



## 4th Sunday of Lent

**MONDAY, Mar 15, 2010 - Ferial**

**12:10 pm** - † Alfonso Alcuítas  
- Pauline Arquillano

**TUESDAY, Mar 16, 2010 - Ferial**

**12:10 pm** - † Vinko Paulic  
- Vicki

**WEDNESDAY, Mar 17, 2010 - Ferial**

**12:10 pm** - † Gabriella  
- Teberah

**THURSDAY, Mar 18, 2010 - Ferial**

**12:10 pm** - † Victor Stepanuik  
- Family



- Paul Mathias Dubois

**FRIDAY, Mar 19, 2010 - Solemnity**

- **St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**12:10 pm** - † Puring Villanueva  
- Children



- A.M. (Tonie) MacDonald

**SATURDAY, Mar 20, 2010 - Ferial**

**5:00 pm** - † Henryka Jonca  
- Madeline Kohut & Christina Jachnowiec

**SUNDAY, Mar 21, 2009**

**9:30 am** - Holy Mass  
**11:30 am** - Holy Mass



*Remembered on the Tree of Life*

*"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"*  
*Luke 15:21-22a, 23b-24a*

**The 23rd Annual Good Friday Public Way of the Cross**

Good Friday, April 2nd, 2010 at 9:00 AM at Holy Ghost Parish  
341 Selkirk Avenue (between Main St and Salter St).

Come and be part of the prayers and reflections, depicting Jesus' act of love where "He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" that leads to Resurrection and life everlasting.

For more info contact Fr. Mieczyslaw @ 582-4157ext 224

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg & Holy Ghost Parish.

Like last week's account of Moses and the burning bush, this Sunday's Gospel is another familiar Bible story. Various titles of the prodigal son or the forgiving father, it has been the subject of countless stained glass windows, artistic masterpieces that hang in museums, and children's crayon renditions. While we commonly know this account as the parable of the prodigal son, because of the younger son's spendthrift ways, I once heard a preacher turn the meaning on its ear. He talked about how we should really call this the story of the prodigal father, since he is the one who lavishes everything on his two sons. The younger one gets his half of the inheritance early, then, when he returns, he gets robes, rings, the fatted calf, and a feast. Subsequently, the father promises to the older son that everything he has is his. Dad is indeed lavish, that is, prodigal, with all he has.

We interpret the father in the parable as a stand in for God. He is that loving father who welcomes us back when we sin. But how often have we reflected on the extravagance of God's love? Though our God is a just God, this parable reminds us that God also puts justice aside so that we can know his eternal mercy. Certainly those who are the greatest sinners, and who have returned to the Lord, are the most aware of God's unending love. But just like the father in the parable, God wants us all.

Maybe a little Lenten project for us regular churchgoers would be to search the depths of our hearts and discover in what ways everything that the Father has is ours. The elder son wasn't aware of his blessings, even though they were always his. In what ways has God blessed us?

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**Lectors** - **Group 3** will read next weekend,  
March 21, 2010.  
2010 Group lists are available in the Sacristy.

**Readings for the Week  
of March 14, 2010**

**Sunday:** Joshua 5:9a, 10-12  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Monday:** Isaiah 65:17-21/John 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12/John 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 49:8-15/John 5:16-30

**Thursday:** Exodus 32:7-14/John 5:31-47++

**Friday:** 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Saturday:** Jeremiah 11:18-20/John 7:40-53

**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 43:16-21/Philippians 3:8-14  
John 8:1-11

### Stewardship - Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Christian disciple is a steward who is prayerful, persistent, patient, and strives to joyfully and generously live out the personal vocation to which God calls him or her. These characteristics are most valuable in our own prodigal stories. At times we may stumble and wander away from God. When we do, we find hope in today's Gospel. Through our patience, perseverance, and above all prayer, we can return to the Father trusting in His forgiveness.

The Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, [www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca)

#### St. Benedict's Lenten Programs

-Blessed Work! This month's topic for the Contemplative Living Series; led by Marie Baker, OSB

Wed, March 17, 9:30-3. \$35 includes lunch

-Contemplative Outreach's Annual United in Prayer Day

Sat. March 27, 9:30-3:30 Bring bag lunch, refreshments & snacks provided. \$15 to help defray cost of resource material.

-Centering Prayer, Deepening Retreat weekend experience, March 19-21.

-Engaging the Paschal Mystery Today, Mon. March 29- April 4 with Diarmuid O'Murchu. Room for commuters only.

For more information on all our programs visit [www.stbens.ca](http://www.stbens.ca) or call 204-339-1705

#### St. Mary's Cathedral Catholic Women's League

will present certificates of appreciation  
Sunday, March 14, 2010  
after 11:30 am mass in the parish hall



#### St. Mary's Cathedral Knights of Columbus

will hold their monthly Council meeting  
on Tuesday March 16



#### What's New & Upcoming

**Mar 14** RCIA - 11:00 am in the RCIA classroom

**Mar 14** CWL Appreciation after 11:30 am mass

**Mar 16** Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm in d'Youville hall

**Mar 17** Little Rock Scripture Study - 1:00 pm & 7:30 pm

**Mar 21** Solidarity Sunday, Share Lent Collection for D & P

**Mar 21** RCIA - 11:00 am in the RCIA classroom

**Mar 24** Little Rock Scripture Study - 1:00 pm & 7:30 pm

**Mar 25** Lenten Penance Service - 7:00 pm

**Mar 29** Chrism Mass - 7:00 pm - **NO NOON MASS**

Our Condolences  
to the family and friends  
Of  
Federico Gengco Galang  
whose funeral mass was held  
at the Cathedral  
on Wednesday, Feb 24, 2009

#### Stewardship....for Life!

**Total offering for the week ended : Mar 07, 2010:**

Weekday collections	\$ 711.24
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 5,235.14
Loose	\$ 1,066.83
Votives	\$ 391.42
PAR/PAD Contributions	\$ 479.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,884.42</b>

**Capital Campaign for Mar 07, 2010:**

Actual collection	\$ 1,675.00
PAR/PAD Contributions	\$ 70.80
Budget per week	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 254.20</b>

#### AGAPE TABLE

The item for March is: Strawberry Jam  
Items may be placed in the container in the sacristy.

#### Lenten Penance Services

**Tue, Mar 16 - 7:00 pm** Portage La Prairie & St. Anne

**Thu, Mar 18 - 7:00 pm** Paul the Apostle

**Tue, Mar 23 - 7:00 pm** St. Charles

**Wed, Mar 24 - 6:30 pm** St. Edward

**Thu, Mar 25 - 10:00 am** Blessed John XXIII

**Thu, Mar 25 - 7:00 pm** St. Mary's Cathedral

**Fri, Mar 26 - 5:00 pm/7:00 pm** St. Patrick's

#### LECTORS - All lectors in groups 1, 2 and 3

When the parish has Elect to be baptized at Easter, the readings for the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent are taken from the *A cycle*. *These A cycle readings will be used at all Masses for the three Sundays.* You will find these readings immediately following the regular readings in the Workbook for Lectors.

#### UPCOMING EASTER SEASON SERVICES

**Monday, Mar 29 - NO NOON MASS**

7:00 pm - **Chrism Mass**

**Holy Thursday, Apr 01 - NO NOON MASS**

7:30 pm - **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

11:00 pm - **Night Prayer**

Adoration until 11:30 pm

(the Cathedral will be closed after night prayer)

**Good Friday, Apr 02 - NO MASS**

3:00 pm - **The Lord's Passion**

**Holy Saturday, Apr 03**

11:00 am - **Blessing of the Easter Food**

8:30 pm - **Easter Vigil**

**Easter Sunday, Apr 04**

9:30 am & 11:30 am - **Easter Mass**

The Cathedral and Office will be **CLOSED** Apr 05