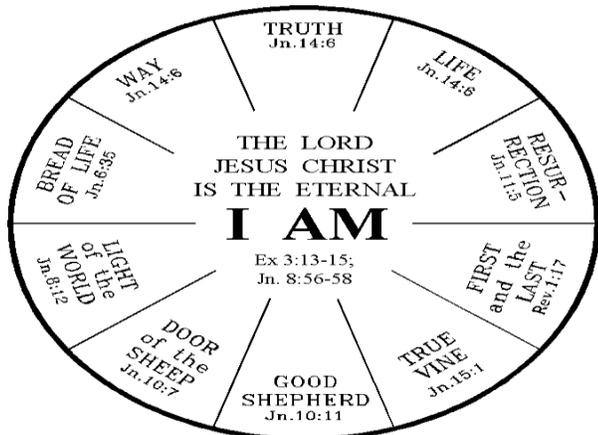


Masses For The Week

5th Sunday of Easter, A – May 14, 2017

Theme: *Our Royal Priesthood – We are assembled here today to exercise our royal priesthood and to offer the spiritual sacrifice which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God our Father.*

1st Reading Acts 6:1-7 They chose seven men who were full of the Holy Spirit.
Responsorial Psalm 33 The Lord is merciful toward those who trust in him.
2nd Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9 Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.
Gospel John 14:1-12 Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."



"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 Peter 2:7

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people can recognize their own talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills. No gift is too small or insignificant.

Saturday, May 13th (Psalter: Week I)

5:00 pm Mass in Oakbank

Sunday, May 14th

9:00 am Mass in Garson
11:00 am Mass in Cook's Creek † Intentions for the recipients of prayer shawls – off. CWL
Baptism of Benjamin David Bruce

Monday, May 15th

9:00 am Mass in Garson (RM 398)

Tuesday, May 16th – No Mass Scheduled.

Wednesday, May 17th

10:30 am Mass in Kin Place (RM 400)

Thursday, May 18th

9:00 am Mass in Garson (RM 401)

Friday, May 19th – † Intentions for the recipients of prayer shawls – off. CWL

9:00 am Mass (in Garson), Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction (RM 402)

Saturday, May 20th (Psalter: Week II)

5:00 pm Mass in Oakbank † Rozalia Galka – off. Sophie Galka

Sunday, May 21st

9:00 am Mass in Garson
11:00 am Mass in Cook's Creek † Timothy Sternat – off. Sternat Family

PLEASE USE SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR MASS INTENTIONS

6th Sunday of Easter, A – May 21, 2017

Theme: *The Spirit Of Truth – We celebrate the coming of Christ’s Spirit of truth on the Church, the source of the Church’s proclamation of the Christian message to the world.*

Paul’s First Missionary Journey, with Barnabas to Cyprus c AD49

Scripture Readings: Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25; John 13:16-20



Paul, Barnabas, and John Mark left Paphos and landed at Perga in the humid region of Pamphylia, a narrow strip of land between the sea and the Taurus Mountains. John Mark left them in Perga, but Paul and Barnabas traveled up the steep road into the higher elevation of Pisidia in Galatia. When the Jews rejected his message, Paul preached to Gentiles, and the Jews drove Paul and Barnabas out of the Pisidian city of Antioch.

As we reflect on the first missionary journey of St Paul, we are reminded of our call to be missionaries for Christ. In obedience to our Lord, the Good Shepherd, our mission is to bring

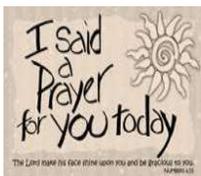
into our churches those who still do not know Christ because they too are His sheep. But it is important to understand the nature of mission.

Being missionaries for Christ does not mean simply undertaking what we like to do. In other words, we must be sent. We do not send ourselves! This is the mistake of many who involved in ministry, including priests and religious. We choose what we like to do and what ministries we enjoy doing. Those tasks that we do not like, we won't do. We think ministry is a hobby, a part-time distraction, a leisure activity. **On the contrary, mission is a very serious business. It is not a matter of what we like to do but of being called and sent for the work of God.** When we pick and choose what ministry we like to be involved in, we are serving ourselves, not God or the Church. It is fulfilling our personal interests and desires; not responding to the call of God. That is why although many of us claim to be working for God and are involved in the mission of the Church, we are in truth practicing private ministry. We are doing our own thing. There is no commitment. When things get difficult, we leave.

This was the case for John Mark, the deserter. We read that "Paul and his friends went by sea from Paphos to Perga in Pamphylia where John left them to go back to Jerusalem." For whatever reason, he did not see through the mission that he was appointed to do. Scholars suggest that perhaps he was afraid of the challenges of the precarious journey, or he could be missing his mother, or unhappy that his cousin, Barnabas, handed over the leadership to Paul. Regardless, John Mark acted on his own impulse. It was not from the Lord. And this is the way most of us in ministry conduct ourselves. If things are to our liking, we will serve. If things are not, we abandon ship.

Hence, we need to assert that the origin of mission is that we are called and sent. When we pick and choose what ministry we like to be involved in, we are serving ourselves, not God or the Church. To be sent means to submit to a higher authority. Obedience is the corollary of being sent. "After he had washed the feet of his disciples, Jesus said to them: 'I tell you most solemnly, no servant is greater than his master, no messenger is greater than the man who sent him.'" Jesus made it clear that he was sent. Because he was sent, he was obedient unto death. "Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." (Hebrews 5:8f) And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:8) Only through obedience and respect for the appointed leaders, can we be sure that we are doing God's will and His mission, not our own. If we do that, we will be fruitful in our mission.

Say a Prayer for members of our parish communities and non members who are experiencing or will be experiencing health issues and other concerns. No need to elaborate on the issue, but please forward their names to our bulletin email address. The one important request is that permission to print in the bulletin **must** be received from the person(s). This will be the responsibility of the person submitting the information. Fr. Joe had mentioned in one of his sermons that we should live our faith not just on Sundays but throughout the week. What better way to support our parish family than to Say a Prayer!



- ❖ Carole Armstrong Swain (Dorene Rosmus' cousin)
- ❖ Members of our parish communities who are experiencing difficulties

ST. MICHAEL'S

Altar Server Schedule

May 14: Daniel Zubricki, Fiona Kotzer and Myah Lessard
May 21: Hannah & Noah Meadows
May 28: Riley Kotzer & Madeline Duval
June 4: Daniel & Joe Zubricki
June 11: Hannah & Noah Meadows
June 18: Brodie Kotzer and Myah Lessard
June 25: Grace and Fiona Kotzer

The Administration Board is seeking a few **volunteers** that are able to **respond to emergencies at the church** (eg, basement flooding). People that are home during the week will be particularly helpful. Please let Tamara Burnham know if you're available to assist.

Fellowship Sunday: Our next Fellowship Sunday is May 21, 2017. Everyone is welcomed!

Springfield Food Bank - Thanks again from the staff at the Food Bank for our generous donation of 150 pounds, collected in just three weeks, which was delivered on Monday. Our next target date for donations is May 21. Any food donations are appreciated but the greatest need is for cereals, noodles, spaghetti sauce and canned tuna. Thanks, Al Compton



Please welcome into our Christian community Benjamin David Bruce. May God's love and peace be with you, your parents and families.

Sunday School Co-ordinator required. - Lise Shumsky has advised us that this will be her last year as our Sunday School Co-ordinator. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her work and dedication to the program. We are now looking for a new co-ordinator to take on the position of our Sunday School Co-ordinator. The new co-ordinator will take over the position for the new school year in September 2017. We will be having a meeting **after mass on Sunday May 7th 2017** and we invite all parents and Sunday school teachers to attend so we can discuss the opening and look for a new co-ordinator.

St. JOHN PAUL II

Thank you to all who joined in the Vision and Planning session held on April 29th. We had a fruitful and inspirational day, all leading to a soon to be revealed vision and mission statement for our church.

Appreciation is overdue to a dedicated and faithful member, Ray Neumann, for his commitment to maintaining our audio system in the church. We depend on Ray for the music before mass, for ensuring that the microphones are set right and that we have microphones available for all events that require it. Thank you, Ray!

Pat A. and Pat A. will arrive at church on Sat. May 13th with their vehicles laden with 31 flower baskets. Thank you to everyone who purchased baskets and/or gift certificates. Again, we surpassed the previous year's orders. Also, thank you to Anne & Karl Gohl, Gerry Taylor, Adelina Wilkinson, and Larry Allard their donations towards purchasing flowers for our planters outside the church. We look forward to planting and enjoying them in the very near future.

Our **Annual Pig Roast** will be coming up quickly. Mark the date for **Sunday July 16th**. Details will be following soon. Our annual **Co-Op BBQ** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 20th** with the set up at 10:30 and selling starting at 11:00 a.m. If you are able to volunteer, please see Jane to sign up. Regardless, please stop by the Co-Op after 11 to purchase a ham bun, drink, and chips in support of our church.

There are changes to our recycling program. Pop tins are still being collected, but will now be dropped off at the church. We really appreciate the unending efforts and dedication by Joe Krupnik in collecting the tins. He did outstanding work in this area, but will no longer be able to continue doing so. We have someone who is taking on this task, but could use assistance. If you are able to help, please speak to a board member. Joe, we will certainly miss your involvement along with the instructions of, "just throw it over the fence!" Thank you, Joe!

St. John Paul II has a membership number with the **Red River Co-op**. If anyone wants to donate their fuel purchases, our number is **500286**.

Our next Board meeting is **Thursday, June 1st** at 7:15 p.m.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors in our church community and invite you to register and join our parish. You can do this by completing the form on the back page of the bulletin and leaving it either with a greeter at the door or place it in the offertory basket. We are happy to have you be a part of our church community and to share our spiritual journey together.

SACRED HEART

St. Michael's CWL

Perogies are for sale - \$5/dozen. Please see Carmen Dudek, Fern Kotello, Alice Tetrault or MaryAnn Victoruk

CWL Sunday - Marleen Bell and Trudy Simard will be asking CWL members before mass every third Sunday of the month, which is also Fellowship Sunday, to help with collection, ushering during communion and bringing up the gifts. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church as well.

St. Michael's CWL is accepting applications for the **2017 bursary**. Eligible applicants are those completing grade 12 and continuing in post secondary education, who attend and are active in St. Michael's. Applications available from Lorraine Dobell 204-444-4014. Deadline for applications is Sunday, June 4.

Social Action - Development & Peace

Concert!!

To celebrate the 50 Anniversary of Development and Peace the 3 Manitoba D&P councils (Winnipeg, St Boniface Anglophone and St Boniface Francophone) are hosting an exciting concert for all of our friends and family. This concert is open to all ages and the ticket prices are graded so that everyone can attend. It will take place on

Saturday May 27th at 8 PM at the West End Cultural Centre.

The groups featured are:

***The Bahatizz**- a group of four exuberant sisters from the Congo. Their music is one part African, one-part R'n'B and one part Pop

***Trio Bembe** is a professional Latin Jazz Trio fusing many Latin and African influences

***Marco Castillo and the Brazillian Beats** performing the music of Brazil where some of D&P longest and most influential partners come from.

We invite you to pass on this information to your friends and family. Tickets are available on line at <http://50yearssolidarity.eventbrite.ca> , at the West End Cultural Centre or at the Manitoba Animator's office 151 avenue de la Cathedrale [204-231-2848](tel:204-231-2848)

If you require more info please call Liz @ [204-444-3247](tel:204-444-3247)

Hope to see you there! It will be a great concert!!

Please remember our local Food Bank....donations gratefully accepted

Spring Cleaning???

Please remember the Centre Flavie -Laurent when you are going through closets and cupboards. They accept all household articles including furniture as well as clothing. These goods are distributed to the most needy in the community and all donations are greatly appreciated. They are located at 450 Provencher Ave

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"**Polski Czat**" is taking a spring/summer break. Thanks to all who have made this class so much fun. We looking forward to starting up again on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month beginning September 18th.

New members are always welcome!

The **Men's Group "Reviving The Past"** has started every Thursday at 10 AM.

Join us for a fun day of planning, repairing , restoring and "deep" discussion!! New comers welcome!!

"Spring Into Summer" Museum Tea

Sunday June 4th from 2- 4 PM

Delicious "English Cream Tea", lovely outdoor surroundings, come out and wear your favorite hat!!

Upcoming Events

Fellowship Sunday - St. Michael's - May 21 after mass

Board meeting - St. John Paul II - Thursday, June 1st at 7:15 p.m.

Community Announcement: A reunion is being planned for all those who attended Melrose or Zora School. The reunion will be held on July 7, 2018. If you are interested please email your contact info to Debbie at ddutkewich@hotmail.com and feel free to pass on this info to other who may be interested.

The **Manitoba Passion Play** is celebrating their 18th year of production. The venue is located in the Pembina Valley (La Riviere, specifically) on the first two weekends of July after Canada Day (July 8 & 9 and July 14-16). Visit <http://www.passionplay.ca/> for more info.

<p><i>Complete Family Hair Care Centre</i></p> <p>777 Cedar Ave. at Main St. Box 360 Oakbank, MB R0E 1J0 Phone (204) 444-4343</p> 	<p>Advertise in the Bulletin!</p> <p>Please contact Shauna Zinnick (szinnick@mymts.net) for further information.</p>
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We extend a warm welcome to new members of our community! If you would like to join our parish family, please complete the registration form below and place in the collection basket during offertory. Thank-you!

REGISTRATION or CHANGE FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Registering with:

- St. Michael's Parish Cooks Creek or
- Sacred Heart Parish Garson or
- St. John Paul II Catholic Community

In need of Sunday Envelopes? (please circle) YES NO
This is a (please circle) NEW or CHANGE of address.

