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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2013

(Unless otherwise mentioned, all weekday Masses are at 9 AM)

Monday, April 8 NO MASS

Tuesday, April 9 NO MASS

Wednesday, April 10 NO MASS

Thursday, April 11 NO MASS

Friday, April 12 _ DARRYL ODSEN by Wayne & Paula Fondrick
⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 13 _ ARNOLD KOLLER by Albert & Marguerite Emond
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7:30 PM SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA

Sunday, April 14 9:00 AM SUNDAY MASS ~ WILLOW BUNCH

11:00 AM SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA

RECONCILIATION: Before Mass or by appointment

MARRIAGES: Contact priest at least 6 months prior

BAPTISMS: Contact priest 2 months prior

House Blessings By Appointment

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Second Sunday of Easter: April 7th

"Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."

See John 20:29; Acts 5:14

Pasquia Pro-Life will be sponsoring **the Provincial Convention for Saskatchewan PL on Friday and Saturday, April 26 - 27th in Melfort.**

Mark Mallett, recording artist will begin the Conference on Friday evening with music and great entertainment.

Speakers on Saturday include: Dr. Theresa Burke, founder of Rachel's Vineyard, unique for post-abortion ministry to those suffering the trauma of abortion; Dawn Eden, author of *My Peace I Give You*; Wilma Wheeler will share her remarkable journey of Faith, Hope and Love; Dr. Chris Kahlenborn, as specialist of Internal Medicine will report on his extensive research on the links of breast cancer and Abortion. Please come and join our pro-life family. The weekend will also include a special VBS for children. Posters and brochures... at the back..." GO TO: www.saskprolife.com

Please consider YOUR attendance at the **March for Life** at the Regina Legislature on Thursday, May 9th. Instead of the usual 300, let's have 3,000 people in attendance! Please pass on the message in your parish community.

Please pick up your **NEW MINISTRIES SCHEDULES** and Thank you very much for serving!

Let us hold in prayer the family and friends of the dearly departed, especially : **ALEX TOPOLA and JOE AFTERCHUCK.**

Good News!

March 31, 2013

EASTER SUNDAY (C)

Acts 10:34a, 37–43 / Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8

Jn 20:1–9

Being a bit of a liturgical geek, I have many favorite elements of the Easter liturgies, among them the Easter Vigil baptisms, the dark church enlightened by the paschal candle, and the first sprinkling rite of the season.

But what I anticipate most is the return of the *Alleluia* in full force. We hear it first before the gospel proclamation at the Easter Vigil. It's sung by the priest at the dismissal and uniquely responded to in song by the congregation. This double *Alleluia* is sung this way only during only during the Octave of Easter to remind us that this is a special moment in the Church year.

Some parishes practice a ritual before Ash Wednesday called "burying the *Alleluia*." A cloth on which *Alleluia* is printed is ceremoniously "buried"—hidden away during Lent. At the Easter celebration, it bursts forth from its tomb along with Jesus. *Alleluia*, which means "praise God," is a word of joy, hope, and promise. It always feels great to sing it again.

In the Lukan account of the resurrection proclaimed at the Easter Vigil, the disciples are at first confused by the empty tomb but, Scripture says, "they remembered his words." They recalled what Jesus had said about his rising after three days.

On Easter, we remember the word *Alleluia* after it has been buried for forty days. It's a word that celebrates Jesus' incredible triumph over sin and death, and his promise of new life for us. Remember the *Alleluia* this day—and throughout the Easter season.

Thanks be to God indeed!

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Good News!

April 7, 2013

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY (C)

Acts 5:12–16 / Rv 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19 / Jn 20:19–31

One of the best things about Easter is the candy. Even more spectacular than the jelly beans are those crème-filled, fat-laden chocolate eggs. And some people (though not me) claim a love of marshmallow chicks and bunnies.

I think we love this candy so much in part because it only comes around once a year. Its rarity makes it special. The same can be said about the apostle Thomas. He's the crème egg of the Bible—his story comes around only on the second Sunday of Easter, and it's usually a favorite of Christians who take heart in believing without seeing. Thomas's rarity makes him special.

But this story is about more than Thomas; it also reveals much about the risen Jesus. First, he can move through locked doors and walls to get to his beloved disciples; his love knows no boundaries. Second, even in his resurrected body, he still has wounds. He knows what it's like to be broken and hurt deeply. And third, he speaks and breathes peace. Not an easy, everything's-going-to-be-just-dandy peace, but a hard-won peace that trusts in God despite suffering and fear.

Jesus does the same for us today. The risen Jesus can move beyond the spiritual walls we've built and the emotional doors of doubt we've triple-locked. The risen Jesus can identify with our wounds and pain. The risen Jesus promises us a deep, hard-won peace. And, fortunately, Jesus comes around much more often than Thomas or chocolate-covered crème eggs. The Risen Jesus is with us always.

Do we believe?

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Saturday, APRIL 13	
Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Brad & Debbie <u>Auchstaetter</u>
Rosary Leaders	Paulette <u>Lapaire</u> Rosemary Young
Readers	Debbie <u>Auchstaetter</u> Al Farwell
Communion Ministers	Janice <u>Erfle</u> Andy <u>LeClaire</u>
Cross Bearer	PLEASE
Candle Bearers	VOLUNTEER
Altar Servers	PLEASE
Sunday, APRIL 14	
Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Carole & Walt <u>Agopsowicz</u>
Rosary Leaders	Irene <u>Marcenko</u> Irene <u>Montgomery</u>
Readers	<u>Philomene Brochu</u> Debbie <u>Buztynski</u>
Communion Ministers	Carole <u>Agopsowicz</u> Walter <u>Agopsowicz</u> Brian <u>BeBeau</u>
Cross Bearer	Katie <u>Meagher</u>
Candle Bearers	<u>Lawrenne Meagher</u>
Altar Servers	Dawson <u>Twemlow</u>

Church Finances

Holy Thursday - \$ 1002.00
 Good Friday - \$ 1273.00
 Saturday Collection - \$ 463.00
 Sunday Collection - \$ 2082.70

Thank You Very Much!

dear Padre

April 7, 2013

How does Mary fit into the Catholic faith?

I recently converted to Catholicism. I get a lot of questions from my Protestant family and friends about the Catholic "obsession" (as they put it) with Mary. What should I say to them?

A convert to Catholicism tells the story of a dinner he had with a friend who had a very evangelical outlook. As they talked about the new Catholic's decision to convert, the friend asked hesitantly, "What do you think about Mary?" The new Catholic smiled and said, "I think she's wonderful, don't you?" The friend responded with an embarrassed "Yes, but...."

If Catholics and Protestants can begin with this premise—that Mary is wonderful—it might be possible to step back and consider why. Mary is an extraordinary human being who holds a special place in the Christian faith for two reasons: first, it was through her that God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ; and second, she was the first to believe in Jesus' mission and ministry.

All Catholic doctrine about Mary refers to two special relationships. She has a special relationship with God because she bore the "God-man" in her womb. She also has a special relationship with us because she was the first Christian.

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