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~ Archdiocese of Saint Boniface ~

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 23rd, 2025.

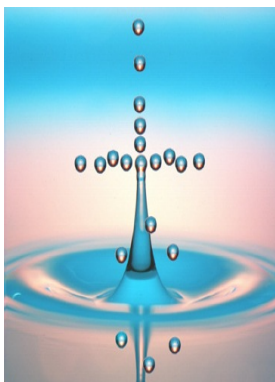
Our Prayerful Examination...

Where are we parched...blinded...deadened...

The Church began its new liturgical year back in November with the Season of Advent, and on this Pilgrim journey, the Church has been hearing and listening to the proclamation of the scripture Readings of Year "C". On these next three Sundays of Lent - the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays - the Church is given the option to celebrate what are called the "**Scrutinies**", choosing to hear and listen to the prescribed Readings of the Church's Year "A", in order to stand in solidarity with the "**Elect**" (those preparing for Baptism and Confirmation at Easter).

This year, our Parish of CTK is choosing the Year "A" option of the Scrutinies. There are two "**Elect**" who are journeying in the faith formation process called *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)* toward Baptism, and Confirmation, and reception of the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. There are also two baptized "**Candidates**" with the desire to be Confirmed in the RC church through anointing with Sacred Chrism in the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, also at the Easter Vigil. They will all then be fully initiated in the Church, and their life of service and discipleship with Christ officially and joyfully begins!

The Scrutinies on these three particular lenten Sundays are rites for self-searching and repentance. This is a time of intense spiritual preparation, consisting more of interior reflection than catechetical instruction, and is intended to purify the minds and hearts of the Elect as they search their own consciences, as well as enlighten them with a deeper knowledge and love of Christ. This period of purification and enlightenment for our Elect always coincides with Lent. The reminder of Baptism - or the preparation of its reception (for those who are not yet baptized) - as well as the theme of repentance, strengthens the entire community as we all prepare for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. The celebration of these *Scrutinies* in particular helps bring about this process. They are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, and sinful in the hearts of the Elect,



and to bring out, and strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. The Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the Elect from the power of sin and the evil one, to protect them from temptation, and to give them strength in Christ. These rites complete the conversion of the Elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ, and to carry out their decision to love God above all. And because the entire baptized community will renew its baptismal promises at Easter, we too scrutinize and examine our lives in light of God's word and grace. Of course, this is something we should be doing throughout the year, but we focus on this self-examination in a special way during Lent.

On these next three Scrutiny Sundays, the proclamations of the Gospel are from the Gospel of John, and focus on sin and redemption. We will hear and listen to the stories of:

- + The 1st Scrutiny: the *Samaritan Woman* whom Jesus meets and dialogues with at Jacob's well, using the images of thirst and water...
- + The 2nd Scrutiny: the *Man Born Blind* whom Jesus heals and restores his sight, using the images of darkness and light...
- + The 3rd Scrutiny: the *Raising of Lazarus* from the dead, using the images of death and life.

These readings have been used for centuries to prepare the Elect for Baptism, and strengthen the baptized Church in their recommitment to their Baptismal promises. Let us hold the Elect in our prayer as they come closer to uniting with the Church in the Paschal Mystery at the Solemn Easter Vigil. Let us also prayerfully examine ourselves through these Scrutinies, and come to know how we have become parched, how we have been blinded, how we have become deadened through sin.

LENTEN PENANCE EVENING at CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

Thursday, March 27th at 7:00pm

Parishioners & Friends, during this Lenten Season,
come to receive the mercy and forgiveness, healing and peace
that the Lord Jesus generously offers us in the celebration of the
Sacrament of Penance (Confession).



"Jubilee is a time to rediscover God's mercy and renew our commitment to His love." ~ Pope Francis



Along our continuing lenten journey as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year 2025, we ask you, O Lord, to help us to hope, to scrutinize and examine ourselves with honesty and truth. Strengthen us, and give us the courage to always reject evil, and lead us away from all temptation.

Thank you All for uniting your voices together to pray the special Jubilee prayer, found in your pews. God is Good!

In our humanity, we crave and require nourishment and water. In our share of divinity, our souls yearn and need God. Our spirits yearn to be connected with God's Spirit - to be at one with God. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we celebrate this First Scrutiny with our Elect. Our scriptures focus on individuals whose thirst was quenched by God. God shares with us, too, and quenches our thirst.

FIRST READING (Exodus 17:3-7) ~ On their exodus into the unknown desert, the faith of the Hebrew people wavers and they criticize and complain that God has abandoned them. With the power of God and in the sight of his people, Moses draws water from the rock. The peoples' thirst is quenched by God's deep compassion.

SECOND READING (Romans 5:1-2,5-8) ~ The ultimate revelation of God's love for us is the state of grace won for us by Jesus Christ. In pouring the water of salvation into our hearts through Holy Spirit, even while we are still sinners, God expresses immense and generous love for us.



GOSPEL (John 4:5-15,19-26,39a,40-42) ~ In the heat of the noonday sun, Jesus meets a Samaritan Woman at the well. With gentle patience, Jesus guides her in a dialogue of truth about living water, and she is gradually transformed by her encounter with Jesus, the Messiah. Her life is changed forever, and her witness brings others to faith.

In this Gospel encounter, it is important to consider and understand the challenges and social norms of the day:

> Samaria was an area within Palestine. Its people were racially mixed and practiced a religion that had resulted from an attempted blending of Jewish and pagan beliefs.

> Jews did not associate with Samaritans. They so despised them that they would even go miles out of their way so as to not cross Samaria; they would never use a dish that a Samaritan had used.

> The prejudices of the day prohibited public conversation between men and women, between Jews and Samaritans, and especially between strangers.

> A Jewish Rabbi would never teach matters of religion to a woman.

Jesus the Messiah is certainly not like most people. He loves each person where they are at, wisely sees into each heart, gently inspires their faith, waits patiently, and acts in love and mercy, to bring about transformation.

Parish Schedule

Saturday, March 22nd, 2025 Vigil of the Second Sunday of LENT

1-3pm First Penance Retreat

4pm Mass ~ For Deceased Brother Knights+. By CTK Knights

Sunday, March 23rd Third Sunday of LENT

9am - 10:45am Catechism Classes.

9am Mass ~ For Muyiwa Oyeku+. By the Chira Family

11am Mass w/ children ~ For the needs & intentions of all People.

Monday, Mar. 24th Weekday in Ordinary Time

No Mass in our Parish on Mondays.

Rosary is prayed at 9:30am Tuesday to Friday, followed by 10am morning Mass. Fr. Chrys is also available to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) immediately after morning Mass - Tuesday to Friday.

Tuesday, Mar. 25th Annunciation of the Lord

10am Mass ~ For Mom Maxima Gallardo+.

By her daughter, Emma Gallardo

Wednesday, Mar. 26th Weekday of LENT

9:30am Rosary

10am Mass ~ For those suffering with cancer. By Cathy Topp

11:30am Funeral Mass - Elizabeth Smale+.

6:30-8:30pm Lenten Retreat: *Horizons for Hope* - in Lennox Hall

7pm Knights Executive Meeting

Thursday, Mar. 27th Weekday of LENT

10am Mass ~ For nephew Neil Morrison+.

By Auntie Florence & Beatrice

7pm Lenten Penance Evening (Confessions)

Friday, Mar. 28th Weekday of LENT

10am Mass ~ For Marlene Heck+. By Rena Parker & Family

7pm R.C.I.A. (Adult Faith Formation) Gathering

Saturday, Mar. 29th Vigil of Fourth Sunday of LENT

4pm Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all People.

Sunday, Mar. 30th Fourth Sunday of LENT

9am - 10:45am Catechism Classes

9am Mass ~ For Adeola Oluwole+. By the Chira Family

11am Mass ~ In Thanksgiving for safe travels.

By Joy Anyiaka & Family

May we unite our hearts together in prayer for:

Jean, B. John, Harold Abs, Bernie Bourret, Lise Daley, Orval Everett, Helena Facto, Lynne Funk, Lisa Hackett, Manfred Hirschfeld, Catherine Holmes, Catherine Hyska, Ed Labossiere, Lois Lecuyer, Olga & Walter Majola, Helene McShane, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleile, Eamonn O'Reilly, Charlene Ottenbreit, Pamela Rebello, Rose Rogers, Inez Rowson, Arlette Schamber, Joel Stone, Priyantha Subasinghe, Makenna Stratton, Marcel Verdonck, Marie Viallet... for all the suffering who seek healing and comfort in body, mind or spirit... for a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness among all peoples and nations... for peace and effective communication between all government leaders... for forgiveness and reconciliation in relationships... for Youth and Young Adults to grow in faith and integrity... for improved health for Pope Francis... for all the Elect preparing for Baptism at Easter Vigil...

Our sincere condolences, thoughts & prayers for Teresa & John Deniset, their family & friends grieving the death of Teresa's Mom, Elizabeth Smale. † The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, Mar. 26th @ 11:30am.

You are invited to visit CTK Parish Website & Facebook

Page > www.cktp.ca

CTK School > www.cktschool.ca

St. Boniface Archdiocese > www.archsaintboniface.ca





Stations of the Cross ~ Fridays of Lent at 7pm in CTK Church. All Parishioners & Friends are welcome to come to pray together!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (C.W.L.)

1/ **Collection of Toiletries** - Bars of soap, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste & soft toothbrushes, hand cream, etc. are being graciously accepted and gathered together to drop off at *Street Links of St. Boniface*, a resource for the homeless and those living in encampments. Label any bags with **"CWL"**, and place them on the counter at the parking lot entrance. Thank you!

2/ **The St. Boniface Diocesan Annual Convention** will be hosting by the Morden Council: Saturday, Apr. 26th. Guest Speaker will be Leah Perrault, *"Here I Am, Lord"*. A bus is available. Contact Yvette 204-255-4288 for details.

3/ **Solidarity Sunday Meal** ~ CWL Members will be preparing soups to be served to Parishioners & Friends. Come downstairs in Lennox Hall on Sunday, Apr. 6th after the 9am & 11am Mass times. Offerings welcome in support of D&P.

CTK KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS NEWS

- 1/ **Next Executive Meeting** ~ Tuesday, Mar. 26th @ 7pm.
- 2/ **ICCD ("Inter-Council Charity Drive")** for various prizes - first prize is a Car. Tickets are available for purchase from one of the Knights after Mass times. 3 tix for \$10.00.
- 3/ **Fish Dinner** - April 5th after 4pm Mass. Tickets \$20. each - available from one of the Knights.

Repentance = Turning Back

"Repentance is a lifetime of self-improvement." ~ Toba Beta

"It is better to repent, than be stubborn at heart in evil ways." ~ Lailah Gifty Akita



As we accompany one another in Lent, Christians are called to move away from being self-centered, self-sufficient, self-righteous and arrogant, and to reach out to others with a personal and compassionate response. Our response must acknowledge our continuing and urgent need for Jesus, and our need for community - the body of Christ. May we turn away from constantly thinking about our own wants, and turn back to the Lord, listening with our hearts full of love and a desire to serve Him in one another.

"The church is not a theological classroom. It is a conversion, confession, repentance, reconciliation, forgiveness and sanctification center, where flawed people place their faith in Christ, gather to know and love him better, and learn to love others as he designed." ~ Paul David Tripp

Sunday Collection Envelope Boxes ~ Thank you ! There are only 6 issued boxes of Sunday Collection envelopes remaining at the parking lot entrance. If you no longer want or need them, please inform the Parish Office.

Weekend Charitable Offerings

- Sunday Collection offering Envs. \$ 13,515.15
- Building (Blue box & pew envs.) \$ 168.00
- Easter Flowers \$ 195.00

Thank you for your kind offerings !

Attention Parents and Guardians: *We would like to preserve the safety of all children while they are in Christ the King Church. May we ask please, that parents and guardians maintain a vigilance and take responsibility for the safety of their child/children whether up in the balcony, around staircases, the vigil lights and the bathrooms. We know that children are naturally curious and spontaneous and do not want anything untoward to happen. A gracious thank you. Be safe !* ~ CTK Parish Pastoral Council

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT ~ Horizons of Hope: 4-week Palliative Care Program from CCCB ("Catholic Conference of Canadian Bishops"). This Retreat continues for 2 more Wednesdays. Thank you to the Team of organizers, facilitators, invisible helpers, Parishioners from neighboring Parishes and all CTK Parishioners for coming to participate and share in this Lenten Retreat.

Mark your calendars ! Parish Community Annual Meeting - ("PCAM") ~ Saturday, April 26th, downstairs in Lennox Hall, from 10am to 12:00noon, followed by lunch. The Theme/focus of our **PCAM** is: **The Business of the Church is the Mission of Christ**. All Parishioners are invited to attend. A **sign-up** sheet is available at the parking lot entrance. Sign-up now !

Our God makes all things possible, because, like Jesus, we too are God's beloved sons and daughters, in whom God is well pleased. Yes, there is always room for improvement, growth, and transformation, but we must remember that we are always enveloped into God's embrace as God's children.

Everyone needs compassion and yearns to be loved... everyone needs mercy... everyone needs acceptance and forgiveness... We all need to forgive, too. Jesus loves us unconditionally – he also calls us again, and again (and again) to holiness, repentance, mindfulness, service and love. In spite of the hardships, struggles and temptations we experience, may we continue to repent and hope in the Lord God, and believe with faith in his living water of glory. May our thoughts and words, actions and attitudes be transformed by God's grace, as we live as God's beloved daughters and sons. May our offerings of self and service be pleasing to God. May we drink deeply of the living water He offers us, and fearlessly witness to Christ Jesus as our Messiah every day on our journey, in companionship with the Lord Jesus and with one another.



Surviving Divorce: 12-Week Catholic Program for Separated or Divorced People ~ Tuesdays, April 1st to June 24th (no session during Holy Week) at the Archdiocesan Center of Saint-Boniface. Registration is required (deadline is Friday, Mar. 28th). Cost: \$50. Come to find comfort and guidance consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Register for the program here: <https://bit.ly/survivingdivorce2025> For more info, contact Marie at mfl@archsaintboniface.ca ; 204-594-0274 or Daniel at communications@archsaintboniface.ca ; 204-594-0277. See youtube trailer: Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family

"The heavens will not be filled with those who never made mistakes but with those who recognized that they were off course and who corrected their ways to get back in the light of gospel truth."

~ Dieter F. Uchtdorf

Let us trust with faith and hope in God's love, for all repentant, prodigal people are loved and welcomed with open arms.

Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, like the Samaritan Woman at the well, we also get thirsty, and sometimes, nothing seems to quench the thirst deep in our heart and soul. May we recognize that it is the Lord Jesus, our Messiah, that we are really needing and wanting in our lives. Let us seek and hope in the Lord, and drink of His living water in spirit and in truth.



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Christ the King School is still accepting applications for Junior Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year (must be 4 years old by December 2025). Go to their application website: <https://www.ctkschool.ca/ctk-application-20252026/> Junior Kindergarten receives a full tax receipt on fees for Income Tax for daycare.

Our Lenten "Fasts" are normally directed toward giving up a special food, coffee, or TV program or video game. There are many other creative, effective ways we can fast and ourselves, come to recognize our unhealthy habits, and ask Jesus for His living and healing water in our lives.

1/Fast from anger and hatred... Solemnly offer those people you have difficulty with an extra expression of love and God's blessings each day...

2/ Fast from judging others... before jumping in to judge in word, thought or deed, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults, our sin...

3/Fast from self-pity and being discouraged... Listen to the voice of Jesus, and hold onto His promise that he is walking with you, inspiring you.

4/Fast from complaining and criticizing... recall some of the little precious moments of joy Jesus has given you.

5/Fast from resentment and bitterness... Work on forgiving the people you feel have hurt you.

6/ Fast from overspending... think before you buy. Give those savings to the poor and needy.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH MISSION

Christ the King is a Roman Catholic Parish called to share generously our time, talents and treasures in the making of disciples of Christ.
(Matthew 28:18-20)



VISION

To be an inclusive and caring community of service where everyone is invited and welcomed to be nourished fully through word, witness and worship.

VALUES

Inviting, Welcoming and Outreach
Building Relationships
Faith and Worship
Compassion and Generosity

Faith Formation News

Sacramental Preparation Classes

> **First Penance Celebration** in the church Saturday, Apr. 5th from 12noon - 2pm.

Children, as you prepare to seek Jesus' forgiveness and healing for the first time in the **Sacrament of Penance**, may you know how much Jesus loves you and wants to bring peace and healing to your hearts. Don't be afraid or feel hopeless, or too proud or ashamed to seek Jesus' mercy and forgiveness often in this healing Sacrament.



Lenten Letters Program ~ Thank you for the prompt and willing response to the individuals who are participating in this special Program. God blesses you.

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> **Youth Group Meet-Up** ~ All Youth (12-18 yrs) are invited to c'mon out, and join the Group to grow together in faith, and build community. Watch the Bulletin for the next Meet-up date and news.



MASS with CHILDREN - This Sunday, Mar. 23rd at 11am Mass time Thank you to all Families, children, Parishioners & Friends who have come to celebrate and worship God at this special Mass. God loves and blesses you all!

Watch the Bulletin. Questions? Please email suzette@ctkp.ca or phone 431-373-0572.

God's love is perfectly free. It is not coerced by any of our good actions, nor can we lose it because of our bad actions. We are stuck with it and cannot increase – or decrease – God's love for us by anything we do or don't do.

This is God's "eternal covenant" with the soul. God does not love us because God has to; God loves us because God wants to. This frees us to simply receive that love, rather than feverishly try to make ourselves worthy of it. ~ On the Threshold of Transformation

In our daily dialogue-prayer with the Lord, let us drink deeply of Jesus, The living water. Let us allow His living water to bring healing, to weaken, rust, and break all our chains of sin, fear, and shame. Come, O Lord, to your people with your mercy and compassion.

