



*One more powerful than I is to come after me*

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*This is my beloved Son,  
with him I am well pleased*

**JANUARY 11, 2015**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

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

<b>Monday, JAN 12</b>	_ HENRI & DENISE CHOREL by Irene Montgomery
<b>Tuesday, JAN 13</b> ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ 7:00 PM	_ EUGENE LESPERANCE by Lea Lesperance & Family
<b>Wednesday, JAN 14</b> 10:30 A M	_ JOHNNY GILCHRIST by The Gilchrist Family ROSS-PAYANT
<b>Thursday, JAN 15</b> 7:00 P M	_ GISELE L'HEUREUX by Keith & Sherryl Lariviere P P C MEETING ⇐ ⇐ ⇐ ⇐ ⇐ ⇐ ⇐ ⇐
<b>Friday, JAN 16</b>	_ EUGENE LESPERANCE by Lea Lesperance & Family
<b>Saturday, JAN 17</b>	_ EUGENE LESPERANCE by Marilyn & Daniel Marcenko
<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA</b>
<b>Sunday, JAN 18</b> 9:00 AM	<b>SUNDAY MASS ~ WILLOW BUNCH</b>
11:00 AM	<b>SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA</b>

<b>RECONCILIATION:</b> Before Mass or by appointment	⇒ ⇒ Visit the Archdiocese of Regina :
<b>MARRIAGES:</b> Contact priest at least 6 months prior	<a href="http://www.archregina.sk.ca">www.archregina.sk.ca</a>
<b>BAPTISMS:</b> Contact priest 2 months prior	For the latest events and new stories
House Blessings By Appointment	
Fr. Joy Montague, Administrator	Tel: 642-4439 Fax: 642-3633 Parish CELL Phone 640-9546
St. George's Parish Hall	Tel: 642-4633
Hall Reservations & Information	Rita Walters Tel: 642-4398 ( home )
Pastoral Care Group Co-ordinator	Mary Chipak Tel: 642-3583
Bulletin Submission Thursdays by 2:00	Email: <a href="mailto:st.georges.bulletin@gmail.com">st.georges.bulletin@gmail.com</a>
Parish Secretary Thursdays after 2:00	Sherryl Lariviere Office Tel: 642-4439

Assiniboia & District Pro-Life meeting - Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at the St. George's Roman Catholic Parish Centre, starting at 7:30 pm.

All interested people are welcome to come. Come and see what pro-life is doing and how you can help.

Please note on your calendar Pro-Life Green Ribbon Sunday the last Sunday in January and the annual pro-life banquet on May 3.

Thank you to all those who donated their Canadian Tire money. There was a total of \$20.20 to send to Matercare. God bless you.

ALL ARE WELCOME to the Prayer and Life Workshops, a series of meetings to deepen our faith. Meetings focus on prayerful reading, spiritual healing and contemplative prayer. Introductory Session : Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015 3-5 PM KC ROOM at St. George's

"How are we using the talents God gave us ?" Please consider serving as Secretary for your Parish Finance Council. You would be asked to attend monthly meetings. Phone Rene Chabot 642-3302/Gerry Bamford 642-5625

BUILDING FUND : Within our campaign period, we have received \$ 32, 484.00 M A N Y THANKS ! Please continue giving ...

Please help with this. This is YOUR Church community. On behalf of your parish, we have 3 questions for us all to consider and give our feedback :

- 1 ) What do you want from your Church?
- 2 ) What do you want from your Deanery ?
- 3 ) What do you want from your Archdiocese ?

Please put your completed (blue) forms in the labelled wooden church at the back.



# dear Padre

January 18, 2015

## Is there a Year of John?

I read that the current liturgical year is the year of Mark, that next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year will be Luke. Then it starts all over with the year of Mark again. Why doesn't John have a year?

**It certainly does** seem that John has been slighted by the three-year *Lectionary* cycle. There is not, in fact, a "year" that is wholly dedicated to reading his gospel.

Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four. During the year we read Mark, we also read John's sixth chapter. During all three liturgical years, we read from John's Gospel during the Easter season. We also read significant portions of John's Gospel during our weekday liturgy.

All four gospels tell the same story—the story of Jesus—in different ways. Unfortunately, many times we combine the stories in our minds and inadvertently confuse the unique approach of each of the four evangelists. One example of this is when we put Matthew's wise men with Luke's shepherds in our manger scenes.

Maybe one day we'll have a four-year *Lectionary* cycle in which one year is dedicated to the continuous reading of John's Gospel. Until then, I encourage you to read each gospel separately.

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# dear Padre

January 25, 2015

## Do votive candles make a difference?

At my church, some people take the votive candles out of the holders and place them next to the statues and icons. Does this make the saint or God pay more attention to the petition? And isn't it a fire hazard?

**Vigil lights, commonly** known as votive candles, are usually lit when a person seeks some favor from the Lord or a saint's intercession. Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.

In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of our Lord, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). We burn candles to symbolize our prayers' rising to heaven day and night; prayers for the saints' intercession are also common because of their friendship with God in heaven. Saints are powerful intercessors.

God hears all prayers uttered in sincerity. Burning a candle as we pray doesn't make that prayer more important than prayers offered without a candle; neither does moving the candle to the front of the line.

If your church has made sure that the placing of the votive candles complies with local fire regulations, you have no worries about setting a fire with vigil lights.

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**Saturday / Sunday Ministries**

<b>Saturday, JAN 17</b>	
Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Mary Chipak Marilyn Marcenko
Rosary Leaders	Cordelia Scheltgen Irene Klein
Readers	Rita Walters David Young
Communion Ministers	Janice Erfle Anette Pryce
Cross Bearer	PLEASE
Candle Bearers	VOLUNTEERS
Altar Servers	PLEASE
<b>Sunday, JAN 18</b>	
Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Rene & Therese Chabot
Rosary Leaders	Aime Morin Hazel Major
Readers	Carole Agopsowicz Walter Agopsowicz
Communion Ministers	Walter Agopsowicz Claire Schuweiler Ken Schuweiler
Altar Servers	Morgan Delorme Justin Delorme William Grondin Victoria Grondin
Children's Liturgy	Kathy

**Church Finances**

Saturday Collection JAN 3 - \$ 335.00

Sunday Collection JAN 4 - \$ 860.00

**Thank You !**

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# Good News!

January 11, 2015

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 / Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 / Mk 1:7-11

A lay-minister acquaintance of mine keeps a framed copy of his baptismal certificate on his office wall. He says, "My diplomas show that I've learned a lot of things about theology, liturgy, and Scripture. That's great, but my experience of Christ and my call to ministry come out of my baptism, and I need to remind myself of that every now and then."

I was intrigued by his words. Baptism is the initiation into a community whose sole purpose is to worship and serve the Lord using the gifts God has given us. Most of us were baptized as infants, and we rarely take the time to reflect on what we're called to do by God.

In baptism, we're given the grace to live a transformed life following the commandments to love God and neighbor. How many times have we fallen short and needed to reconcile with God?

Mark's story of Jesus' baptism is a scant four verses. Jesus is baptized and hears God tell him, "You are my beloved Son." After that, Jesus prevails against temptation and sets about his own mission without looking back. Our baptism gives us the grace to do the same, whatever mission we are called to.

Two good spiritual exercises for this week would be to ask God whether we're doing what he has asked of us and to reflect on the ways in which our lives have brought us closer to God or taken us away from him.

Then it's up to us to continue to serve God in the grace of baptism and in the company of the people who share this faith with us.

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