

Good News Reflection: What victory do you need this Lent?

How do you deal with temptation? That's the personal challenge given to us by the Word of God on the first Sunday of Lent. And so we begin our journey with Jesus, traveling to the holiest place we can reach at this point in our lives.

This Lent is like no other Lent. Last year, you had different needs, different areas of growth, different levels of insight and understanding. Much has happened since then, and all of it is a preparation for what the Lord is going to do in your life right now.

What victory do you need this year? What needs to be resurrected? To get there, Jesus will lead you through the cross of penance and self-denial, into his tomb, and out into God's light where his love provides healing and new life.

During Lent -- and every time we make sacrifices and connect our sufferings to the Passion of Christ -- we follow Jesus to the cross and to resurrection. This involves seeing our own crosses in a new light, for the Calvary Road is the only way to reach the victories that we yearn to experience.

If we want Easter to be more than just a holiday of colored eggs, chocolate bunnies and big dinners, we have to make Lent more than just 40 days of enduring an annoying, obligatory sacrifice, eating meatless pizza on Fridays, and going to an occasional extra event at church.

If we want to experience the power of resurrection, we have to experience the power of mourning and repenting from our sins. In other words, we have to experience the powerlessness of death -- the death of our selfishness, the death of our worldliness, the death of our behaviors that are not like Christ's.

For more on this watch this video, "What's the value of sacrifices?" at wordbytes.org/lent/value-of-sacrifices/

Questions for Personal Reflection: What can you do this week to die to self? For example, think of a good deed you can do that's the opposite of what your selfishness wants you to do. How will this spiritual exercise make it easier to resist sin?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing: In the story from Genesis, what did Adam and Eve need to die to (let go of, put aside, or reject) in order to resist the Original Sin? Why didn't they? © 2022 Terry Modica, Catholic Digital Resources – Printed by permission.

Upcoming Eucharist Celebrations ************************************					
Sat.	Feb. 25	10 Tatagwa	Terry Giroux +		
		5 PM Mass	Walter Kot +		
		7 PM St. Mary	Harold Balzer +		
Sun.	Feb. 26	9 AM Mass	Aileen Hall +		
		11 AM	Jean Janoski +		
Mon.	Feb. 27	No Mass			
Tues.	Feb. 28	6:30 PM	Ed Dzuba +		
Wed.	Mar. 01	9 AM	Thanksgiving		
Thur.	Mar.02	9 AM	Chris Diemert +		
Fri.	Mar.03	10:30 PM	World Day of Prayer		
		6 PM	Rosary		
		6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross		
		7 PM Mass	Dorothy Periard +		
Sat.	Mar.04	10 Tatagwa	Terry Giroux +		
		5 PM Mass	Dwight Abernathy +		
		7 PM	St. Mary's		
Sun.	Mar.05	9 AM Mass	Al Pitre +		
		11 AM Mass	The People of the Parish		

St. Vincent de Paul is now hiring a bookeeper for

the church office: The applicant must have 2 year business diploma (or experience equivalent), knowledge of the Catholic faith, advanced computer skills, comfortable with Microsoft office suite, and excellent organizational and communication skills. Please contact the office for more information.



Tax receipts are ready for pick up.

The Hospitality Ministers will be handing them out in the foyer after mass.

Are you someone interested in the History of our

<u>Church?</u> We are looking for an Archivist. Archives are records in many formats, used in the day-to-day running of the Parish that are no longer in current use but merit preservation because of their significance for administrative, legal or historical use. If you are someone interested please contact the office for more information. 306-842-2129



St. Vincent de Paul Parish wants to welcome Everleigh Storle daughter of Brad & Brittany Storle, baptized last weekend and Duc "Alex" Minh Tran, son of John and Anna Tran, baptized this

weekend into our parish family. Let us welcome Everleigh and Alex with our love and prayers. The next baptism class is May 13, 2023. Call the office at (306)842-2129 to register.



2nd Sunday in Lent March 4 & 5, 2023 Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Matthew 17:1-9

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: Lana Mantei, Benedict Vinck, Linda Kot, Stella Hoffart and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles.

The Sacramental Preparation Classes for First Eucharist and Confirmation, have begun again downstairs in the Church Youth room.

Remaining Sessions are: February 26 & 27

March 12 & 13 March 26 &27 April 16 &17 April 30, May 1 May14 & 15 May 28 & 29.

this winter!



Community Hot Meals Program: Our Church was joined by two more Churches to provide food for the Sunday Hot Meal Program. The new members, Wheatland Community Church and the Lighthouse Church provided the buns and cookies and our Church provided the soup. Our last date is March 12. Wendy would like to thank everyone for

<u>An Junior Altar Server Training Session</u> will be held March 7 at 4:30pm , at the Church for any children who would like to be Servers. Whether you are a beginner or would like a refresher you can come to the training, just as long as you have had your First Communion. No registration required.

all the donations of food and the help they provided

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.

Lenten Mission with Hudson Byblow. Exploring

our Faith: Making Sense of Suffering. Hudson will share a portion of his personal testimony of how he found himself back in the Catholic Church after years of searching for peace, with same-sex attractions and transgender inclinations being a part of his story. He will share about how the transformative love of Christ wrote into his heart a deepening desire to surrender to God's love throughout it all - but not without fighting back to remain in familiarity. Through that battle, however, Hudson is now able to describe a more profound love, through which suffering may be understood in a far more fruitful way, and he hopes to now share about how we can courageously navigate any suffering that comes, for the sake of building the Kingdom of God. Session one will be Sunday March 12 at 7pm, Session two is Monday March 13, 7pm. Hudson will be joining us in the Church via Zoom.

NET Canada Saskatchewan Do Something Amazing Retreat: Are you between 18-30? Do you want to deepen your faith and share it with youth across Canada alongside other young Catholic adults like you? NET Canada invites YOU to a Do Something Amazing Retreat on Saturday, March 4th, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at St. Therese Institute of and Faith Mission. Bruno. Register at netcanada.ca/apply! Have questions? Email recruit@netcanada.ca or call/text 613-292-9991 https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hFaC1F6LmLXgSP R3CPrn18Za8OzdkJmc/view?usp=sharing

Stewardship Bulletin Bit: 1st Sunday of Lent

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10 Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.



Hostile witnesses: how the historic enemies of the Church prove Christianity by Gary Michuta.

Hostile Witnesses examines dozens of Christianity's most notorious foes and draws from them surprising testimony to gospel truths. From the Pharisees to the Reformation to the Nazis, a parade of skeptics, heretics, pagans and rivals each take a turn in the witness chair giving an unexpected but compelling account in favour of Christ and His Church. Even persecutors can reveal the underlying truth of the very faith they are trying to destroy. Now available in the Parish Library. Pro Libris!



World Day Of Prayer 2023:

Please Join us at St. Vincent de Paul on March 3, at 10:30pm for a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched

by injustice. This service is written by the World Day of Prayer committee of Taiwan and coordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Weyburn. Coffee and refreshments will be served after at Lower McKenna Hall.



Lenten "Souper" Fridays Services:

Sponsored by PLURA churches will be held at Grace United Church, every Friday at 12:00 noon. There will be a

brief worship with singing and meditation. Following the worship there will be a fellowship meal: soup & sandwich donated by the participating Churches. Everyone is welcome. There will be a basket for a freewill offering. Friday February 24, will be sponsored by the Grace United Church.

<u>Pray:</u> Dear Lord, I want to die to everything that prevents Your plans for love from being fulfilled in me. Strengthen my soul for this battle. I ask in Jesus name. Amen

	Stewardship of Time &	Talent - February 25 &	26			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM			
Readers	Patricia Redman	Pat Wolensky	Jerome Sidloski			
Keaders	Derek Redman	Stewart Ferguson	Karen Sidloski			
Eucharistic	Dave Creurer	Susan Kot	Danette Tracey			
Ministers		Chris Marcotte	Val Wing			
Acolytes	Stella Hoffart	Don Bohn	Stella Hoffart			
	Ken Beroy	Frank Porte	Gordon Rutten			
	Dave Alcalde		Haroun Matthew			
Power Point	Lloyd Zyla	Gerry Langlois	Roberto Roman			
Children's Liturgy			Leslie			
Hospitality	Brian Winter Dorothy Gaab	Frank & Eveline Porte	Ron Wormsbecker			
	Dave Creurer	Harry Jensen & Elaine Gray	Aime Isabey			
	Pat Wolensky	Ron & Josie Klein	Pat & Loretta Benning			
		Jim Parsons				
Counters Sherry Dreis, Kerry Dolter, Richard Wick						
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			Jennifer Woodard			
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Ministers		Chris Marcotte	Val Wing			
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Acolytes	Armand Delanoy	Richard Wick	Ken LeBlanc			
Power Point	Roberto Roman	Gerry Langlois	Kricel Maquera			
Children's Liturgy			Dawn			
Hospitality	Bernice Driscoll Ev Corbin	Yvonne Kerr	Stewart & Marilyn Ferguson			
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	Ruby Gandianco	Richard & Celine Wawro	Charlene Keen			
Counters	Joanne Babiarz, Wendy Pitre, Christie McKenzie					

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

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