

 <p>Lent means Spring</p>	 <p>Unless the grain of wheat dies it remains just a grain of wheat</p>	
<p>MARCH 17, 18, 2018</p>		<p>National Collection for Development and Peace</p>
<p>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</p>		
<p>Monday, MARCH 19</p>	<p>NO MASS</p>	
<p>Tuesday, MARCH 20 3:00 PM</p>	<p>_ MURRAY MCDUGALL HOSPITAL</p>	
<p>Wednesday, MARCH 21 9:00 AM</p>	<p>_ KENNY MCDUGALL</p>	
<p>Thursday, MARCH 22 7:00 PM</p>	<p>_ REG O'NEILL by Doreen Crooks</p>	
<p>Friday, MARCH 23 11:00 AM</p>	<p>_ DOMINGO REMOT PRAIRIE VILLA</p>	
<p>Saturday, MARCH 24 10:00 AM</p>	<p>_ ERROL REMOT EAST SIDE COURT</p>	
<p>5:00 PM</p>	<p>SUNDAY MASS ~ MOSSBANK _ LEVINA REMOT</p>	
<p>7:30 PM</p>	<p>SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA _ ROMEO VIOLETA</p>	
<p>Sunday, MARCH 25 9:00 AM</p>	<p>SUNDAY MASS ~ WILLOW BUNCH _ SYLVIO / CECILE SYLVESTRE by Sylvia Durand</p>	
<p>11:00 AM</p>	<p>SUNDAY MASS ~ PRO POPULO ~ ASSINIBOIA</p>	

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PRAYER: In the firm belief that God the Father will bring us through pain and suffering to everlasting life, we make our prayer.
Heavenly Father, your Son tells us that he is the wheat grain which falls on the ground and dies in order to yield a rich harvest. Help us to die to our selfishness so that our lives may be open to your love. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

During LENT, there will be **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
before 11:00 AM Mass on Sundays, with NO Rosary.

Please note new e-mail address for Fr. Dennis is
jodenis1215@gmail.com (yes with one 'n')

**This year Development and Peace "Solidarity Sunday" is
March 18th.**

We ask that you give prayerful consideration to contributing to this as
a powerful way to help those struggling in the global south. If you'd
like to learn more about the amazing work this organization has been
doing - for 50 years - go to www.devp.org/en/sharelent2018

Please remember that there is a special envelope in your boxed
envelopes set, dated March 18th.

Please remember to make all chqs payable to "St. George's Church".

EASTER FLOWERS / PLANTS: Donations for the parish décor
are welcome, FRI., March 30th and after. Please contact Mom's
Florist 306-642-4777 or arrange to bring your own with names.
If on Good Friday, red or purple plants / flowers; white is good for
Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday. Thank you !

WEEK 5 - March 18: SHARE LENT: SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

*We wish to thank you for your generosity on this Development and
Peace Solidarity Sunday. Your donation will be used to help our
sisters and brothers all over the world – from Lebanon to Cambodia,
to Nigeria and beyond! The theme of our Share Lent campaign,
"Together for Peace", invites us to build peace through dialogue and
reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the
future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the
Jubilee of Mercy : "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life
and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."*

Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope !

**Assiniboia & District Pro-Life
Annual Spring Banquet -**

Sunday, May 6, 2018, at the St. George's Roman Catholic Parish Centre, starting at 5:00 pm. The main speaker will be Carla Carlson from Swift Current. The theme will focus on palliative care. All interested people are welcome.
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Please see bulletin board in the back of the church for various upcoming activities, from the Youth Ministry of the Archdiocese of Regina:

- *The MY GEN Youth Rally*
 - *2 summer camps*
 - *"Inner City Missions Trip" to Winnipeg*
 - *Variety Night fundraiser entitled "This Is Your Life"*
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PRAYER: God our Father, as we prepare to break bread together, help us realize that had not the grains of wheat been ground into flour, and had not the individual grapes been crushed into juice, we would not be able to share this holy meal together. Help us imitate the wheat and the grapes and offer our lives to you for whatever use you wish to make of them.

We welcome space in our bulletin for St. Ignace Willow Bunch:

WAY OF THE CROSS 15 minutes before every Mass during Lent;
Collection MARCH 11 - \$ 225.00
MINISTRIES March 25 / 9:00 AM
Minister of Word / Prayers
Faithful – Sylvia Durand;
Altar Servers– Roger/ Cindy Philippon

Communion – Gisele Fafard
Hospitality / Offerings – Denis/Sherry Philippon
Collection – Leo Durand/Emile Desautels

PPC MEETING MARCH 21-7 PM

HOLY WEEK 2018 Willow Bunch

Palm Sunday March 25 - 9:00 AM

Wednesday March 28 – 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday Mass St George Parish Assiniboia 7:00 PM

No Mass in Willow Bunch

Good Friday 10AM-12PM Confessions at St. George's

Way of the Cross 1:00 PM

Good Friday Celebration of Passion 3:00 PM St George Parish Assiniboia

No Good Friday Celebration

Willow Bunch

Easter Sunday Mass April 1 11:00 AM

Saturday / Sunday Ministries

Please be considerate and find replacements when you can't fulfill your ministries. Thanks!

Saturday, MARCH 24		<i>PALM SUNDAY</i>
Collection		Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings		Rick & Bernie Chevrier
Rosary Leaders		Cordelia Scheltgen Irene Klein
Readers - First		Bev Coldwell
Second		Ron Scheltgen
Narrator		David Young
Passion Reader		Rita Walters
Communion Ministers		Wes & Gaylene Thomson
Cross Bearer		PLEASE
Candle Bearers		VOLUNTEER
Altar Servers		THANK YOU !
Sunday, MARCH 25		<i>PALM SUNDAY</i>
Collection		Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings		Bill & Claire Seal
Stations of the Cross		
Readers - First		Lorne Kwasnicki
- Second		Tara Pedersen
Narrator		Vicki Kachuik
Passion Reader		Jackie Moneo
Communion Ministers		Rene Chabot Walter Agopsowicz Aime Morin
Altar Servers		Alyssa Kwasnicki Lily Kwasnicki Oseiku Odiagah
Children's Liturgy		Kareena
Collection Counters		Parish Council

Church Finances

Saturday Collection MARCH 10 - \$ 525.00

Sunday Collection MARCH 11 - \$ 1705.25

Maintenance Fund - \$ 100.00

Development & Peace - \$ 190.00

Thank You !

St. George's

Roman Catholic Parish

Lenten / Easter Services :

WAY OF THE CROSS

Sundays during Lent before
11:00 AM Mass

CHRISM MASS Mon. Mar 19,
2:00 PM at Holy Rosary
Cathedral

HOLY WEEK:

WED March 28 7:00PM at
Willow Bunch

Holy Thursday, March 29:
7:00PM Assiniboia,

Followed by Adoration

Good Friday, March 30:

10AM -12 PM: Confessions at
St. George's

1:00 PM Walk of the Cross
outdoors

3:00PM Veneration of the
Cross Liturgical Service –
Assiniboia

Holy Saturday, March 31:

No Morning Mass

7:30PM Easter Vigil & Wiener
Roast - Assiniboia

Easter Sunday, April 1:

9:00 AM Mossbank

11:00AM Willow Bunch

See, Speak, Think and Feel Your Way To Conversion

Memory

Our memory is in need of constant purification. St. Paul exhorts us to put on the mind of Christ; then he says that you have the mind of Christ. Past wounds in our early years, addictions that enslaved, abuses either physical, emotional, social or moral—all of these must be brought to the Lord for a deep healing and conversion. One short but powerful suggestion: THE WORD OF GOD! The Word of God is powerful like a two-edged sword that separates bone from marrow. The daily reading of the Word of God in prayerful meditation can result in the conversion of the mind. One more step: memorize Sacred Scripture! If you like this analogy: what chlorine is and does to a swimming pool (cleansing and purifying) the Word of God can do to the human mind. *Lord, may your Word be a light for my path and a torch for my steps!*

Eyes

Our eyes need constant vigilance and control. Unfortunately, the most powerful addiction in the World is that of pornography. Children are exposed to this ravenous and merciless wolf at a very tender age. Studies show that pornography can be more powerful than the addiction to drugs. A recovering gang member, drug-addict and alcoholic rejoiced that he was able to conquer all the above vices. However, he could not detach himself from the addiction to pornography.

Three suggestions to attain this *metanoia*/conversion:

- At the crack of dawn upon waking, to consecrate one's whole being— especially the eyes—to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- Second, when tempted invoke the Precious Blood of Jesus as a shield against the fiery darts of the devil.
- Lastly, visit the Blessed Sacrament exposed and contemplate the Eucharistic heart of Jesus. In the words of the Psalmist: "Look to the Lord and be radiant with joy."

Control the Tongue

Our tongue has to be controlled constantly! Saint James reminds us poignantly that we should be slow to speak and quick to listen. Jesus reminds us that every word that issues from our mouth will be subject to judgment. Also the Lord tells us that from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

Here are three concrete suggestions to attain conversion of our mouth, a transformation of our speech:

First, we should get in the habit of speaking more to God and less to people.

Second, we should learn to hold back our impulses and think before we speak.

Finally, apply the Golden Rule of Jesus to speech. Do to others what you would have them do to you; say to others what you would like them say to you! Following this advice, we are on the highway to converting our tongue!

Intentions

Being honest with ourselves we must humbly admit that our intentions are often mixed. Even in the best of actions are hidden some self-seeking, self-love and vanity. Sincere examination of conscience will highlight this truth! In the Diary of Saint Faustina, time and time again Jesus manifests His desire that she always have purity of intention, that her actions be done to please Him and for the honor and glory of God. The Bible points out that man sees the appearance but God reads the heart. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus strictly warns us not to do our actions to be seen and praised by man. Remember! Do your actions such that your right hand does not even know what your left hand is doing. Your father who sees in secret will recompense you.

The motto of St. Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuits, is four letters: A.M.D.G. —*Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam*—meaning, for the greater glory of God. That indeed should be the motivating principle that drives all of our actions in life! One concrete suggestion to obtain the conversion/*metanoia* of our intentions — Give all to Jesus through the hands of Mary.

Heart

Last but not least we all must go through a daily conversion of the very center of our being— our heart. Jesus says that from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The human heart can contain within it the most noble of intentions, but the human heart can also embrace the most despicable of desires. Constant conversion/*metanoia* of heart is necessary on a daily basis!

What might be the most efficacious means to undergo a true conversion of heart?

Simple and to the point: *fervent and passionate daily holy communion!* In Holy Communion we receive the totality of Jesus: His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Therefore, if we receive His Body, that means we also receive His Sacred Heart. In the most Sacred Heart of Jesus can be found all of the most sublime virtues and to the highest degree of holiness and perfection.

Faith, hope, charity, patience, purity, meekness, obedience, mortification, fortitude— just to mention a few, are some of the virtues present in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These virtues are present in every Consecrated Host that we can receive in Holy Communion on a daily basis.

In a real sense, we can undergo a daily spiritual heart transplant every time we receive Holy Communion with faith, devotion and love. Beyond a shadow of doubt, Holy Communion received with the proper dispositions is by far the most efficacious channel to arrive at a true conversion of heart. Our Lord's loving Heart burns and consumes all that is ugly and ignoble in our hearts so that we can truly say with the Apostle Saint Paul: "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me!"

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