make the perogies. CWL invites everyone to come out and help, please bring your peelers; a volunteer signup sheet is in the foyer along with a Perogy order sheet for your convenience. Please include your phone number.

### Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation

The **Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation** (CWLF) is accepting applications for its initial Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic women. The program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. For more information about CWLF, the Leadership

Program and to complete an application form visit: [www/cwlfcanada.ca](http://www/cwlfcanada.ca)

### Knights of Columbus

**Breakfast:** The Knights of Columbus' next Breakfast will be held this **Sunday, October 15, 2017**, at Notre Dame Church Hall – 10 am to 1 pm.

Your continued support of our Community Breakfasts is greatly appreciated and spurs us on in our endeavours. We are constantly striving to live up to the principles of our organization, which are, charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Please come and help support our endeavours.

### Easter Auditions

As part of our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, I am happy to announce the staging of "Easter" a musical production for the youth of the province ages 12- 30 on Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. and Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Academy Alumnae Hall. This rock opera tells the story of Jesus's life, teachings, crucifixion and resurrection through music. We are looking for youth to audition, volunteer and/or attend this exciting production. More information can be found on our website [www.easter2018.com](http://www.easter2018.com)

### Theology of the Body Workshop

An introduction to the Theology of the Body: Discovering the Master Plan for your life is an eight-part study designed to give you a solid understanding of God's plan for humanity. Come and learn about the Church's teaching on sex and marriage. Based on St John Paul II's revolutionary teachings and presented on DVD by world-renowned speaker and author Christopher West.

*St Theresa Parish Hall* - Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>: Registration & hospitality – 9:30 a.m. Workshop begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*St Margaret Parish* – Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>: Registration & hospitality – 8:30 a.m. Workshop begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration fee is \$25.00. Couples who share a booklet will only be charged \$25. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. BEVERAGES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE.

### Saint Teresa of Jesus – October 15

Teresa was born in Avila, Spain on March 28, 1515, and died in 1582. Of the many women who have exercised leadership roles in the Church, Teresa must surely be considered among the greatest.

When she entered the Carmelite convent, some thought Teresa was a spoiled young woman with an unremarkable prayer life. She soon advanced in prayer, experiencing visions and hearing voices. Dissatisfied with the laxity she perceived among religious, she determined to institute reforms and establish a convent where enclosure and a strict rule prevailed. With the assistance of Peter of Alcantara and John of the Cross, Teresa succeeded in founding the reformed (Discalced) Carmelite orders of nuns and friars.

Teresa wrote several works, which are considered classics of spiritual literature, including *The Way of Perfection* and *The Interior castle*. A great mystic, and a strong, intelligent and active leader, Teresa was canonized in 1622 and in 1970 became the first woman to be declared a Doctor of the Church. She is patroness of Spain.