



Roman Catholic Parishes of the South Interlake

Christ the King, Stonewall

St. John Vianney, Teulon

St. Joseph's, Stony Mountain

February 11, 2024

*Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

SUNDAY at 8:30am (STONY MOUNTAIN), 10:00am (STONEWALL) & 11:30am (TEULON)

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Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact Fr. Vijay regarding any upcoming baptism and arrange a time to meet for preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Currently on Thursdays from 6:30pm to 7:00pm at Christ the King Church.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact Fr. Vijay in case of emergency.

Sacrament of Marriage

6 months notice is required prior to the wedding. A weekend retreat or 6 week preparation course is required prior to the marriage. Please contact Fr. Vijay regarding preparation.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Tuesday, February 13th**, *Christ the King Parish Hall*—7:30pm—CTK Pastoral Council meeting
- **Wednesday, Feb. 14th - Ash Wednesday**
 - *St. John Vianney* 11:00am Mass
 - *Christ the King Church* 7:00pm Mass
- **Friday, February 16th**
 - † *Christ the King Church* 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
 - “The Chosen” (after Stations)
- **Tuesday, February 20th**, *Christ the King Parish Hall*—7:30pm—CTK Finance Council meeting

For news around the Archdiocese of Winnipeg,
go to: www.archwinnipeg.ca/news.php

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Please submit information for the bulletin by **TUESDAY at NOON** to Ronda at: ckparish@mymts.net

If you choose not to take this bulletin home, kindly return it to the entrance of the church.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 11th, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am, *Stony Mountain* -

For the deceased family members of Bob & Debbie Braid

- requested by Bob & Debbie Braid

10:00am, *Stonewall* -

† Carmen Mendez Volante

- requested by her sisters

11:30am, *Teulon* -

For the intentions of all parishioners

Monday, February 12th

No Mass

Tuesday, February 13th

7:00pm, *Stonewall*

Wednesday, February 14th

Ash Wednesday

*** 11:00am, *Teulon*

*** 7:00pm, *Stonewall*

Thursday, February 15th

7:00pm, *Stonewall*

Friday, February 16th & Saturday, February 17th

No Mass

Sunday, February 18th, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent

8:30am, *Stony Mountain* -

For the intentions of all parishioners

10:00am, *Stonewall* -

† Edith Carman

- requested by Dianna Rothwell & Maurice Carman

11:30am, *Teulon* -

For the intentions of all parishioners

PARISH NEWS

Church Cleaning at Christ the King Church



I will be cleaning on **February 16th or 17th**. If any new volunteers would like to help, please let Tracey know which day and time you prefer. I can be reached at **204-955-7418** or email tmsafber@gmail.com.

Weekly Parish Email



We weekly send out our bulletin. If you would like to get added onto our email list, please contact the parish office at ckparish@mymts.net.

Food Bank Donations



There are bins at the entrances of Christ the King Church for donations of non-perishable food items for the Interlake Food Bank. Thank you!

Christ the King Church



Please note: If you see something that needs to be fixed / maintenance at Christ the King Church, please contact Harry Hoff (204) 461-1214, or Tracey Berg (204) 467-7418. Thank you!

Please visit our website at:
www.christthekingchurch.ca

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

This Lent, let's work toward *Reaping our Rights*



This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Create Hope: Reaping our Rights** campaign calls you to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the Earth. Do this by:

Donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on **March 17**, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world!

Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine and other resources available at devp.org/lent/resources.

Meeting our solidarity visitors and **participating in the [campaign launch webinar](#)** on **February 17 at 1:30 p.m. ET.**



Earlier this year, the Vatican published [Pope Francis' message for the 32nd World Day of the Sick](#), celebrated each year on February 11. The Holy Father's message for this year is entitled: ***"It is not good that man should be alone" – Caring for the sick by caring for relationships.*** Echoing the Holy Father's message, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB)

renews its commitment to prayer and accompaniment of the sick. Pope Francis reminds us of the fundamental importance of human relationships in the process of healing and comforting the sick. The Holy Father refers to the biblical passage from the Book of Genesis, emphasizing that God created man by endowing him with vital relationships, and that loneliness, the result of sin, can lead to suffering and isolation. Pope Francis' message urges us to care for relationships with compassion and tenderness, while recalling the example of the Good Samaritan who approached his neighbor with deep compassion. The Holy Father also stresses that the sick, the fragile and the poor must be at the heart of the Church and at the center of our pastoral concerns.

The World Day of the Sick offers us another opportunity to pray for all those who suffer, and to reflect on our commitment to them. The CCCB invites all the faithful to adopt the compassionate gaze of Jesus towards those who suffer, are alone, marginalized or rejected. By working together to counter the culture of individualism and indifference, we can grow the culture of tenderness and compassion in our society. The CCCB encourages all members of the community to take concrete steps to accompany those who are ill and isolated, whether through prayer, visiting a loved one, offering gratitude to healthcare professionals and volunteers, or other acts of solidarity. Finally, the CCCB entrusts itself to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, that she may intercede on behalf of all and help us to be artisans of outreach and fraternal relationships.

Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

Lent is the time before Easter during which the faithful abstain and fast in remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made on Calvary. It is a 40-day time of preparation before Easter, the memorial of the death and resurrection of Jesus. There are two main ways that Catholics use to focus on growing closer to God during the Lenten season: abstinence and fasting.

Abstinence

Abstinence is the act of "doing without" or avoiding something. For example, someone may abstain from chocolate or alcohol by not consuming them. Particular days of abstinence during Lent are Fridays, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. As canon law states, Catholics over the age of 14 are expected to abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays throughout the Lenten Season (Canon 1250 -1253).


Penances taken on during lent, like Fast and abstinence. are not some sort of endurance test, but these acts are done to draw the faithful closer to Christ. For example, a person may give up his favorite TV show, but if he simply turns the television to another channel, the Lenten penance really does not mean as much. Instead, the person should consider devoting the spare time to prayer or perhaps his family.

Fasting

Fasting is the act of doing with less. In the Catholic Church, those ages 18 - 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (Canon 97). On such days, those fasting may eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength. However, together, the smaller meals should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not encouraged, but liquids are allowed.

It is important to understand that the Church excuses certain people from these obligations. Examples include those who are frail, pregnant or manual laborers. The Church understands that certain people are not able to commit to the Lenten fast.

The time of Lent, through fasting and abstaining, may be an important reminder of what it means to suffer. This small suffering should not be met with misery but with great joy as we better understand the incredible sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for humanity.



Stewardship of Treasure

(Includes Visitor envelopes and pre-authorized contributions)

Thank you for your generosity!

February 4, 2024

Parish / Mission	Regular Offertory	Sharing God's Gifts	Building Fund	Food Bank
Christ the King	\$1366.26	\$907.50	\$178.75	-
St. John Vianney	\$460.00	\$40.00	-	-
St. Joseph's	\$205.00	-	-	-



Lent This Year for Catholics in the South Interlake

Ash Wednesday: There will be Mass with distribution of the Blessed Ashes on February 14th, at both St. John Vianney in Teulon (11:00am) and Christ the King in Stonewall (7:00pm).

Daily Lenten Devotions: As in the past, we are making available to all parishioners, devotional reflections known as the Little Black Books to assist us on our Lenten journey. These Lenten devotions are available at the entrances of all of the churches.

Stations of the Cross: This year, the Stations of the Cross at Christ the King will take place on Fridays at 7:00pm. I am asking that **parishioners volunteer to lead the Stations.**

Adult Catechesis: Immediately following the Stations, parishioners are invited to remain in the church to watch an episode of the series "The Chosen" (Season 2). If you are interested in watching "The Chosen", please email the parish office at ckparish@mymts.net.

Fast and Abstinence: On Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, Catholics are to Fast and Abstain from eating meat. On other Fridays during Lent, we are encouraged to Abstain from meat.

"A great Prophet has risen among us; God has looked favourably on his people."

(Luke 7.16)

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Bringing Home the Word

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
February 11, 2024

Jesus Embraces the Culturally Marginalized

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Today's readings are about forced quarantine. On one level they are about diseases that might be contagious. On another level they are about ritual impurity that was contagious. The Israelites believed that to stand before God in worship, one's body had to be physically intact—no fractures or missing body parts, no open wounds, no oozing body fluids. Skin lesions like those associated with leprosy made one ritually unclean or impure. Furthermore, to touch one with such a disease was to become unclean oneself. The ritual impurity was considered contagious, not necessarily the disease. Unclean people were socially and religiously ostracized.

Sunday Readings

Leviticus 13:1–2, 44–46

The individual shall cry out,
"Unclean, unclean!"

1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1

Whatever you do, do everything
for the glory of God.

Mark 1:40–45

"If you wish, you can make me
clean." ...[Jesus] said to him,
"I do will it. Be made clean."

In the Gospel story, Jesus completely neutralized this practice. Touching the leprosy and thus unclean man, Jesus not only didn't become unclean himself, but he actually made the man clean again. The issue here is not merely one of healing. It is a matter of reincorporating the marginalized man into society.

Unfortunately, out of fear or a sense of superiority, some people ostracize or marginalize entire groups of people. This bias might be based on gender, race, culture, sexual preference—almost anything. In this way the benefits of society are denied to those who are marginalized. One characteristic of Jesus, obvious throughout the Gospel stories, is his all-inclusiveness. Jesus rejected no one. He was open to those who society ostracized. He interacted graciously with people with diseases, non-Jews, recognized public sinners, and those working with the Roman occupiers—all people considered ritually unclean. As his disciples, can we do less? †

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A Word from Pope Francis

[Jesus] extends His hand and touches [the leper]....To touch with love means to establish a relationship, to enter into communion, to become involved in the life of another person even to the point of sharing their wounds. With that gesture, Jesus reveals that God, who is not indifferent, does not keep himself at a "safe distance."

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 14, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

- Which groups of people does society tend to ostracize or marginalize?
- Is there someone I fail to recognize as a brother or sister in Christ?

Where Does Hope Come From?

John Shea

Every year I look forward to Lent, although I'm not sure why. I grew up in a Catholic neighborhood where Lent was a community affair. Everyone, adults and children, tried "giving up something." Although one girl in my sixth-grade class gave up her little brother, most people denied themselves some culinary delight. Lent was a deep breath that you took, held for six weeks, and let out at noon on Holy Saturday.

There is also the hope for some slight signs of improvement. I am always on the lookout for a better self. Lent triggers an "I can do better" tape and connects with my early childhood memory of *The Little Engine That Could*: "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can..."

A *New Yorker* cartoon shows two men in a dungeon without windows or doors. They are manacled to the wall by their wrists, ankles, and neck. Both have long beards; they have obviously been there a



while. One is leaning over to the other and whispering, "Now here's my plan."

This cartoon made me laugh and when I have described it to others, they laughed. There is something essentially human about a burst of hope in a hopeless situation. It shows us who we are: people without a way out who are planning a way out.

Where does this deep hope come from?

Václav Havel, the former president of the Czech Republic, was once asked, "Do you see a grain of hope anywhere in the 1980s?" He began his lengthy answer with, "I should probably say first that the kind of hope I often think about, especially in situations that are particularly hopeless, such as prison (e.g., the manacled prisoner), I understand above all as a state of mind, not a state of the world. Either we have hope within us or we don't; it is a dimension of soul, and it is not essentially dependent on some particular observation of the world or estimate of the situation."

Hope is not a response to what we observe or how we estimate what is going on. Hope is an inner quality we bring to life. †

Source: *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter*, 2008

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

Excerpt from *Ash Wednesday: Our Shifting Understanding of Lent* by Lawrence E. Mick

We dirty our faces on Ash Wednesday and are cleansed in the waters of the font at Easter.

When we receive ashes on our foreheads, we remember who we are. We remember that we are creatures of the earth ("Remember that you are dust"). We remember that we are mortal beings ("and to dust you will return"). We remember that we are baptized. We remember that we are people on a journey of conversion ("Repent and believe in the Gospel"). We remember that we are members of the body of Christ (and that smudge on our foreheads will proclaim that identity to others, too). †



Loving God, open our eyes to see in every person the face of your son whom you sent to teach us to love as you love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

February 12–17

Monday, Weekday:

Jas 1:1–11 / Mk 8:11–13

Tuesday, Weekday:

Jas 1:12–18 / Mk 8:14–21

Wednesday, Ash Wednesday: Jl 2:12–18 /
2 Cor 5:20–6:2 / Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday after Ash Wednesday:


Dt 30:15–20 / Lk 9:22–25

Friday after Ash Wednesday:

Is 58:1–9a / Mt 9:14–15

Saturday after Ash Wednesday:

Is 58:9b–14 / Lk 5:27–32

Bringing Home
the Word 
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