

## Good News Reflection: Mercy: How it helps evil-doers

How do you feel when someone who's been hurtful, cruel, or morally corrupt gets hit with a hardship that makes them suffer? Our natural tendency is to rejoice because justice has finally been meted out.

Jesus addresses this in this Sunday's Gospel reading. He wants us to understand that we cannot truthfully say that someone is a "greater sinner", even if that person is doing more damage than anyone else, is more unChristian than we are, or is blatantly an evil-doer. Every person has been created in the image of God, even the worst ones. Those who display an opposite image are nonetheless loved by Jesus Christ, who died for them. It's a tragedy that they do not live as the person God created them to be, because this harms others. But it will be an even worse tragedy if no one invites them to turn their lives over to Christ by loving them as he loves them.

No person is an evil person. Evil-doers are children of God living in ignorance of their true identity. They are victims of evil and were seduced by it into believing that it's the best way to live. They don't understand that they can be healed by the Sinless One who conquered evil for their redemption. We should feel sorry for them -- this is the gift of mercy. We should mourn with Jesus for the tragedy that continues within their souls -- this is the most precious gift of mercy. When we don't care enough to grieve over a person's inner destruction, we are sinning. We are disregarding what Jesus did for them on the cross. We are damaging our own souls. All those who have sinned against you are like the fig tree in Jesus' parable. If you have access to them, he wants you to till their soil. He wants you to fertilize their souls with love and with the truth of the Gospel as taught by your actions and, when they're ready, by your words. He wants you to give them a gentle but obvious invitation to grow in the right direction.

Notice that Jesus doesn't want us to keep a diseased, disintegrating tree in the garden forever. After (and only after) we have done everything possible, if the evil-doer does not want to change, the best care we can give to the garden is to cut down the tree. This means walking away or calling in the authorities for intervention and letting the sinner reap what he sows. This, too, is very loving. When fertilizer won't produce good fruits, a fallen tree becomes mulch and enriches the ground for a new beginning

| opcoming Edenaristic Celebrations |        |               |                       |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Mon.                              | Mar 21 | 6:30 PM       | Karyn Schutz +        |  |  |
|                                   |        | CWL Mass      |                       |  |  |
| Tues.                             | Mar 22 | 9:00 AM       | John & Beatrice       |  |  |
|                                   |        |               | Sidloski Int          |  |  |
| Wed.                              | Mar 23 | 9: 00 PM      | Special Intentions    |  |  |
| Thurs.                            | Mar 24 | 9:00 AM       | Maragret Briltz +     |  |  |
| Fri.                              | Mar 25 | 6 PM Rosary   |                       |  |  |
|                                   |        | 6:30 Stations | Laurent Cruywels      |  |  |
|                                   |        | 7:00 PM Mass  | Int                   |  |  |
| Sat.                              | Mar 26 | 5:00 PM       | Dale Anderson +       |  |  |
| <u>St.</u>                        | Mar 26 | 7:00 PM       | Anthony Matthews+     |  |  |
| Mary's                            |        |               |                       |  |  |
| Sun.                              | Mar 27 | 9:00 AM       | Premier Scott Moe Int |  |  |
|                                   |        | 11:00 AM      | Prime Minister Justin |  |  |
|                                   |        |               | Trudeau Int           |  |  |

#### **Uncoming Eucharistic Celebrations**

| Friday Mass times           | for Lent       |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Rosary                      | 6:00pm         |
| Stations of the Cross       | 6:30pm         |
| Mass                        | 7:00pm         |
| On First Fridays in Lent Ad | oration 3:00pm |

The Chrism Mass will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Regina; will be held on April 4, 2022, at 2:00pm.



A Huge Bouquet of Thanks!! Thank you to the generous parish members who contributed food and helped package meals for the Sunday Community Hot Meals which started in November and ends this month. Here is the

breakdown of meals served: Nov. 14/21 - 51 meals, Dec. 12/21 - 85 meals, Jan. 9/22- 78 meals, Feb. 13/22 - 83 meals, Mar.13/22 - 98 meals. This amounted to 59 pots of soup, 72 dozen buns and 67 dozen cookies! The generosity was amazing!! The number of meals had increased dramatically from November to March! In 2021 when we participated for 3 months the number of meals served was approximately 45 - 50 per month. From November to March we doubled the amount of food needed! Huge thanks to everyone who stepped up and provided food as the amounts increased month after month. You helped make this worthwhile cause so successful! Many Thanks, Wendy Pitre

~~ Readings for March 27 & 28, 2022 ~~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### 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, John Sidloski, Julio Hernandez, Linda Kot, Kristofer Sotropa, Carol Reeve and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles. Our condolences to the family and friends of Bernice Ruckaber. The thoughts and prayers of of your Parish family are with you.



**CWL General Meeting : Monday** March 21, beginning with Mass at 6:30pm, which will include induction of new Executive. Meeting to follow at McKenna Hall. Please plan to join us!

CWL National has put forth a number of **Proposed Amendments to the CWL Constitution** and Bylaws. These should have been voted on in 2021, but were delayed due to the Covid pandemic. It has been determined that councils should now conduct a vote on these amendments. Weyburn, St. Vincent de Paul, CWL will be conducting these special votes at the March 21st, 2022, CWL, General Meeting. While we encourage as many members as possible to attend the meeting, we understand some of the members do not feel comfortable doing so at this time. The proposed amendments and a ballot will be emailed to all members. Members can be filled in and dropped off at the Church office, or at Judy Van Betuw's house (1843Warren Ave.) Members who do not receive email can pick up a copy of the proposed amendment and a ballot in the Church lobby. All ballots must be handed in by March 21, 2022. Thank You for your attention to this matter.

A Lenten Retreat will be held on April 3&4, at 7pm, at St. Vincent de Paul, Spend some time with "The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ". Materials will be provided.

# Stewardship Bulletin Bit: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**3rd Sunday of Lent** "...*He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.*"" (Luke 13:7)We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.



**<u>Read a book this Lent</u>** When was the last time you read a whole book? As part of your Lenten observances this year read a good Catholic book to enrich your faith

life. The Parish Library has books on Church history, the Saints, Catholic living, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pro-Life, and more! Have a blessed Lenten season everyone.



# Watch ThePassionoftheChrist with us this Lent:

Join the Spiritual and Faith Formation (SAFF) Committee to watch *The Passion of the Christ* on Fridays in Lent. The SAFF Committee will offer one more opportunity to watch this powerful film on, Apr 1. The movie will follow Stations of the Cross and Mass, at approximately 7:30pm, in the Slezak Room. Running time is 2 hours, rated R, viewer discretion is advised.

## **SAFF Committee seeking couches:**

The Spiritual and Faith Formation Committee is seeking gently used couches for sale or donation to the Church. Our intent is to put 1-3 couches in the church basement for use during movie nights, Bible studies, RCIA meetings and other parish events. If you have a couch, or know of someone who does, please contact Bernie Kot at 306-861-2060. Couches must be clean and in good to excellent condition, please no sofa beds. SAFF Committee members will coordinate pick up and moving. Thank you!



Solidarity, prayers and support for Ukraine: Development and Peace joins relief efforts: You can go on line to devl.org and donate to help the millions of Ukrainian refugees. We will also take donations at the Church Office to send to the Emergency fund for those who don't use the internet. Please mark your envelopes "Ukraine Emergency Fund", and make cheques payable to St. Vincent de Paul. The Royal Canadian Legion is holding a Breakfast Fundraiser on March 26, 2022, from 10 am -1pm.



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. March 25 will be sponsored by the Anglican Church.



**Friendly Reminder:** 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.

<u>New Schedules for Screen/ Projector, Hospitality</u> <u>and Collection Counters:</u> If you have any changes or corrections for the schedule or if you would like to help in one of these enriching ministries, please email or call the office. Remember, we are to be thankful for and share the gifts God gave us.

| Stewardship & Talent - March 19 & 20                        |   |  |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|
|   | SAT 5 PM  | SUN 9 AM   | SUN 11 AM   |  |  |
| Readers   | Cecile Sellinger                                    | Patsy Ernst<br>Lynn Colquhoun                                    | Val Wing<br>Marilyn Schuck  |  |  |
| EucharisticRose LoosMinistersMary Ann PiwarskiRoberto Roman |   | Theresa Istace<br>Pat Wolensky<br>Jean Woodard                   | Carol Toles<br>Aime Isabey<br>Roberto Roman                       |  |  |
| Children's Liturgy  |   | -  | Joan  |  |  |
| Power Point   | Vacant  | Gerry Langlois   | Jennifer Woodard  |  |  |
| Hospitality   | Heather Fellner<br>Ev Corbin<br>Bernice Driscoll    | Lynn & Kevin Colquhoun<br>Ken & Susan Kot                        | Norm Mondor Al Pitre<br>Joe Glab Sheldon LeBlanc<br>Roberto Roman |  |  |
| Counters  | Don Kraft, Bev Tourand, Demmy                       | & Nhar Pinon   |   |  |  |
|   | Stewardship of Time                                 | e & Talent - March 26 &  | & 27  |  |  |
|   | SAT 5 PM  | SUN 9 AM   | SUN 11 AM   |  |  |
| Readers   | Patricia Redman<br>Derek Redman                     | Stafford Nimegeers   | Carole Toles<br>Glenda Shupe                                      |  |  |
| Eucharistic<br>Ministers                                    | Mary Janeczko<br>Lynne Garner<br>Betty Van Staveren | Don Bohn<br>Susan Kot<br>Frank Porte                             | Shirley Mondor<br>Stella Hoffart<br>Gordon Rutten                 |  |  |
| Children's Liturgy  | -   | -  | Dawn  |  |  |
| Power Point   | Lloyd Zyla  | Gerry Langlois   | Roberto Roman   |  |  |
| Hospitality Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten<br>Bonnie & Frank Kaip  |   | Jean Janoski<br>Willie & Adele Nimegeers<br>Dick & Audrey Michel | Judy & Mel Van Betuw<br>Gordon Rutten<br>Danette & Calvin Tracey  |  |  |
| Counters  | Sherry Dreis, Richard Wick & Ke                     | erry Dolter  |   |  |  |

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