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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DEC. 15, 2013

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

Psalm 146 : Lord, come and save us.

Monday, Dec 16 _ HELEN FARWELL by Jackie & Maurice Simard

Tuesday, Dec 17 _ KATHERINE (KAY) FITZPATRICK by Estate - Family
10:30 A M HOSPITAL

Wednesday, Dec 18 _ KENNETH KRAUSHAAR by Walt & Carole Agopsowicz
⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ 6:30 PM CONFESSIONS at 7:00 PM

Thursday, Dec 19 _ DECEASED RELATIVES OF NORM & LYNN ROGERS
⇒ ⇒ ⇒ PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ⇐ ⇐

Friday, Dec 20 _ ROMEO & ROSARIO MARTIN by Rick & Bernie Chevrier

Saturday, Dec 21 _ HELEN FARWELL by Gene & Sharon Bergeron

7:30 PM SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA

Sunday, Dec 22 9:00 AM SUNDAY MASS ~ WILLOW BUNCH

11:00 AM SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA

RECONCILIATION: Before Mass or by appointment ⇒ ⇒ Visit the Archdiocese of Regina :

MARRIAGES : Contact priest at least 6 months prior

BAPTISMS : Contact priest 2 months prior

House Blessings By Appointment

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St. George's Parish Hall

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Pastoral Care Group Co-ordinator

Bulletin Submission Thursdays by 2:00

Parish Secretary Thursdays after 2:00

Mass at 6:30 PM: Penitential Service :
WED., DEC. 18 7:00PM Assiniboia : Fr. Andrew will help

On behalf of Development & Peace, please know that the government of Canada will match donations for victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, until Dec. 23rd. Please consider giving at www.devop.org or 1-888-664-3387 / 1-800-494-1401

Poinsettias In Memory of Loved Ones OR For Special Intentions will be accepted after Mon., Dec 16th, to add to the Christmas décor of our church. We will list names in the bulletin and have name cards on the flowers. Anyone wanting to donate flowers, please contact JoAnn at Mom's Florist 306 642-4777 or Sherryl Lariviere 306 642-3704.



ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Please remember, gifts for the 2013 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal can be made until December 31, 2013 ONLY.

PLEASE KEEP PINK COPY, when donating – we need white and yellow for office use. Cheques to ST. GEORGE'S PARISH please. 😊 😊 😊



Any parishioners who wish to contribute to Sister Bernadette's Loonie/Toonie Tree for fruit for the seniors in the Lodge can do so after Mass for the next 2 Sundays.

WANTED FOR PARISH OFFICE :

Large size fireproof safe in good working/locking order. Please contact parish office / Fr. Joy .

The parish has received the magazines, the WORD among us, for Dec, for Advent. Please take one and use it in your Advent as you contemplate the story of Christmas this year.



Remember to ask for **“Nativity / Christian” postage stamps** when you are mailing your Christmas mail and keep Christ in Christmas. The 2013 issue of religious Christmas stamp depicts the child Jesus with His grandmother, St. Anne!



Please pick up / purchase your **NEW Missals for YEAR A, Youth Missals and calendars**; French calendars to come. All items \$6.00 each.



During these days of Christmas shopping if you accumulate any **Canadian Tire money**, please consider donating it to the box on the table in the church entry as it will be picked up at year’s end and sent to a charity – either Matercare or one of the pregnancy help centers to purchase items for mothers and babies. Thank you and God bless.



Let us hold in prayer the family and friends of the dearly departed, **especially ANDRE LECLAIRE and FR.**

ALFRED BOUCHARD.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE :

Wed., DEC. 18	6:30PM
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MASS	Assiniboia
Penitential Service	7:00PM
Tuesday, DEC. 24	No Morning Mass
Nativity of the Lord	5:00 PM Mossbank
Children’s Mass	7:00 PM Assiniboia
Mass	9:00 PM Willow Bunch
Midnight Mass	11:00 PM Assiniboia
Wednesday, DEC. 25	11:00 AM Assiniboia
Tuesday, DEC. 31	9:00 AM Daily Mass
	7:00 PM Willow Bunch
Wednesday, JAN. 1	11:00 AM Assiniboia
World Day of Peace	Mary, Mother of God

Advent

Saturday / Sunday Ministries

Saturday, Dec 21	
Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Denis & Louise Ducharme
Rosary Leaders	Paulette Lapaire Rosemary Young
Readers	Dave Young Debbie Auchstaetter
Communion Ministers	Rita Walters Janice Erfle
Cross Bearer Candle Bearers Altar Servers	Please Volunteer Please
Sunday, Dec 22	
Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Patrick & Elan Grondin & Family
Rosary Leaders	Irene Marcenko Irene Montgomery
Readers	Gerald Delorme Melanie Delorme
Communion Ministers	Paul Silzer Jackie Simard Brian BeBeau
Altar Servers	Christina Franks Morgan Delorme Justin Delorme
CHILDREN'S Liturgy	Tammy Franks

Church Finances

Sunday Collection Dec 8 - \$ 1801.30
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal to date –

\$ 14,344.60

Parish Goal is \$19, 121.00

Thank You !

Good News!

December 15, 2013

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Is 35:1–6a, 10 / Jas 5:7–10 / Mt 11:2–11

I'm not much of a gardener. When our family was young, we planted vegetables to connect our children with the miracle of growing things. But the truth is, I kill houseplants regularly and the clay soil in our backyard made growing things a little harder than I was willing to tolerate. So I spent my time tending to children and other pursuits. When I look at the wonderful young women my children have become, I don't regret any of it—they're evidence of a garden well tended.

We all have gardens we cultivate in the soil we work and in the lives we lead. In today's readings, Isaiah and Jesus point to gardens of a different sort. Isaiah imagines God as the great gardener who brings flowers and trees out of arid sand and clay soil and then moves on to bring sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf. What a glorious image of a promise made—where we all grow and are made whole.

Jesus doesn't answer John's disciples; he simply points them in the direction of the garden of Good News he's tended. He sends them to John with tales of what they've seen and heard in all its abundance, because John will know a garden when he hears about it and will rejoice in its growth.

Finally, James, laboring in the Lord's garden decades after the Lord's death, reminds us of the truth every farmer, landscaper, and household gardener knows so well: Making things grow—whether crops, flowers, faith, or people—takes patience.

What's growing in *your* garden this Advent?

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