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OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Friday
9:00am—3:00pm
Closed 12:00-12:30

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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday
5:00pm

Sunday
8:30am 10:00am
12:00noon

Weekday Masses
Tuesday thru Friday
9:00am

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays 9:30-10:30

Reconciliation
Saturdays 4:00-4:30
or by request

January 15, 2017
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As disciples, we have been called to witness to Christ before others and to be his holy presence in the world.

As we move back into ordinary time after our Christmas celebrations, we are invited to continue to reflect on the great mystery of God's presence in our world through Christ, whose birth we have just celebrated. That invitation challenges us to conform our lives to his so that we might bear witness to the truth and hope he brings to us, as individuals and as a community of faith.

The first reading speaks of how God chose Israel to serve as a light to the nations so the message of salvation may reach the ends of the earth. Saint Paul greets the community in Corinth by reminding them of their vocation to holiness and prayer. In the Gospel, John the Baptist testifies that Jesus is the Son of God.

Committee Contact List

Parish Pastoral Council—Nick Fader, John Ostrander, Ralph Walicki, Colleen Cove, Daryl Engelman, Sheryl Schmitt, David Odongi, Elvira Castaneda, Ted Valentine, Kyle Hagan
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Funeral Lunches—Audrey McKean
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Weekend Sacristans—Ted Valentine, Cor Stuijts, Martin Onon
Lectors—Colleen Cove, Richard Belzil, Midge Chartier, David Odongi
Eucharistic Ministers—Colleen Cove, Richard Belzil, Midge Chartier, David Odongi
Hospitality—Marie Funke, Angela Nagy, Florence Dickson
Sudanese Community—Martin Onon
Syrian Refugee Committee—Pat Barry
Sacramental Preparation—Vacant
Ushers—Al Meier
Social Committee—Vacant
Art & Environment Committee—Lin Samson, Anita Zyla
Liturgy Committee—Midge Chartier, Ted Valentine, Catherine Peet
Sudanese Choir—Elizabeth Massimo
Library—Vacant
Sandwich Days—Emil Rawlyk

Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund

The Theology of the Future

In the Gospel , Jesus receives the revelation of his destiny. In an indescribable experience of intimacy with God, he receives suddenly with absolute conviction that he is the Son of God in a unique sense.

The Lord's baptism is symbolic of the Father's approval of His Son's ministry of preaching the good News of Salvation that would culminate in His passion, death and resurrection. When Christ submitted Himself to be baptized by John in the Jordan River, God's stamp of approval was executed by the symbolism of a dove and a voice from above which said "This is my Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased." Christ's baptism marks the formal beginning of His public ministry. It symbolizes His formal allegiance to God's will. It is both His first public appearance and the inauguration of His divine ministry. Jesus' baptism represents the fulfillment of what is prophesied in the Servant Song in Chapter 63 of Isaiah. God sends His Servant-Son, filled with his spirit. Sharing His divine life and power, to accomplish the salvation of the world, bringing new life to all of humanity. He is designated as the representation of God's people according to the Spirit. He is declared formally as the only Son of God, the Servant of Yahweh, anointed with His prophetic Spirit.

We may think "*So what's the big deal? Was Jesus not aware of being God from the moment of his conception in Mary's womb?"* The answer is no...Scriptures say that Jesus "*had become like his brothers in every way...a man like us in all things except sin*". In a real way, his brain developed gradually like any human brain. Like the rest of us, he had to learn how to sit, stand, walk, talk, eat, read… But it was during his baptism that the clear confirmation of his mission was conferred on him, paving the way to living out the revelation of this event.

In a way, Jesus shared with us that human tendency to grope more or less blindly toward the future. Will the knowledge of the time of our death really help us live a better Christian life? What will happen to such basic virtues as trust in God? If God has hidden the future from us, even from His own Son, surely it must be for an excellent reason…

The only thing that really matters is to hear God tell us: *"You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."* Once we really believe this, we can face the unknown with a peaceful heart. As it is said: "*We don't know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future."*

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 17
9:00am Special Intention of Johannesson Family

Wednesday, January 18
9:00am Special Intention of Colleen Cove

Thursday, January 19
9:00am S/Intention of Andreas & Mary Ellen Grueneberg

Friday, January 20
9:00am Special Intention of Oliphant Family

Saturday, January 21
5:00pm RIP—Verna Engelman

Sunday, January 22
8:30am Special Intention of Cameron Gibson
10:00am Special Intention of Shirley Valentine
12:00 St James Parish

Please pray for the sick:
Claire Oliphant, Mariah Lerner, Cameron Gibson, Harry Piet, Shirley Valentine, James Wilson Jr., Betty Harrison, Jean Doucette, Margaret McKague, Terence McKinney

And for those who have died:
John Kubik, Stan Czarnacki, Renee Brassard, Marjorie McKnight, Patrick Gray, Asuncion Dizon

Welcome to all visitors and new parishioners! We invite unregistered parishioners to complete a registration form found on our website or near the entrances to the church. Complete the form and drop it off at the parish office or in the collection basket. If you have requested donation envelopes, they can be found inside the hall. If you prefer to use pre-authorized withdrawal, forms can be found at the SW entrance or at the office.

Come Pray with Us…

Rosary—8:30am before weekday Masses
Divine Mercy Cenacle—9:30am on the 1st Wednesday of the month
Marian Cenacle—9:30am on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month

Weekly Schedule

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Mass	9:00am
Wednesday	Mass	9:00am
	Adoration	9:30am
	RCIA	6:00pm
	Choir	7:30pm
Thursday	Mass	9:00am
Friday	Mass	9:00am
	Funeral Mass—Patrick Gray	2:00pm

From Bishop Henry

Pope Francis has accepted my request to retire as Bishop of Calgary and has named Bishop William McGratten, Bishop of Peterborough as the 8th Bishop of Calgary. Thank all of you for your support and prayers over the years—it's been a blessing to serve in this great diocese. The date of the installation of our new bishop is Monday, February 27, 2017, at St. Mary's Cathedral at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Missing Coffee Urn

Our 60 cup silver coffee urn has disappeared from the hall kitchen. If you have borrowed it, please return it to the kitchen as soon as possible. It is needed for funerals and other

World Day of the Sick—February 10, 2017 @ 2:00pm

"They brought to him all who were sick…
and he cured many." (Mk 1: 32-34)

St James Parish will host a special Mass and Anointing service for those who are ill or infirm in body, mind or spirit, and for those family members and caregivers who love and support them. Everyone is encouraged to come and join the prayer for God's healing presence. Mass at 2:00pm. Please join the Pastoral Team in the hall for coffee, tea and desserts after the Mass.

Last Sunday Donations

Children's Collection	$27.00
TIA	$973.00
Food Bank	$457.00
Regular	$3886.90
PAPS*	$1058.00
Total	$4944.90

Liturgical Notes…

Library Update. Upon consultation with the Pastoral Council, the library is being relocated to the KC Room (temporary designation), adjacent to the Hall for easier access for parishioners. The KC Room is now equipped with a video set-up (DVD) for ministries which use the room, including the RCIA group, the Knights of Columbus, the Counters, the Choirs, the Pastoral Council, Finance Council and other groups. Those who are interested in the Library ministry may contact the Office for details.

The article on Mary being "adored" in the January 1 bulletin is hereby disclaimed. Our subscription to Faith Catholic (Michigan) has been cancelled. We apologize for this serious oversight.

As we introduce Holy Communion from the Centre aisle, those who prefer to have Communion from their seats due to mobility issues are requested to inform one of the liturgical ministers (Usher, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Sacristan, Deacon or Priest). Distribution of Holy Communion will be started in the Choir area, the wheelchair area and the pews for those requesting special delivery. Again, we encourage (but not require) parishioners to use the center pews for physical balance. Balance and order are integral principles of the liturgical celebration. As indicated in the new protocol, all liturgical minsters have to report to the Sacristy fifteen (15) minutes before Mass for the Prayer before Serving. Lector Workshop Books (2017) are available in the Sacristy for our Lectors for their required preparation.

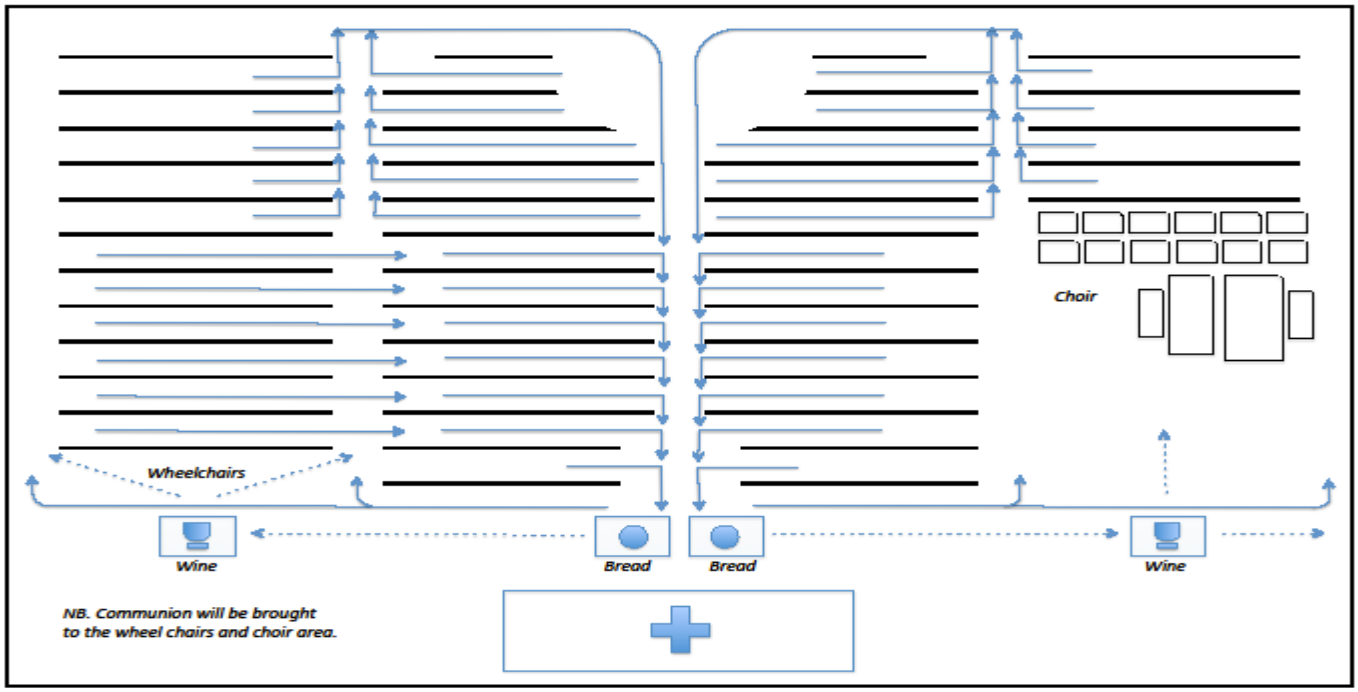
Announcements at the end of Mass will be limited to urgent issues after due consultation with the Office.

For our receptions, we ae moving towards the non-use of non-biodegradable utensils, plates and cups (plastic or Styrofoam) and using our washable plates, cups, glasses and utensils. A new back-up heater for the dishwasher has ben recently installed to keep the water supply hot. Food served should also be commercially acquired and not home-prepared, in accordance with safety and sanitary standards recommended by our insurers.

Men of Integrity - "Follow Me" Called to be a Disciple

February 3-4, 2017
Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove, AB
Speakers include Peter Herbeck, Archbishop Richard Smith, Peter Thompson, Fr. Kristopher Schmidt & Brian Holdsworth

COMMUNION FLOW



St James Catholic School 2017-2018
Kindergarten Open House will take place
Thursday, Jan 26 at 6:30pm
AND
Open House for Elementary and Junior High will take place
Thursday, Feb 9 @ 6:30pm

God, Sex and the Meaning of Life for Teens

Theology of the Body for Teens presents the two hottest topics on the planet—God and sex—and "marries" them through Pope John Paul II's compelling vision for love and life.

Using a great mix of stories, real-life examples, activities, prayers and references to the culture that teens understand, *Theology of the Body for Teens* answers the questions teens have about their own bodies, issues on sexual morality, and how they are uniquely created for greatness.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all teens and their families to join with the St Michael parish in this study program:

Tuesday evenings at 7pm starting January 10 for the next 6 weeks as part of the *Saints in the City* program.

Trailer for series:
www.youtube.com/watchv=slQksNmGg0Q

*Registration for **First Reconciliation** preparation classes will begin in February 2017. Orientation will be Sunday, March 5 at 11:00 in the hall. Classes will be on Sundays March 12, 19, 26 & April 2 at 11:00am (between the 10:00 and 12:00 Mass). One parent must accompany their child to each class. The Celebration of First Reconciliation will take place along with the Parish Penitential Service on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. First Reconciliation is open to all children who have been baptized and are in grade 3 or higher. More details to follow.

*Registration for **First Communion** preparation classes will begin in March 2017. Classes will run every Sunday from April 23 to June 11th from 11:00am-12:00n. One parent must accompany their child to each class. The Celebration of First Communion will be June 18, 2017. First Communion is open to any child who has been baptized and is in grade 2 or higher. More details to follow.