

Consider joining a parish small group Bible Study
*The Lord has hidden many treasures in his word so that each of us
 is enriched as we meditate on it. ~ St. Ephraim*

The Bible is at the heart of everything we do and believe as Catholics. Come join with other parishioners in small Bible study groups and learn the riches of our faith. For further information, contact Judy at cat-trjb@yahoo.ca or leave your contact information at the parish office.



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Search for podcast on iTunes “Fr. Young”:



Parish Pastoral Care Ministry

We hold in our hearts and prayers all parishioners who are afflicted with various illnesses. Please contact Dianna Knaus 306- 382-0535 for Communion at home or a visit. You may also speak to or call Fr. Young if you are in need of the Anointing of the Sick.

PRAYER CHAIN. Prayer chain is a group of people that will pray for those who what to be or have someone they want prayed for. If you would like to be one that prays or wants to have a prayer in this way please phone June Rivard phone 306 373-4938 or email: junerivard@sasktel.net

CWL PRAYER BASKET Please feel free to write a *specified request* and place it in the basket for someone to pray for your intention. We should respond to others’ plea in time of need. We believe in the power of prayer and we should pray always and for all.

Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.” (Mt 9:38).

FAMILY VOCATION PRAYER PROGRAM

Every household is encouraged to welcome the chalice and statue of St. Bernadette for a week of praying for vocations: for priests, brothers and sisters (the box is given out during the Prayer for Vocations). Please sign-up ahead of

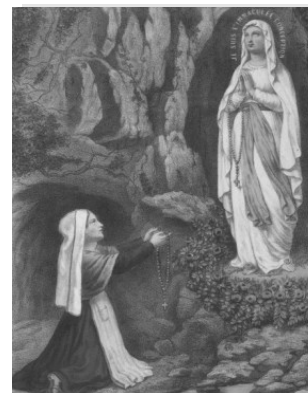


time on the sheet(s) located on the back table.

MINISTRIES AT MASSES

Please check-in with Lynn when you arrive. Thanks.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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7TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME — 23 FEBRUARY 2020

Today’s readings explain why Christians are expected to be holy and how we are meant to become holy Saints. The first and second readings give us reasons why we should be holy, and the Gospel describes four methods of becoming holy people prescribed for us by Jesus. : The first reading, taken from the book of Leviticus, teaches us that we should be holy because it is the command given to us by God through Moses: “Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy.” It also shows us the way to share in God’s holiness: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” In the second reading, St. Paul gives us an additional reason to be holy. We are to keep our bodies and souls holy because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit lives in us. In the Gospel passages taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us four methods of becoming holy as God is holy.

The first method is to abstain from all forms of retaliation. Jesus discards even the milder form of retaliation developed by Hammurabi in ancient Babylon and passed on to Israel through Moses. The policy was one of limited, proportional retaliation: “an eye for an eye, a tooth for tooth,” rather than allowing unlimited vengeance. In place of this limited, proportional retaliation, Jesus gives his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and no retaliation. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life, even though graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength, discipline of character, and strengthening by God’s grace. us. We are commanded to love our enemies as Jesus loves us, with agápe love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them as he did for us. The method of becoming holy as God is holy is to seal our determination to forgive our enemies by sincerely praying for their spiritual and physical welfare and for the grace needed for their conversion and renewal of life. Thus, today’s Scripture readings challenge us to become holy as our God is holy by loving, forgiving, and blessing others, even our enemies with graceful and magnanimous love, as our Holy God does.

~ In Christ with Mary, Fr. G.Young

OUR MASSES THIS WEEK

Contact Office or Pastor to Request Mass Intentions

Tuesday (Feb 25) (7pm) — Ferial (S. Serblowski Int.)

Wednesday (Feb 26) (7pm) — **Ash Wednesday** (S. Serblowski Int.)

Friday (Feb 28) (11am Luther Care Home) — Friday of Lent (Int. Mark McAvoy†)

Saturday (Feb 29) (5pm) — **1st Sunday Lent** (S. Serblowski Int.)

Sunday (Feb 30) (10:30am) — **1st Sunday Lent** (Int. *Pro Populo*)

Confessions available 30mins. before every Mass.

N.B. There are no Thursday or Friday Evening Masses unless otherwise indicated.

PARISH YOUTH SKI TRIP

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is partnering with Pure Witness Ministries this year to put on our **Annual Ski/Snowboard Trip to Table Mountain**

Ski Resort on Sunday, March 8th

We will be leaving from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at **7:00 am**.

Please meet at **6:30 am** so we can get loaded onto the bus.

We will be returning to the church at about **7:00 pm**.

Lunch and supper are not provided. There is a cafeteria at the hill to buy food or you can bring your own food.

Because a Ski Trip (and the bus trip there and back!) is such an awesome way to enjoy great Christian fellowship and partake of God's winter wonderland together,

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish has offered to cover the cost of the bus.

Thank you, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, for supporting our youth!

That means that you need only pay for your lift ticket and rentals as needed.

There is only room for 52 people on the bus, so sign up quickly to secure your spot!

Registration is open to all ages. Parents are welcome to attend and come have fun with your kids.

Children 10 and under need to be accompanied by a parent.

To register please go to www.purewitness.com/event/ski-snowboard-trip/

If you have any questions, please email, text or call Christine Pashula:

Email: christine.pashula@purewitness.com Phone: (639) 317-4380

Our Lady Of Lourdes CWL will meet on Tuesday Feb.25 at 5:15PM for a Shrove Tuesday Supper. Meeting and 7:00 Mass will follow. We will discuss a different way to fast during lent, donating to CNEWA and how to combat the winter blues.

All ladies are invited.

Everything will be provided-just show up!

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent 7pm



Adult Faith &
Sacramental Preparation
RCIA

A New Year...A new night:

TUESDAYS 7:30PM

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

Please contact Fr. Geoffrey or the parish office to register for RCIA. Please call (639-471-3246) to register and confirm further details. The RCIA program for those preparing for the Sacraments & Full Communion with the Catholic Church. The sessions have begun but you are free to join at any time this year. Also if you are interested in being a sponsor, family prayer partner, or to assist with the RCIA team in any way.

OUR PARISH FOOD
COLLECTION— FAST4FOOD

We are in need of non perishable food donations for those in need . Furthermore, we as a parish assist those with shopping for other essential items—so please consider making a monetary donation.

These can be included in an envelope in the collection or delivered directly to the office. **Please mark "Parish Food Program"** and we are able to take care of shopping assistance for some parishioners in need. Also if one is wondering what food item to donate in any week, to call **Maxy at (306) 341-3333 before Saturday of each week.** Charitable receipts granted.

YOUTH GROUP
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
YOUTH GROUP AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Calling all Youth! The Lord wants you to come and join the youth of our parish on:

Monday nights 7-8:30pm

Junior Youth ages 3-10 — Senior Youth ages 11 and up. Be a part of our youth group evenings of fellowship, fun and foundations in music. Do you need to be a singer to join? Absolutely not! Do you need to be willing to learn and have fun? Absolutely!

Come join us
for our Youth Group evenings

at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

For any questions please call Danielle Mase 306-227-1304

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PROGRAM

Pick up the questions and answers and form sheet on the Church bulletin board. Please ask the parish office if you have questions.

~ May God bless you and our Parish family ~

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

January 2020: \$16,549.40)

(January 2019: \$12,281.80)

A 5% donation of the January 2019 collection will be made to Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre: \$827.47

BUILDING FUND

January 2020: \$795.00

(January 2019: \$305.00)

PLEASE NOTE:

2020 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Any envelopes not pick-up yet will now be in the parish office Please just ask and we will get them for you.

Thank you God Bless

Bishop's Annual Appeal
Our Lady of Lourdes

Goal: \$37,615. So far we have had
The **BAA collection for our Parish as of Dec. 12 is \$70,175.**

~In Christ, Fr. G. Young

Thanks and blessings for your generosity!

5% PARISH DONATION

Each month Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will commit to donate 5% of our collections to a different worthy charitable cause which is keeping with our Catholic social teaching and mission. This month's 5% pledge will go to the **Friendship Inn** where vulnerable people find safe sanctuary: a community centre that evolved from a soup kitchen founded at the heart of our city in 1969 by the Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon. Today it provides the largest free meal service in Saskatoon, and a range of programs and services to meet the growing needs of individuals and families experiencing poverty.