

Good News Reflection: Alive in the Spirit of Mercy

This Sunday's Gospel reading sets the stage for Pentecost. Prior to giving us the full gift of his Spirit, Jesus provides the gift of peace, the gift of his heart. A supernatural gift, it penetrates deep into our own hearts. It is the calming presence of Christ when we face challenges and difficulties.

Jesus bestowed it upon his first apostles twice in the same meeting shortly after his resurrection. Then he gave them the life-breath of God, the Holy Spirit, and commissioned them with the priesthood of forgiving the sins of others -- another gift that brings peace.

This gift of peace has been distributed by Jesus ever since, through the ordained priesthood in what we now call the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And to hold us steady in our efforts to remain holy, Jesus still gives us the breath of God. This breath, this life-sustaining presence of God's Spirit, which created the world and which keeps us spiritually alive, is the Holy Spirit -- God's holiness activating us and dwelling within us.

Whatever is not holy -- not of the Spirit -- is sinful and destructive. Jesus, who is the embodiment of Divine Mercy, died on the cross and gave us his Spirit so that we could live in the forgiveness of God.

Whenever you pray the "Our Father", do it slowly and intentionally, and pay attention to these words: "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Think of the people who have irritated you the most or who have continued to behave hurtfully without remorse. Consciously forgive them during this prayer.

Otherwise, your unforgiveness could affect their eternal souls as well as your own, because you're denying them an opportunity to understand God's forgiveness through your example, and you're denying God the opportunity to forgive you for your sin of unforgiveness. Forgiveness doesn't mean approving of the sin nor forgetting what was done. It means letting go of the desire to retaliate. It means choosing to love whether it's deserved or not. It means entering anew into Christ's gift of peace.

## **Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Who in your life is hardest to forgive? Perhaps it's yourself! What sins are you retaining by refusing to accept that God has already made his forgiveness available through the cross and resurrection? What are you going to do this week to let go of the unforgiveness?

Upcoming Eucharist Celebrations ************************************					
Mon.	Apr 25	No Mass			
Tues.	Apr 26	9 AM	Jeanette Klock Int		
Wed.	Apr 27	9 AM	Wade & Mandy Kot and Family Int		
Thurs.	Apr 28	9 AM	Dale Anderson +		
Fri.	Apr 29	12:10 PM	Albert Lemay +		
Sat. St Marys	Apr 30	5 PM 7 PM	Nick Van Staveren + Joseph & Florence Ball +		
Sunday	May 1	9 AM 11AM	Pope Francis Int Father Francis Int		

Congratulations to all those receiving Confirmation on Sunday. As you celebrate this milestone, may the Holy Spirit be with you to renew and strengthen you in your commitment to follow Christ! The prayers of your church family are with

you. A special thanks to Pat Wolensky for preparing the children for this special day.



The Weyburn Council of the Catholic Women's League CWL Brunch and Bake Sale! Please join us Sunday, May 15th from 10am to 1pm for a delicious

brunch and to stock your freezer with some tantalizing goodies! Brunch prices: Adults: \$14, 6-12 years: \$8, 5 & under: Free.

Baking will be kindly accepted from all CWL members and parishioners. The baking can be left at the hall on Saturday, May 14th from 1pm to 3pm, or before 9am on Sunday, May 15th. We are very appreciative of your support!



The Catholic Women's League is pleased to once again offer two entrance scholarships, each valued at \$500.00 to students of St. Vincent de Paul

parish pursuing further studies. Application forms are available from the Student Services Office of the Weyburn Comprehensive School or by contacting Velma Hoffman at (306) 861-6105. The applications must be submitted to the school office by May 1, 2022.



<u>3<sup>rd</sup></u> Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

## God of Love and Hope....

Be with us as we ask for your blessing on those who are in need of our prayers: Emma Reich, Julio Hernandez, Linda Kot, Kristofer Sotropa and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles. Our condolences to the family and friends of Larry Dembiczak. The thoughts and prayers of your parish family are with you.



Divine Mercy Sunday: Archbishop Donald Bolen will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, April 24. Adoration and Reconciliation begins at 2:30pm, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm, remarks from Archbishop Bolen at 3:30pm, followed by continued quiet prayer until Mass at 5pm. Neighbouring priests from around the deanery will be assisting with Reconciliation. . Referring to Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus told St. Faustina, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened" (Diary 699). Everyone welcome. A project of the Spiritual and Faith Formation Committee (SAFF).

## Welcome Visitors & New Parish Members!

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please fill out a new parishioner form at your earliest convenience. The forms are located on the table in the foyer! As well, if any parishioners have changed information regarding their address, phone number, etc., please let the parish office know!





**CWL Joins the Saskatchewan March** 

<u>or Life</u>. Please consider joining Marilyn Schuck and Pat Wolensky for a ride to Regina on Saturday, May 7 to participate

in the Saskatchewan March for Life. 12:30 pm -Rosary at Holy Rosary Cathedral, 1:00 pm - Holy Mass, 2:00 pm March towards Legislature, 3:00 pm Program outside the Legislature. Call Marilyn at 306-842-6410 if you are interested in attending and getting a ride. Must be able to walk 2.2 km between the Cathedral and the Legislature.

CWL Sunday is the Sunday closest to The Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel, April 26th. This year it will be celebrated the weekend of April 30th, May 1st. St. Vincent de Paul CWL will provide some of the ministries at all 3 Masses. St. Vincent de Paul CWL supports many local, provincial, national and international charities. We meet the third Monday of each month from September through June. Involvement with the Catholic Women's League is both rewarding and enjoyable. We invite all Catholic women over the age of 16 to share their gifts and make a difference by joining us. If you are interested in becoming a CWL member, please contact Wendy Pitre at 306-861-3473. We will be hosting a Reception of New Members in May and would love to include you.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit: Sunday of Divine Mercy "Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."" (John 20:21) Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them. <u>A Huge Thank You:</u>to all the ministries who worked so many hours to make our Easter services meaningful and fulfilling for everyone. Especially Father Francis, the music, decorating, acolytes, hospitality, readers, counters and more! Pleas consider signing up to volunteer in our many ministries and share your gifts from God!

**<u>Friendly Reminder:</u>** that we are still collecting for the Salvation Army Food Bank. There are still many out of work and hungry people that need our help. The collection box for non-perishable food items is outside the office door in the foyer

The CWL has been invited to take part in a gift of a Spiritual Bouquet, listing the number of Masses, rosaries, litanies, chaplets, novenas, prayers and hours of meditation offered to the intentions of the Pope. There is a list at the back of the church to mark which offerings you have made to His Holiness' intentions, before May 6, 2022, when we will send them to our National CWL representatives. We don't need your names-just your prayers!



**Stained Glass Windows Tour:** The Spiritual and Faith Formation Committee will be leading a guided tour of the stained glass windows of St. Vincent de Paul on Saturday, May 7, 6:30pm. We'll discuss the artistic techniques of stained glass,

offer some commentary, and connect the scenes in the windows to the Bible and our rich Catholic faith. You will leave with a renewed appreciation for how the art and architecture of our very own church building proclaims the Gospel in ways you may not have realized. Everyone welcome.

Stewardship of Time & Talent - Easter Sunday April 23 & 24					
	Sunday 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM		
Readers	Merle St. Onge Janice Seitz	Pat Wolensky	Jerome Sidloski Karen Sidloski		
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Janeczko Betty Van Staveren	Susan Kot	Shirley Mondor Gordon Rutten		
Acolytes	Stella Hoffart	Don Bohn Frank Porte	Stella Hoffart Peter Richards Dave Alcalde Zeus Hinlayagan		
Children's Liturgy			Tiffany		
<b>Power Point</b>	Val Wing	Gerry Langlois	Roberto Roman		
Hospitality	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten Frank & Bonnie Kaip	Jean Janoski Willi & Adele Nimegeers Dick & Audrey Michel	Judy & Mel Van Betuw Gordon Rutten Danette & Calvin Tracey		
Counters	Dave Creurer, Rob Labbie, Darr				
Stewardship of Time & Talent - Easter-April 30 & May 1					
	Saturday 5 PM	SUN 9ÂM	SUN 11 AM		
Readers	Theresa Istace	Wendy Pitre	Val Wing		
Eucharistic Ministers	Wendy Sidloski	Jean Woodard Pat Wolensky	Yvette Bauche Elaine Nielsen Judy VanBetuw		
Children's Liturgy			Joan		
Acolytes	Stella Hoffart	Richard Wick	Mel VanBetuw Ken Leblanc		
<b>Power Point</b>	Lloyd Zyla	Gerry Langlois	Mitzy Recto		
Hospitality	Tiffany Bohn Janet Schiller	Theresa Istace Eveline Porte Janet Schiller	Fran Messer Velma Hoffman Loretta Benning		
Counters	Don Kraft, Bev Tourand, Demmy &	k Nhar Pinon			

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Sacraments: Baptism and Reconciliation – Contact the parish office Matrimony – Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior

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