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February, 2021 Bulletin – Ordinary Time and the Beginning of Lent

February 7 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do not human beings have a hard service on earth, and are not their days like the days of a laborer? Like a slave who longs for the shadow, and like laborers who look for their wages, so I am allotted months of emptiness, and nights of misery are apportioned to me.

Job 7:1-3

[I]t is not true that all suffering is a consequence of a fault and has the nature of a punishment. The figure of the just man Job is a special proof of this in the Old Testament...The Book of Job is not the last word on this subject in Revelation. In a certain



way it is a foretelling of the Passion of Christ.

Pope St. John Paul II, *On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering* (from www.vatican.va), 11.

Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her...That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many...

Mk 1:30-34.

How to Make Mid-Winter Ordinary Time a Little Less Ordinary

By Holly Gustafson, at our Archdiocesan Webpage (Excerpts)

I love a fresh start. I love the new year with its promise that this year I can get everything right, or September with all its potential – I even don't mind Mondays for the newness that they bring to every week. And at the start of every Liturgical season, I'm always eager to re-commit to prayer and virtue and spiritual reading – this Lent, or Easter, or Advent, or Christmas, I will become holy.

It's the ordinary time I don't do so well.

Even now, in late January, with Ash Wednesday still weeks away, I'm already thinking about Lent. What will I do, how will I pray, what will I read, how will I grow? Meanwhile, ordinary time passes me by. Sometimes I'm so busy wondering what God has in store for my future that I forget to ponder what He wants for me right now.

So instead of spending the next few weeks praying and planning so that I'm perfectly prepared for the upcoming liturgical season, I'm going to try to living in the here-and-now-ness that is ordinary time...

Here are some things that I'll be doing to patiently rest in the present moment of ordinary time:

Surround myself with light.

I fill my house plants with fairy lights, and light candles during prayer time...

Read a good book.

This is a good time to read a good saint biography, or a good secular self-help book to grow in virtue, or a book with Catholic or Christian themes...

Spend cozy evenings with Our Lady.

Catholic author Frank Sheed describes the heart of Mary "like that of the bird's nest, built in a round warm ring to receive the little bird, rounded to the shape of humanity." What better way to spend a cold mid-winter evening than bundled up with a blanket and a rosary? Enticing the kids, even teenage ones, is easy: just add hot chocolate.

There are many more beautiful devotions and rituals to embrace and begin during ordinary time...What matters is to not wait until Sunday, or Monday, or the first of the month, or the next liturgical season to begin. God is in the present moment, which begins today.

Feb. 14 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning...For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me...Then I acknowledged my sin to You; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with glad cries of deliverance...

*Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.*

Psalm 32: 1-5 ,11

Ash Wednesday Masses will be 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please do not contact the regular attendance organizers or Parish Office to register for these. Instead, ushers at weekend Masses will add parishioners to the lists (max. 30) upon request. If you cannot come to an Ash Wednesday Mass, you can make an appointment for ashes, 306-807-0960.

- In January, the Lord called Einar Domingo, Andrew Ackerman, Noella Holash, and Lorraine Labbie home to Him. Let us pray for the repose of their souls, and the consolation of their families and friends.
- We heartily thank Frostad Piano Services for going above and beyond the call of duty in their work on our electric piano last month. Parts are on order. In the meantime, we thank the Seniors' Centre for letting us use their piano in the church.
- We expect to have our tax receipts out at the back of the church by Saturday, Feb. 13.

Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday



Lent is a gift that the Church in her wisdom celebrates every year. It is a gift of time, a gift of contemplation, and a gift of quiet so that we may listen to the Word, who whispers to us to come back to the God who created us. It encourages us to turn away from the noise and over-indulged appetites so that we may understand the hunger that can be filled—with the grace of God—only by prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor.

- Julianne McCullagh, www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/len/ash-wednesday/finding-god-in-ash-wednesday. Image (left) from website.

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battles against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.

Collect prayer of the Ash Wednesday Liturgy

- If you still need to register your grade 2 (and up) child for sacraments this year, please do so right away. Emails about class times will be sent in a couple of weeks.
- Parishioners are invited to bring in old palms from past Palm Sundays.
- The Family Day statutory holiday is Monday, Feb. 15. God bless our families!
- Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays in Lent, led by St. Peter's groups/committees. Those who come may be asked to help with ushering and cleaning. No pre-registration is needed.
- St. Peter's Youth Art Guild continues to invite emerging young artists! No fees, art materials are supplied. Ages 8 to 18 are welcome. Currently classes are held via Zoom. Registration forms are available from our Office. If you have questions, contact Dawna at 306-543-6533 or ddecorby@sasktel.net.

A Message from Bernie Flynn, Usher Volunteer Coordinator

Firstly, I want to indicate my deep appreciation for the members of our Usher Volunteer Team, for their dedication and commitment. Our parish would be unable to conduct our weekend Masses and the funeral services in which our parish and community have been able to participate, without their support. These activities have been successfully conducted and we have been kept safe, in large part to their efforts.

Secondly, due to a number of factors, the numbers of parishioners available to participate has been reduced. I am requesting that parishioners prayerfully consider volunteering to join our Ushering Volunteering Team. I believe almost everyone is aware of what this involves, but in case you're wondering, the duties are as follows:

- (1) Arrive early to ensure the sanctuary is prepared and sanitized for Mass.
- (2) Welcome and guide parishioners through a short series of screening questions; check their temperature; assign parishioners to their seats.
- (3) Assist in directing parishioners' movement through Communion, entry and exit from the sanctuary.
- (4) Sanitization of the sanctuary after worship to prepare for the next Mass.

If you are interested in participating in this essential part of our parish's worshiping service, please call or text Bernie Flynn at (306) 537-6458. Thank you in advance – take care, stay safe and God Bless.

Feb. 21 – First Sunday of Lent

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you...never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood... I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Genesis 9:8-9,11,13.

The Hebrew term for a rainbow is the same term used for a hunting...or military bow...[Some scholars] envision the bow pulled back and pointed up at heaven...

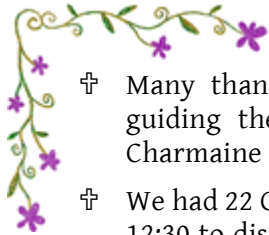
Ignatius Catholic Study Bible (Verbum electronic version), note on Gen. 9:13

The earth has been purified of sinful men and women, and it is embarking on a new stage, populated by Noah and his children...The water is doubly symbolic: it stands for destruction and purification from evil, on the one hand; and for a means of salvation and the start of a new stage, on the other.

The Pentateuch, The Navarre Bible (1999, Verbum electronic version), p. 72.



“A replica of Noah’s Ark in Dordrecht, The Netherlands” -commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Ark_van_Noach_in_Dordrecht,_Noah's_Ark_replica_.



CWL Corner

- ✠ Many thanks to Patricia Mulvey for all her direction and guiding the league! Her term of two years is done, and Charmaine Offet is our new CWL president.
- ✠ We had 22 CWL members attend the meeting Tuesday Jan 12 at 12:30 to discuss the voting that National wanted us to discuss and vote on. Thanks to everyone for coming.
- ✠ The Marian centre will accept muffins for their lunch bags. Please deliver to the Marian Center. They are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

St. Peter’s Knights of Columbus wish to give a thank you shout-out to Con Rosenfeld for his work organizing and leading the winter clothing drive for 10 years now, even during the pandemic! During these days of cold, cold weather, it is great to know that many children and adults are staying warmer! Thanks again to all of you who donated!

Our meeting this month probably won’t be Wednesday, Feb. 10. Ken will let the Knights know of a new date and time.

Feb. 28 – Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain...He was transfigured before them, and His clothes became dazzling white...And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to Him!”

Mark 9:2-5,7

A week before, Peter was trying to find a way to glory without the Cross. Now he thought the Transfiguration a good short cut to salvation by having a Mount of the Beatitudes or a Mount of the Transfiguration without the Mount of Calvary. It was Peter’s second attempt to dissuade Our Lord from going to Jerusalem to be crucified. Before Calvary he was the spokesman for all who would enter into glory without purchasing it by self-denial and sacrifice...Peter forgot that as [Noah’s] dove rested his foot only after the deluge, so true peace comes only after the Crucifixion.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen, *Life of Christ* (Image Books, 1990), pp. 160-161.



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St Peter’s Parish Council Update

On behalf of St. Peter’s Parish Council, I want to say to thank you to all the parishioners who have donated time and money during this most trying time. COVID has really tested our faith, and it appears that we still must continue to pray that that we will get through this pandemic.

Many businesses are continuing to face financial difficulties, cutbacks, and layoffs, the church is no different and with lower number attending masses this does reflect on our collections. Even with generous donations our revenues are down, but reduction in expenses have been beneficial. We must continue monitoring our expenses and have capital available in the event of a major expense. St. Peter’s is grateful for the ongoing donations and fund raisers needed for the operations of the parish.

I also want to say thank you to Bernie Flynn for organizing the ushers for the various Masses, but we are still looking for new volunteers to assist with ushering, cleaning and assisting with weekend and special masses [see facing page]. So, to those who may be interested, please contact Bernie Flynn at 306-537-6458. New volunteers will be trained and welcomed. (Continued next page.)

Parish council is always looking for new members to join. There are several positions that are vacant. Even during COVID time we still meet virtually to ensure that we continue to support Fr. Ferdinand. The following PPC positions are vacant: Spiritual and Religious Education, Stewardship, Vocations. If anyone is interested and requires more information, please contact me or Fr. Ferdinand.

I was also informed that George Penn is wishing to step down as Parish Council Financial Chair at the end of this year. I do want to thank George for the last number of years of his dedication to our parish, especially this last year. Thanks, George! So, we need a Financial Chair. If there is anyone who is interested, please contact George or me. George is going to work closely with the new person during the transition.

On behalf of Parish Council, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers, Luke, and Ron. Everyone's effort allows our parish to function on day-to-day basis. Also, Fr. Ferdinand, we are so blessed for your spiritual leadership. THANK YOU!

As we prepare for Lent, let us take the time to thank God for the gift of His Son. God Bless everyone and be Safe!

Ken Dumont
PPC Chair

PS: Please contact me at 306-519-0313, or email kendumot@accesscomm.ca for any inquires.

Feb. 6-Mar. 6 Special Mass Intentions			14 Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m. All parishioners / Those who lost loved ones	25 Th 9:00 a.m. †Nina Grudnizki
Date	Day/Time	Intention	16 Tu 6:00 p.m. A parishioner	26 Fri 9:00 a.m. available
6	Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m.	Norbert Gabriel / †Roel Ceniza	17 We 9:00 a.m. / 6:00 p.m. Available / †Noella Holash	27 Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m. available
7	Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m.	All parishioners / †Hanz Jacob Fabi	18 Th 9:00 a.m. †Perry Hanlon	28 Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m. All parishioners / available
9	Tu 6:00 p.m.	Barb Pelletier	19 Fri 9:00 a.m. †Wil Sinclair	2 Tu 6:00 p.m. available
10	We 9:00 a.m.	†William Labash	20 Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m. Giovanni Sosa	3 We 9:00 a.m. †Lorraine Labbie
11	1Th 9:00 a.m.	†Marija Manda Simic	21 Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m. All parishioners / †Hanz Jacob Fabi	4 Th 9:00 a.m. available
12	Fri 9:00 a.m.	†Eva Melenchuk	23 Tu 6:00 p.m. Dolores Lemmerick	5 Fri 9:00 a.m. †Lorraine Labbie
13	Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m.	A special intention / For a parishioner	24 We 9:00 a.m. Giovanni Sosa	6 Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m. available

- If anyone finds that they cannot come to a weekend Mass for which they are scheduled, please contact the organizers at speteryqr@gmail.com; or our Parish Office, 306-545-4411.
- Our Sunday collections counted in January (up until Jan. 26), 2021, totalled \$10,203.25. Thank you!



- To donate to our parish if you aren't attending Mass, you can give via:
 - pre-authorized debit, Interac e-transfer, or credit card. See archregina.sk.ca/giving.
 - phone: call Deacon Barry Wood at 306-519-8997.
 - Mail: see our address on the front.

- For those in financial/emotional/other distress: God has called many agencies, charities, and other service providers to come to the aid of those in all kinds of trouble. For example:

Sask-2-1-1: Many sources of aid in many categories, sk.211.ca / phone 2-1-1. **Mobile Crisis:** Immediate physical (food, shelter, etc.), financial, emotional, and domestic emergencies, www.mobilecrisis.ca / 306-757-0127. **For federal and provincial government benefits,** see benefitsfinder.services.gc.ca and www.canada.ca (click on "COVID-19 Financial assistance") / call 1-800-0 Canada (1-800-622-6232). **Saskatchewan Income Support and related:** see www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/financial-help. **To access government and charity web sites if you don't have Internet:** Regina Public Library locations have computers that library card holders can use. **Visitation House:** A Catholic charity that supports women and children with counselling and various basic needs, 306-352-0016. **The Marian Centre:** A Catholic charity for men in need that serves free lunches Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; often clothing and hygiene products are available too, 306-757-0073.

- **Anointing of the Sick:** If someone in the hospital needs anointing, please contact the hospital chaplains: **Pasqua**, 306-519-1380. **Wascana**, 306-530-6511. **General**, 306-519-1405. For outside the hospital, please see the front of the bulletin.