

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

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

1st Friday – Holy Hour (Sacred Heart of Jesus, Divine Mercy),

Other Fridays – Devotion to St. Joseph/Stations during Lent

CONFESSIONS:

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)

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ND PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Fr. Stan (P), Chris Furgale (Chairperson), Leo Fraser,
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ND PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (PFC)

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

"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)

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



4th Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

2 Chronicles 36: 14-17, 19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3: 14-21

While it may seem odd, I look forward to Lent all year because it permits me the luxury of meditating on the rich tradition of lament that is often forgotten or ignored altogether. Lament is the action of truly mourning the incompleteness of our lives, our society and our world in the sight of God. there is a wealth of emotions bubbling in the reading from Chronicles as the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple has effectively terminated the sacred worship space of the Jewish people. Psalm 137 reiterates the destruction and we are drawn into the devastation through the psalmist's plaintive words.

John's Gospel shows a way out of the lament and devastation: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." Love is the path out of lament and devastation. Through this ultimate sacrifice on our behalf, we become people of the light forever abandoning the darkness that threatens to overshadow hope.

In a few days, we will set our faces to Jerusalem, to liturgically journey with Jesus during his passion, death and resurrection. Today, we witness the second Scrutiny for the Catechumens. The scrutinies are rites for spiritual self-searching. We as church support the elect with our prayers as they journey toward the cross.

Marilyn-Ann Elphick, Mississauga, ON

Psalm 137

This lament was sung by the community in Babylon during the exile of the sixth century (c. 550 B.C). The harps for joyful songs hang unused. The captors' insults, "Sing for us the songs of Zion," are like other taunting questions in the Bible, such as "Where is your God now?" How can they sing songs of Zion (or Jerusalem), such as Psalms 46, 48, and 76, which speak of Zion as impregnable and its inhabitants as happy and safe?

Nonetheless, the singer will never lose hope. For God keeps alive our songs, as we yearn for better days.

Stewardship

All that we have and all that we are comes from God. "For we are what he has made us..." St. Paul reminds us in the second reading today, "...created in Christ Jesus for good works." What are the gifts that you have been given to be used in a life of good works?

Good stewardship means that we receive God's gifts with gratitude, we cherish and develop these gifts, and we share them in justice and love with one another. This is the cycle of the Christian stewardship way of life – a life of good works – and in living this way we return our gifts to the Lord with increase thus enabling the cycle to begin again and again.

Prayer for Lent

Lord Jesus, cleanse our hearts this Lent of all that keeps us apart from you. Strengthen in us the virtues of discipleship so that we may respond more readily to the challenges of our baptismal call. May our prayer, fasting and sharing with those in need draw us closer to you. Open our hearts to receive the love and inspiration of your Holy Spirit as we observe these days of penance in preparation for the joyous celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Amen.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are the life-blood of our parish and without them we would not be able to function! Every aspect of our liturgy relies on volunteers beginning with our Altar Guild; Ministers of Hospitality; Altar Servers; Proclaimers of the Word; Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; and Sacristans. Then there are the volunteers who co-ordinate these groups. We also count on volunteers to organize catechism and our volunteer catechists who weekly lead our young Catholics to a deeper understanding of their catholic faith. We have volunteers on committees such as the Parish Finance Committee [PFC], Parish Pastoral council [PPC], Prayer Shawl ministry Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus. Everywhere you look in our parish there are opportunities to get involved and make a difference.

As we journey through this season of Lent, let's get involved here at home. Join a ministry; show God - and maybe other people - how serious we are about our faith. Lord; help us to change our hearts, so that we will also change our actions this Lent.

4th Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 10

5:00pm – RIP Rev Henry Uczniak, req. by John & Irene Mytz

Sunday, March 11

9:00am – (Petersfield) – for all parishioners

10:30am – for all catechism families

Wednesday, March 14

9:30am (KC) – Mass

Thursday, March 15

2:00pm (Betel) – Mass

7:30pm (KC) – Mass

Friday, March 16

10:00am – All souls in purgatory, Special intentions, req. by L. Smith

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross - CWL

5th Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 17

5:00pm – RIP Rev Henry Uczniak, req. by Bert & Linda Parker

Sunday, March 18

9:00am – (Petersfield) – for all parishioners

10:30am – RIP Sophie Bosak, req. By Joe

1:45 pm (SMHC) – Sunday Mass

Monday, March 19 – St. Joseph, 7pm

Readers/Altar Servers

Mar 10th - 5:00pm: Jennifer / Carol; Sam, Beau, Bree

Mar 11th - 10:30am: catechism; Chantal, Hope

Mar 17th - 5:00pm: Fiona / Carol; Sam, Zurielle, Thierney

Mar 18th - 10:30am: Louise / Wendy; Hope, Chantal

Parish & Parishioners' Activities

1. St. Joseph's Mass: Mon. March 19, 7pm
2. Reconciliation: March 20
3. KC Fish Fry: Mar 24, 6pm following Mass
4. CWL Bake Sale: March 24th & 25th
5. Chrism Mass: March 26

Please Pray For the Sick

Let us remember our friends and relatives who are sick or in the hospital including: Bernice Bekavac, Milagros Berena, Chad Bosko, Doreen Bourget, Sally Budolowski, Bill Camiere, Clint Danko, Dolly Felix, Vicky Huewan, Helen Kennedy, Verna Matt, Kathy Morris, Owen Remple, Joe Schilling, Lorraine Smith, Roy Vinke and Elzvieta (Elizabeth) Zygmund.

Preparing for Reconciliation

Our Lenten Penitential Service, which will be held on Tuesday, March 20th. These questions will help you make a good confession. 1) Do I always believe in the promises made to me in my baptism? Do I believe that my life is eternal? Do I believe that my sins are forgiven? Do I give thanks to God every day for life and forgiveness? 2) What sins have I committed in my life that I still hold onto? What sins have I committed that I'm still feeling guilty about? 3) What do I believe about God? Do I believe that God is punishing me for my sins or forgiving my sins? 4) Do I live in fear of death? What is the devil telling me about my death? What is Jesus telling me about my death.

Prayer: *God of forgiveness, you are the good God who leads me not into temptation. I have been tempted to believe that this world is all that there is. Forgive me of my sins and help me always to trust in your love. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen*

Reconciliation dates:

All parishes will have reconciliation at 7pm with the exception of Ashern.

March 14 – Ashern - (3pm)

March 16 – Gimli

March 20 – Selkirk

March 21 – Stonewall

March 22 – Arborg & St. Theresa's

To be decided - St. Laurent

Saint Joseph, husband of Mary – March 19

The GLORIA is omitted during the season of Lent except for the solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19), husband of the Blessed Mother Mary. **We will celebrate Mass at 7pm.**

Archdiocesan Public Way of the Cross

Friday, March 30th, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. St. Vital Catholic Church, 1629 Pembina Hwy

SHARE LENT 2018

Together for PEACE

Thanks to money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent, Development and Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world! There are many ways to be part of Share Lent.

Use the Solidarity Calendar with your family. You can pick up a copy while leaving church today. You can make a donation on Solidarity Sunday, which will take place on March 18.

A school of community leaders in Peru

For the fourth week of Lent, let's go to Peru and discover one of Development and Peace's partners, the Bartolomé de Las Casas Institute! It runs the Hugo Echegaray leadership school, where students strengthen their capacity for dialogue, consensus, participation, and consultation in order to exercise ethical and responsible civic leadership in their communities.

The Solidarity Sunday collection will be celebrated in all Canadian parishes next week. We will appeal to your generosity in support of our sisters and brothers in the Global South who fight every day for peace, human dignity, and social justice.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held twice a day every Friday during Lent First following the 10am Mass and repeated at 7pm.

This is a "living memory of the Lord's final days for the season of Lent." They can be practiced in a wonderful variety of ways: individually, communally, or by using various meditations or reflections in between each station. There is no one, single, "official" collection of texts to use, which allows for great versatility. There are many resources available. In fact there are different stations. Pope Benedict XVI has used a different set.

Pope John Paul II wrote reflections that were used during the 2000 Jubilee, and later on for World Youth Day. They are more biblical: 1) Jesus' agony in the garden. 2) Jesus' betrayal and arrest. 3) Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin. 4) Jesus is denied by Peter. 5) Jesus is condemned by Pilate. 6) Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns. 7) Jesus is made to carry his cross. 8) Simon of Cyrenne helps Jesus carry his cross. 9) Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem. 10) Jesus is crucified. 11) Jesus promises paradise to the thief. 12) Jesus speaks to John and Mary. 13) Jesus dies. 14) Jesus is laid in the tomb.

Traditionally, individual verses of the *Stabat Mater* (the sequence for the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows) are sung after each station.

Knights of Columbus

Fish Fry for Lent

The Knights of Columbus will be having a 'Fish fry' during Lent on Saturday, March 24th following the 5pm Mass. Tickets are available from various Knights and are \$15/person.

K of C Bursary: All Grade 12 students pursuing post-secondary education: are invited to apply for The Knights of Columbus Selkirk Council #6150's, 2018 Catholic Bursary valued at \$500.00. For an application form and the essay requirement please contact Daren Reiter at dcreiter@mymts.net or 204-785-1505. The Application deadline is April 29th, 2018. Forms are also available at the Notre Dame Parish Office 269 Jemima St. during regular office hours.

Chrism Mass: March 26

All are welcome to attend the Chrism Mass, on Holy Monday, March 26th at 7:30pm, St. Mary's Cathedral, Winnipeg.

The 3 oils will be blessed by the Archbishop: the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens [plain olive oil], and the Oil of Chrism [olive oil perfumed with balsam].

Oil of the Sick: *'May your blessing come upon all who are anointed with this oil, that they may be freed from pain and illness and made well again in body, mind and soul'.*

Oil of Catechumens: *'Give wisdom and strength to all who are anointed with it in preparation for their baptism'.*

Oil of Chrism: *'Make this mixture of oil and perfume a sign and source of your blessing. Pour out the gifts of your Holy Spirit on our brothers and sisters who will be anointed with it. Let the splendour of holiness shine on the world from every place and thing signed by this oil'.*

Winnipeg Life's Vision

Winnipeg Life's Vision presents its annual Pro-life lunch (\$20) on **Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 12pm** at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, 460 Munroe Ave in East Kildonan. The luncheon will be preceded by an optional workshop on pro-life apologetics (conversation skills) from 9:30 to 11:30 am. This session will provide skills on how to dialogue on life issues. Keynote speaker at the lunch is Cameron Côté, Western Outreach Director, Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform (CCBR). Cameron will speak on "The Hope for the Pro-Life Movement". Donations of NEW baby items are greatly appreciated and will be collected for Crisis Pregnancy Centre. **Contact Life's Vision at 204 233-8047 or email lifesvision@shaw.ca to reserve your ticket.**

Triduum: Notre Dame Church

March 29, Holy Thursday, 8pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper.

March 30, Good Friday,

3pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

March 31, Holy Saturday, 8pm, Easter Vigil.

April 1, Easter Sunday, 10:30am Mass.

Triduum: St. Anne's Church

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6pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

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Paschal Triduum

The *Paschal Triduum*, often called the *Easter Triduum* or simply the *Triduum*, begins during Holy Week, and consists of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. This includes the Great Easter Vigil, the high point of the Triduum. The word Triduum comes from the Latin word meaning "three days." It begins the evening of Maundy Thursday and ends at Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Thus the Triduum consists of three full days which begin and end in the evening. [...] The Triduum celebrates the heart of our faith, salvation, and redemption: *the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ*. Thus, the Triduum commemorates the Institution of the Eucharist (the "sacrament of sacraments"), the passion, crucifixion, death of the Lord, his descent to the dead, and finally his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. Along with the Ascension, these important events make up the Paschal Mystery. [churchyear.net]

Income Tax Receipts

Your 2017 Income Tax Receipts are now ready to be picked up at the foyer of the church. Some parishioners will have 2 receipts [both required for your tax returns] due to a technical error. Thank you.