

Good News Reflection: Do you need a breakthrough?

Are you at an impasse in your spiritual growth or emotional healing or a difficult relationship? Do you need a breakthrough? Do you feel stuck behind a fence that's keeping you on the outside of peace, joy, satisfaction, or healing?

This Sunday's Gospel reading tells us that Jesus is the gate in that fence. He helps us reach the heavenly side of the gate, outside the realm of earthly restrictions -- not only when we die and enter eternal life, but also here and now in our earthly life, so that we might always "have life and have it more abundantly."

When our path seems blocked, we can only make progress by letting Jesus shepherd us around and through and over the obstacles. If people shut a door on something that God wants us to do, Jesus is still our open gate and no one can close him out of our lives. He will lead us into a new opportunity for accomplishing the plans of God. If he's given us a frustrated holy desire or a passion for which there seems to be no outlet, instead of complaining or quitting, we must look at Jesus and see him as a gate that opens into a new direction or location.

Remember, however, that until we get all the way through this gate, we must stick close to him like dumb sheep. There's a journey to take before we can reach the other side of the fence.

The thief that comes to steal and slaughter can only reach us when we stray away from Jesus and we take our eyes off of him.

Despair and worry are two common thieves, robbing us of peace, joy, satisfaction, and healing. But they're not as powerful as they pretend to be. We defeat them easily by remembering that they do not speak the full truth. The truth is: Jesus is our Good Shepherd safely guiding us into a life of abundant victory!

Questions for Personal Reflection: What breakthrough are you hoping for? What's frustrating you and seems hopeless? What's causing you to think that a problem you're facing might lead to disaster and destruction? What will you do this week to follow Jesus more closely so that you can get through this with more peace?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing: Share the story of a time when you experienced obstacles and Jesus provided a breakthrough that led to victory.

Upcoming Eucharist Celebrations ************************************					
Sat.	Apr.29	10 Tatagwa	Thanksgiving		
		5 PM	Jerry Piwowarski +		
		7 PM St Marys	Linda Tosczak Int.		
Sun.	Apr.30	9 AM Mass	Shirley Cancade +		
		11 AM	Richard Bauche +		
Mon.	May 1	No Mass			
Tues.	May 2	6:30 PM	Lay Service		
Wed.	May 3	9 AM	Lay Service		
Thur.	May 4	9 AM	Lay Service		
Fri.	May 5	12:10 PM	Christopher McIntyre Int.		
	5	1 PM	Adoration/Faith Clinic		
		7 PM	Benediction		
Sat.	May 6	11AM Funeral	Lynne Garner +		
	-	5 PM Mass	Alphonse Fossinier +		
		7 PM St Marys	Thanksgiving		
Sun.	May 7	9 AM Mass	Jean Wagner Int.		
		11 AM Mass	Don Corbin +		



The Knights of Columbus Rosary

will be said at 2:30pm on April 30, at 2:30PM , The Fifth Friday of the month. Everyone is welcome.

Friday May 5, is First Friday and Faith Clinic with Father Valentine: Every first Friday of the month, after the 12:10 pm mass until 7:00 pm, Father will meet with anyone who wants to explore their faith or pose questions. This is a chance for some private time that could benefit you in many ways. Father encourages everyone to make more use of it. Appointments can be booked through the office or you can drop in for a chat.



Bible Study, Using Sunday Scriptures;

Are being held Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the Slezak Room in the Church. They will be running every Thursday evening until June 1, 2023. is welcome! Bring along your Sunday

Everyone is welcome! Bring along your Sunday Missal, Bible or both, or bring a friend!



The Next Baptism Preparation class for parents on May 6, 2023. Your child's baptism is a wonderful opportunity to renew your faith in Jesus Christ and his Church and to present your child to be

anointed a child of God! It's all about faith! Call the office if you would like to attend one of these classes. The next class will be in September. 306-842-2129

April 30, 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23: 1-6 1 Peter 2:20b-25 John 10:1-10

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the blessings in our lives; for the very world in which we live and for the health and strength you have bestowed upon us. The suffering Christ endured provided healing and power over illness. Lord, direct that healing toward our loved ones who suffer and who believe that you can and will restore them to full health. We call them by name: Linda Tosczak, Linda Kot, Benedict Vinck, Pat Benning, Mary Janeczko and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles. Our condolences to the family and friends of

Linda Bohn, Don Thiel and Therese Durand. The thoughts and prayers of your church family are with you.



CWL: Please join us at our Brunch and Bake Sale on Sunday, May 7th from <u>10am -1pm</u> for a delicious brunch and to stock your freezer with some tantalizing

goodies! Brunch prices: Adults: \$15, 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 6th, from 1pm to 3pm, or before 9am on Sunday, May 7th. We are very appreciative of your support!

St. Vincent de Paul Annual General Meeting: Scheduled for May 28, 2023. It will be held at Lower McKenna Hall, beginning after the 11am Mass and will start with a lunch at 12 pm followed by the meeting. Please submit reports by May 15.



The St. Vincent de Paul Religious Articles Shop recently received new stock, including several gift items for First Eucharist and Confirmation.

We will have our **Spring Lobby Sale** Items can also be purchased through the Church during regular office hours.

Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please fill out a New Parishioner form at your earliest convenience. The forms are located on a table in the foyer! As well, if any parishioner has changed their address, phone number etc., please inform the office.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit: 4th Sunday of Easter; "And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ…" Acts 2:38. The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.



The CWL will be holding 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care and the <u>Caregivers</u> National Family and Life Week is May 7-14, 2023. Pope Francis

is encouraging us to pray for pastoral care for persons in our local faith communities. On Thursday, May 11, the CWL will be hosting 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care. It will begin at 8:30 am with a Rosary for those suffering in sickness or dying and their caregivers, Mass at 9:00 am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration. There will be special prayers on the hour. At 3:00 pm they will pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, followed by more prayers and adoration. At 7:00 pm we will hold the Stations of the Cross, reflecting on those suffering in sickness and dying. Benediction at 8:00 pm

Leadership Camp 2023: The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry with the Archdiocese of Regina invites all students ENTERING grades 7 to 1st year university to join us at Leadership Camp 2023: "Journeying Together". Camp is held at Glen Harbour Kids Camp from July 17- 20 for those entering grades 7-9 (\$175) and July 17-21 for those entering grades 10- 1st year University.(\$200) Join us for great community, games, art, sports, as well opportunities to grow in faith and leadership.

To register go to: www.bit.ly/oyyam-camp Questions? Contact us at oyyam@archregina.sk.ca **Thomas Aquinas in 50 pages: the layman's quick guide to Thomism by Taylor Marshall.** The Catholic intellectual tradition is on life support. St. Thomas Aquinas is the cure. Yet how does a lay person in the 21st century even begin to understand one of the most brilliant philosophers and theologians the West has ever produced? Start with this quick and easy introduction to the basics of Thomistic teachings. In only 50 pages you will understand the basic outline of Thomism plus have a list of recommended resources for moving to the next level. Now available in the Parish Library. *Pro Libris!*

Things to Know About Evangelization:

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PRAY FOR PEOPLE BY NAME

Chances are, you already know people who haven't heard the Good News! (That's what "gospel" means, fun fact.) In your prayer time, take their names to God. God "at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think". (Ephesians 3:20) Ask Him for opportunities to share the faith with them and trust His timing as you build relationships with them in advance of those conversations. WHO DID YOU PRAY FOR THIS WEEK? Was it someone you don't usually pray for?

SHARE YOUR STORY

Your story is powerful! If you've never thought about it before, consider writing down how you came to know Jesus. How did you decide to follow Him? Saint Peter tells us to "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for your hope." (1 Peter 3:15) No one can argue with what you've experienced, so always be ready to share when someone asks! HOW DID YOU SHARE YOUR STORY THIS WEEK? Did you write it down for others to read? Did you share it with someone who didn't know it already?

"We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another." *Romans* 12.15

Stewardship of Time & Talent - April 29 & 30					
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM		
Readers	Merle St. Onge	Patsy Ernst Lynn Colquhoun	Val Wing Jennifer Woodard		
Eucharistic Ministers	Dave Creurer	Susan Kot Chris Marcotte	Danette Tracey Val Wing		
Acolytes	Armand Delanoy Peter Richards Maggie Richards	Chris Dayaan Richard Wick	Mel VanBetuw Dave Alcalde Austin Davies		
Power Point	Lloyd Zyla	Gerry Langlois	Kricel Maquera		
Children's Liturgy			Natalya		
Hospitality	Bernice Driscoll Ev Corbin Heather Fellner Ruby Gandianco	Yvonne Kerr Chris & Omer Marcotte Richard & Celine Wawro	Stewart & Marilyn Ferguson Terry Lonoway Charleen Keen Greg Brown		
Counters	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten, Frank & Bonnie Kaip				
Stewardship of Time & Talent - May 6 & 7					
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM		
Readers	Cecile Sellinger	Stafford Nimegeers	Theresa Istace Ingri Roman		
Eucharistic Ministers	Rose Loos Mary Ann Piwarski	Pat Wolensky	Carol Toles		
Acolytes	Bruno Tuchscherer Zeus Hinlayagan Charlie Ernst	Aime Isabey Ron Klein	Ken LeBlanc Chimdalu Ejiofor Kamsi Ejiofor		
Power Point	Roberto Roman	Gerry Langlois	Roberto Roman		
Children's Liturgy			Leslie		
Hospitality	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten Bonnie & Frank Kaip	Lynn & Kevin Colquhoun Amanda Kopec Ken & Susan Kot	Roberto Roman Joe Glab Norm Mondor Sheldon LeBlanc		
Counters	Dave Creurer, Rob Labbie, Darren Woodard				

Parish Council Members: Chair - Marga Cugnet, Sarah Ayeri, Brenda Kosior, Jim Wanner, Wendy Sidloski,
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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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