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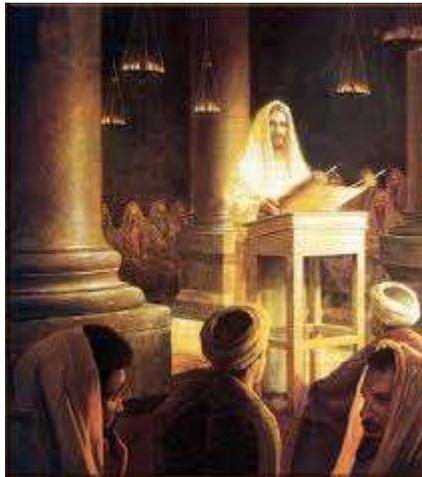
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## **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

February 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 fevrier

**4 & 5 dimanche du temps ordinaire**



## **Welcoming New Parishioners:**

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

## **Sunday Masses:**

Sat. 5:00 pm English

Sun. 9:00 am English

11:00 am Bilingual

## **Weekday Liturgies:**

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

## **Baptism:**

Usually any Sunday of the month at mass.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

## **Marriage/Wedding:**

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

## **Sacrament of the Sick:**

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.

## Focus of the Sunday Readings

*All of us are called to serve the Lord and to serve one another.*

Not all people are called to be a Moses or a Saint Paul, but each of us can speak out against injustices in our society. We can live the teachings of Jesus in our families and in the workplace. We can be the messenger of God's love and forgiveness to someone whom no one else can reach.

Such service can bring us great joy.

*Through the Church, Jesus' healing power is really present to the world.*

Although it is difficult to understand the mystery of human sickness and suffering, the Christian faith, through the cross of Christ, brings healing to sickness and meaning to suffering.

### The Presentation Of The Lord

This feast celebrates the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple as recorded in Lk 2:22-35. It is a meeting or encounter (*hypapante*) of Jesus with his Church. There is a nuptial theme here too, like there was at Christmas, when the divinity became wedded to humanity.

Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to make the offering for their child. Simeon, an upright and devout man, took the child in his arms and blessed God that he had seen this day. Anna, an elderly prophetess, was also there and began to praise God.



The "meeting" or "encounter" (*Hypapante*) is a Greek word that means "meeting" or "encounter". It seems to refer to the meeting of Simeon and Anna (seen as a reception committee of those in need of and waiting for salvation) with the Infant Jesus and his parents (seen as the kind of entourage that brings salvation).

Simeon and Anna both express their amazement, their delight and great joy that they have lived to see this day, this special day of the meeting of the savior of the world with his people. It is like the maidens in the gospel parable coming out to 'meet' the bridegroom and going with him to escort him home with his bride. It also evokes the anticipation of those Thessalonian Christians who were expecting to be caught up to 'meet' the Lord in the air, when he was revealed from heaven at the end of time (1 Th 4:17). And the child's father and mother stand there wondering at the things that were being said about him. It's like they are on both sides of this meeting: they are at once the "God-carriers" and the "God-receivers".

### A day of crisis, of discernment

It's a day of great joy. But there is also an anticipation of sorrow. Jesus is destined to be a sign that is rejected. And a sword will pierce Mary's heart too. So Jesus's coming will demand a discernment, a crisis, in the lives of those he meets. And already there is an intimation of that discernment. In a way, the scene presents in a nutshell the whole event of salvation.

### World Day for Consecrated Life – February 2

The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" – *John Paul II (1997)*.

## Year of the Family

In our Diocese we are celebrating the year of the family Bishop Paul Terrio has given our parish as well as all the other parishes in the Diocese a copy of the painting of the Holy Family. The painting consists of 5 not just the traditional 3 persons because Jesus' grandparents are included. This is clearly a message for today's families. But there are also other details in the scene of the painting which can lead to discussion and commentary.

As a Parish we are asking each family to take the portrait home for 1 week to pray before it and to talk together about the picture and what it means for us today. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church . Please print your name clearly as well as a phone number . The portrait is available this weekend.

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**Old Palms** If you still have your Palms from last year's Palm Sunday, you can bring them to the Church and place them in the box at the back till February 15<sup>th</sup> . They will be burned and the ashes will be used for Ash Wednesday.

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## World Day of the Sick – February 11

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (memorial of our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

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## Search

Search for Christian Maturity is an opportunity for young people to journey with their friends and peers on the path that Jesus has shown us. This is done through the use of speakers, discussions, games, prayers, celebrations, lively music, and the gifts and talents that God has given all individuals. The search retreat invites senior high students in grades 9-12, or 15 years and older, to explore and to examine their faith among friends and peers in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust. Date : February 20-22, 2015 at the Holy Rosary High School in Lloydminster, AB. Brochures are available at the back of the church.



*We welcome to God's family*  
**Lucas Otto Brenneis & Emer Anne Romaine**  
son of Dustin & Lauren daughter of Christopher & Aishlinn  
Baptized on February 1st, 2015



**CWL NEWS** The CWL 2015 memberships are currently due the membership fee is \$25.00 please put the envelope in the collection basket and **mark the envelope CWL** or you can drop the envelope off at the Parish office.

**The next CWL meeting is on Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the CWL Boardroom at the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome!**

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## Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Fatima with Barcelona

with Fr. Paul Moret on November 7-16, 2015. For more info there are some brochures at the back of the Church.

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Jan 31 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Claude Riopel – Simone & Family	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feb 1 Sun - dim	9:00 am	For Parishioners	
	11:00 am	Deceased Relatives – Robert & Lil	
Feb 3 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP Armand Tailleur – Family & Friends	
Feb 4 Wed - mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Adele Mahe – Family & Friends	
	7:00 pm	(Church) RIP Normand Boissonneault - Family	
Feb 5 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Auguste Champagne – Family & Friends	St. Agatha
Feb 6 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Frank LeBlanc – Joe & Evelyn Lutz	St. Paul Miki and Companions
Feb 7 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	Deceased Champagne Relatives - Lorette	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feb 8 Sun - dim	9:00 am	For Parishioners	
	11:00 am	RIP Jim Dryden (8th Anniv) – Rose & Family	
Feb 10 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP Alphonsine Soetaert – Joe & Evelyn & Family	St. Scholastica
Feb 11 Wed - mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Cecile Demers - Family	Our Lady of Lourdes
	7:00 pm	(Church) Special Intention - Parishioner	
Feb 12 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Adele Mahe – Family & Friends	
Feb 13 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Normand Boissonneault – Family & Friends	
Feb 14 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Carol Jean – Albert & Alberta Dupuis	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feb 15 Sun - dim	9:00 am	Special Intention for August & Celina on their 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary - Family	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...** Kiah Courtney, Irene Dupuis, Louise B, Raymond Garneau. All those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments; expecting mothers; peace in our families, community and the world.

COLLECTIONS – QUÉTES      January 25<sup>th</sup> – \$3803.00      Restoration \$ 70.00      THANK YOU! MERCI!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Dust Angels</b>	-Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 8:00 am	- Church
<b>Faith Sharing Group</b>	- Feb 5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 7:00pm	- Rectory Basement
<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	- Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 4:00 pm	- Office Boardroom

The Parish office will be open only in the mornings this week and on Tuesday and Wednesday morning of next week.