

**THIS IS THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT.
THE REIGN OF GOD
IS AT HAND!**



**REFORM
YOUR LIVES
AND BELIEVE IN THE GOOD NEWS!**

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An Initiation Into Hope

Ash Wednesday was our “kick-off” to the next five weeks of Lent, and each week has its own theme. But all five weeks have one thing in common: we are keeping our eyes on Jesus, on what he says and does. When Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist in today’s gospel, the voice of God the Father breaks into the created world, claiming Jesus as the Son of God for all to hear. You would think this would be the beginning of a celebration for Jesus. But next, the Spirit “drives Jesus into the desert”, where he must confront the wild beasts and the devil. Like us, when we desire to follow God’s call, but we still have to struggle to understand the pain and mystery of *our* earthly reality, Jesus has to tackle his fears, loneliness, and serious questions about his mission and whether he will undertake it. Jesus’ time in the desert was not about being a Superman; he was being initiated into his calling in the real world, as the Son of God. Why is it so hard for us to remember *our* real identity as a son or daughter of God? What if we looked at Lent as *our* time of being re-initiated into our union with God? Before acting, Jesus listened to God speaking in his heart—then he did what he was initiated FOR. We know how easy it is to gossip, shout cruel, angry things at others, get drunk and wild... But just before doing these things, can we remember who we are—and Whose we are? Because during Lent, we are being called, with Jesus at our side, to accept and rejoice in who we are, and to continue our discovery of who it is that God wants us to become. Go in peace to love and serve our God! (First Sunday of Lent March 1, 2009)

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. Mar. 03	9:00 am	Sally Scaletta	Melina & Jeannette
	9:00 am	Homeless	CWL
Wed. Mar. 04	9:00 am	RIP Ellen Goucher	Julia Hamel
	9:00 am	RIP David Serle	Don & Claudette Smith
Thurs. Mar. 05	9:00 am	RIP Helen Vooch	Frank & Margaret Bojarski
Fairview Home	10:30 am	Gerry & Antoinette Martens	Mary DeRoo
Fri. Mar. 06	9:00 am	RIP Henry (Bud) Smith	Lucy and Family
	12:15 pm	Flora Aquin	Herman & Family
Sat. Mar. 07	10:00 am	Thanksgiving	Ken, Karen & Steven
	7:30 pm	Elizabeth Andrews	Garry & Diane Gillis
Sun. Mar. 08	9:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
	10:30 am	Juliette Desroches	Celeste & Family
	12:30 pm	RIP Felice Auriti	Dina & Family
	4:00 pm	RIP Msgr. McInerney	St. Augustine Parishioners
Souris: Mar. 07	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
Mar. 14	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph

1st Sunday of Lent

Catechism of the Catholic Church

309-314: Providence and the stumbling block of evil

2110-2159: “No other gods before me”; the name Christian

Mon. (Leviticus 19.1-2,11-18)
(Matthew 25.31-46)

Tues. (Isaiah 55.10-11)
(Matthew 6:7-15)

Wed. **St. Casimir**
(Jonah 3.1-10)
(Luke 11.29-32)

Thurs. (Esther 14.1,3-5,12-14)
(Matthew 7.7-12)

Fri. **World Day of Prayer**
(Ezekiel 18.21-28)
(Matthew 5.20-26)

Sat. **Sts. Perpetua and Felicity**
(Deuteronomy 26.16-19)
(Matthew 5.43-48)

Sun. **2nd Sunday of Lent**
(Genesis 22.1-2,9-13, 15-18)
(Romans 8.31-35, 37)
(Mark 9.2-10)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Francisca Arishande, Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Jeanne Boutilier, Alice Brown, Margaret Buckmire, Irene Copet, Jules Declercq, Ann Delgaty, Juliette Desroches, Diane Dougall, Jared Dryden, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Mervin Fleury, Nora Fleury, Mary Gaab, Megan Gardham, Marcelle Granger-Gentes, Kay Gray, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Paul Malabar, Alisa Moran, Joan Napper, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Minnie Plaseski, Emily Potvin, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Marion Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, Debbie Williams and all our shut-ins.

Welcome to Our Christian Community: Baptism on 16 & 22 February 2009

Hayden Brett Gould, Ashla Jordan Lernowich, Kingsten James Lernowich, Ryan Gregory Gurba-Kingerski, Samantha Emma Lenaea Peech, Erica Anna Balan, Marek Conrad Plante, Maden Bruce Simard, Tristan Allan Medwid, Maggie Lynn Tony Wheeler, Amara Marie Ruth Wheeler, Charles Kevin Wayne Spuzak



VOCATION VIEW:

Lent: the Springtime of the soul. A time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover your calling.

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	02	Canterbury Senior Social Club	2:00 pm
	02	Confirmation	7:00 pm
	02	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	03	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	03	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
	03	CWL Mass & Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed.	04	Quest for Christ	4:30 pm
	04	RCIA	7:00 pm
Thurs.	05	Bereavement Group	1:30 pm
	05	Quest for Christ	6:30 pm
	05	Theology of the Body	7:00 pm
	05	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	06	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	06	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	06	Benediction	5:00 pm
	06	T4J	6:30 pm
Sat.	07	Youth Night	6:00 pm
Sun.	08	K of C Breakfast after 9:00 & 10:30 Masses	

From the Pastor's Desk:

Serra Mass: The local Serrans are hosting a mass on Thursday, March 5 at 5 pm. The presider will be Bishop Wingel who is the bishop responsible for the Serrans here in Canada. Everyone is invited to attend this mass which will be held here at St. Augustine's.

Lenten Confessions: As usual, we will be having confessions during the season of lent. They will be held at St. Augustine's on **Wednesday, 25 March**. You will have three times to select from: **1 pm, 4 pm & 7 pm**. Even though the afternoon confession times are mainly meant for the children who are in school, nonetheless anyone is welcome to attend these. My brother priests from the Westman Deanery will be here to assist. When we had the Advent Confessions, we were cramped for space and pressed for time. Personally, I felt "rushed". For the lent confessions, especially for those who are in the first reconciliation/ first communion class we will take extra time.

Annual Parish Meeting: The annual parish meeting with reports from the various councils, committees, etc. will be at **2 pm** on **Sunday, March 22, 2009** and will take place in the parish square. I would ask that the respective groups prepare a concise typed report for the annual meeting and arrange for a member to present the report.

Tridentine Latin Mass is held each Sunday at 4 pm. At present these are low masses. As Father David McLeod becomes more accustomed to mass in Latin, he will introduce the high mass. There are Latin/English booklets to assist those who maybe "lost".

FINANCES:

RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Feb. 22, 2009
 Offertory Collection (Brandon)\$6650.75
 School Fund Collection \$
 Restoration Collection Feb. 22, 2009 -\$695.00

Stewardship Reflection of the Week

For forty days, Jesus took stock of his life, whose he was and what God wanted him to do. We call this forty-day period Lent. Christians are called in Lent to a special period of taking stock, of setting priorities, of encountering God, and rethinking what it means to be a steward of God's gifts. A good question to ask ourselves during Lent is, "**What do I own, and what owns me?**" May this holy season be a time for you to contemplate anew the many blessings you have received from our good and gracious God, and to respond in gratitude by generously giving of your very self. Generous giving always brings rewards. And while generous giving does not protect us from the difficulties of life, it does assure us a deeper life. As surely as Lent leads to Easter, being a good steward is a lifestyle of giving that leads to a greater sense of satisfaction, purpose and meaning.

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give".
 Martin Luther King

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of
Sr. Martha Ruest

Brandon Area League For Life Information Alert

In its statement of purpose, Feminists For Life takes two important stands: full equality for women in all areas, and the right of every baby to be born. The statement reads: "We believe it is inconsistent to demand rights for ourselves and to deny them to the unborn. Without the right to life all other rights are meaningless."
http://www.nswrtl.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=55&Itemid=29

Mauritian Potluck: Members of the Mauritian community are hosting a potluck lunch following the 12:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, March 1. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this event which will be held in the parish square.

During this time of Lent, we are all called to a profound conversion of life. We are called to remember all that the Lord has done for us. We are called to let God change our hearts and have a greater place in our daily lives.

This Sunday we have among us a sign of conversion to which the Lord calls us. That sign is our catechumens and candidates in the RCIA process.

They are proclaiming to us that they believe that God has called them to participate in the Easter mysteries of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist, or for our candidates already baptized, to enter into full communion. They are entering into a more intense preparation of purification and enlightenment.

We, the Church, ratify their choice and send them with our encouragement, prayers, and support to the Archbishop for election and recognition. We welcome them even more into our midst and witness our faith to them as they, by their conversion call us also to conversion.

Development and Peace, the international development arm of the Canadian Catholic Church, has produced a Lenten Lifestyle Awareness Calendar for many years. Popular with families and young people, it invites us to reflect on the wealth we enjoy as part of our lifestyle on each of the 40 days of Lent. There are opportunities for prayer, and discussion. Please spread the word about the calendar to people you know. Development and Peace's annual fundraising collection will take place in this parish on Solidarity Sunday, March 29, 2009. Your contribution helps thousands of men, women and children in countries of the South to improve their lives.