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~ Archdiocese of Saint Boniface ~

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Fourth Sunday of Lent - 2nd Scrutiny

March 30th, 2025.

Here's wishing Parishioners &
Friends born in the month of
MARCH

*a WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY and
a YEAR FILLED WITH GOD'S
ABUNDANT BLESSINGS !*

HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



*May our gracious God shine his
face upon you now, and forever !*

Love, Fr. Chrys

Open Our Eyes, O Lord

We embark into the fourth week of our Lenten Season, journeying with the Lord, in our particular and unique mystical deserts, silently but attentively listening for Holy Spirit's guidance and inspiration. Last weekend, we accompanied *The Elect* (those preparing for Baptism and full initiation at Easter Vigil) in the celebration of the First Scrutiny. Let us continue to hold them in prayer as they journey in intense inner reflection, spiritual preparation, and practices of lenten penance. May we also continue to return to God with faith and hope.

This weekend, through our scriptural encounter in the 2nd Scrutiny with the *Man Born Blind*, we are all urged to see with new vision... to see the truth clearly... to see through the eyes of the Lord of love ... and to proclaim our belief in the Lord God, and live as such. As the Light of the world, Jesus disperses the darkness and all shadows, offering us a new vision of ourselves as children of God... of others... of creation... of God... of life itself. Through Jesus the true Light, we are offered a positive new way of seeing life, death and resurrection – through the eyes of Love.

We are halfway into our lenten journey toward the celebration of the Paschal Mystery... if we haven't done too well in our lenten actions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, let us not give up, but in grace, return to the Lord. May God's grace rid us of all the negative thoughts, feelings, and perceptions -- the hurt, rejection, or insult, pride or scorn, embarrassment or lust for dominance, self-pity or self-importance... – which cause us to be blinded and judgmental. Let us discern and choose wisely, without judgement, self-righteousness, or the arrogance that we are without sin and failings, as some of the scribes and Pharisees showed us in the Gospel. Let us choose to return to the Lord, quietly opening the eyes of our heart to listen for the Lord's gentle voice in our blindness, allowing Him to heal our sight, and through Holy Spirit's power, give us insight, inspiration, and guidance into how He is calling us to live and love generously.

May we receive humbly the grace and courage to go and wash our spiritual eyes to see the truth, and come to proclaim "Lord, I believe!" Help us to see more clearly how you are calling us to Love and love.



Throughout the happenings of our daily lives, we see things from our own perspective and judgements. In the scripture messages today, Jesus invites and urges us to 'look-into-the-heart', see with new eyes, with a loving new vision - to see how Jesus sees - with infinite compassion and tender mercy.

FIRST READING (1Samuel 16:1b,6-7, 10-13) ~ The Lord sends Samuel to seek the anointed among the sons of Jesse of Bethlehem. The Lord God reminds Samuel to not see as mortals do, looking and judging by the outward appearance, but to see as the Lord sees, looking into the heart.

SECOND READING (Ephesians 5:8-14) ~ Paul urges the people to live as children of the light, producing the fruits of Jesus the light by living what is good and right and true.

GOSPEL (John 9:1-41) ~ The Man born blind encounters Jesus, and by listening and following the instructions given him by the Lord, he is healed with the gift of sight. In his response to the Pharisees' questions, the Man speaks the only truth he knows from his miraculous experience with the Lord, not wavering in his conviction. When he is driven away by the Elders, Jesus seeks him out and reveals His Divinity as the Messiah to the Man, who faithfully proclaims Jesus as the Son of Man, and he worships Jesus.



Penance = Merciful Healing

"In an interview with the Italian Magazine *Creder*, in December of 2015, Pope Francis was quoted as saying, "I am a sinner... I am sure of this. I am a sinner whom the Lord looked upon with mercy. I am, as I said to detainees in Bolivia, a forgiven man ... I still make mistakes and commit sins, and I confess every 15 to 20 days. And if I confess, it is because I need to feel that God's mercy is still upon me."

How blessed are we to have a loving God who seeks our hearts, and welcomes us back into a tender embrace. The Sacraments we celebrate are our outward public signs, which unite us as one body in Christ through our Baptism. Through the Sacrament of Penance, we are forgiven and reconciled with God through God's grace. We have peace and serenity in our heart and conscience, and receive the grace of spiritual consolation. We have to take that step to repent and respond, to trust in God's goodness, love and forgiveness. We have to choose and want to reconcile.

As *Pilgrims of Hope* in this Jubilee Year 2025, we ask you, O Lord, to help us scrutinize and examine the 'eyes' of our heart, our vision, viewpoint, and intention. We pray that we allow You to open the eyes of our heart to see as you see with honesty, truth and great love. Strengthen us, and give us the courage to always reject evil, and lead us away from all temptation.

As *faithful disciples of hope*, may we strive to do our best to choose to reject unloving thoughts and actions, temptations, and all evil, through the healing power of Holy Spirit, Who spiritually strengthens us with grace. We have all been called and chosen, not because of distinctions, achievements, family lineage, or personal attractiveness. God loves us as we are, and is calling us to deepened wholeness.



Parish Schedule

Saturday, March 29th, 2025 Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of LENT
4pm Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all People.

Sunday, March 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

School Children, have a fun, safe Spring Break !

Monday, Mar. 31st Weekday in Lent
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, Apr. 1st Weekday in Lent
10am Mass ~ For Albert+, Aida+, Leila+ & Mona+ Rahil.
By Reem Rahil Khazen

Wednesday, Apr. 2nd Weekday of LENT
9:30am Rosary
10am Mass ~ For June Madden+. By CTK C.W.L.
10:30am CWL Meeting - downstairs in St. Mary Room
6:30-8:30pm Lenten Retreat: Horizons for Hope - in Lennox Hall

Thursday, Apr. 3rd Weekday of LENT
10am Mass ~ For Deceased Members of the Carmi+, Rahil+, Saad+, & Zurub+ Families. By Reem Rahil Khazen

Friday, Apr. 4th Weekday of LENT
10am Mass & Anointing ~ For Cindy Deniset+.
By her sister-in-law Marguerite Lambert
7pm R.C.I.A. (Adult Faith Formation) Gathering

Saturday, Apr. 5th Vigil of Fifth Sunday of LENT
12noon First Penance Celebration
4pm Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all People.
5pm Fish Dinner (in the gym - tickets required).

Sunday, Apr. 6th Fifth Sunday of LENT
9am - 10:45am Catechism Classes
9am Mass ~ Birthday Blessings & In Thanksgiving for Uguna Family Members. By Gbubemi Uguna & Family
11am Mass ~ In Thanksgiving to Blessed Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel. By CTK C.W.L.
* D&P Solidarity Sunday - "Soup Meal" after each Mass today.

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...





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

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

1/ *A heartfelt Thank You* to all who supported the toiletry donations appeal. Members put together 30 packages - **Street Links** distributed them to very grateful people. The CWL will do this again in the future.

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 Soup Meal**, downstairs in Lennox Hall on Sunday, Apr. 6th after the 9am & 11am Mass times. This is the highlight of **Development & Peace's (D&P) Share Lent Campaign**. CWL Members will be preparing soups to be served to Parishioners & Friends. There are beige colored D&P envelopes available at the entrances of our church to enclose your offerings to give dignity and support to poor communities of the world / or donate online at www.devp.org

4/ **CWL Meeting** ~ Mark the meeting on your calendar for Wednesday, Apr. 2nd in Lennox Hall at 10:30am.

CTK KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS NEWS

1/ **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 tickets for \$10.00.

2/ **Fish Dinner** - Saturday, April 5th after 4pm Mass. Tickets \$20. each - available from one of the Knights.

As we enter into the Fourth week of our Lenten Season journey, let us make time in solitude to examine and scrutinize our outlook and standards, our priorities and life styles.



Our challenges, temptations and problems come from our own human, unhealthy egos - our compulsions and prejudices, our negative perceptions and super-sensitivities, our jealousies and envy, feelings of unworthiness, anxiety or rejection. This causes spiritual near-sightedness, and at times, we blow things out of proportion.

God's will should direct our efforts, not our human wants, selfishness, arrogance and pride. We are loved and God sees great potential in us ! Jesus offers us new life, and a new vision of life, death and resurrection. He came, and comes to share compassion, mercy and healing with us, and gifts us with Holy Spirit to help and guide us. God is always walking with us. We need to respond and be open to recognize and willingly unite our hearts with the Lord's will.

We repent and pray, O Lord, that you touch us with healing grace, opening our hearts to receive new sight, new vision, new attitudes, in order to see with new eyes and a loving heart.

Sunday Collection Envelope Boxes ~ Thank you ! There are only 5 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. \$2,558.75
- Building (Blue box & pew envs.) \$ 275.00
- Easter Flowers \$ 325.00

Thank you for your kind offerings !

Attention Parents & 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 and the vigil lights, in the washrooms, and in the parking lot. We know that children are naturally curious and spontaneous, and do not want anything untoward to happen to them. A gracious thank you.

~ CTK Parish Pastoral Council

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT ~ "Horizons of Hope" ~ This Retreat continues for one more Wednesday. Thank you to the Team of organizers, facilitators, invisible helpers, and the Parishioners from neighboring Parishes and all CTK Parishioners for coming to participate and sharing so openly and honestly 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 !

A Brief Overview of 2025 Palm Sunday & 2025 Holy Week & Triduum Schedule

PALM - PASSION SUNDAY - Apr. 12th & 13th
Gathering in the gym, we will listen to the first Gospel, and then we will process outside, (weather permitting) and enter into our church through the front doors, singing our Hosannas.



Usual Mass times: Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9am & 11am

NOTE: NO weekday morning Mass during Holy Week.

CHRISM MASS - Tuesday, Apr. 15th
 7:30pm Mass - *celebrated at St. Boniface Cathedral

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

+ Holy Thursday - April 17th at 7:00pm



+ Good Friday Service - April 18th at 3:00pm



[**Blessing of Easter Foods** - Holy Saturday - Apr. 19th at 1:00pm in the front narthex of the church.]

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 19th at 8:00pm
 (NOTE: NO 4pm Mass on Saturday, Apr. 19th)



EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday - April 20th - Usual Mass times
 9:00am Easter Sunday Mass
 11:00am Easter Sunday Mass



Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, we hear about the miracle Jesus graces the *Man Born Blind* with in the Scrutiny Gospel today. Sometimes, we behave like some of the Pharisees and scribes, and our sight is blurry and limited. We fail to be honest with ourselves; fail to see the truth. Through repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, may we grow closer our the Lord Jesus, and trust in his healing touch, giving us new sight.



ALMS BELIEVE BLIND BORN CLEANSE CLEARLY
 DARKNESS EYES FAST FOUND GO GRACE
 HEART HOPE KNOW LENT LIGHT MAN MUD
 OPENED PROVE PURE REVEAL SAVE SEE SEEK
 SIGNS SIGHT SINNER SON OF MAN THANKS
 TRUTH VIEW VISION WASH WORSHIP

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Christ the King School ~ Applications are still being accepted for Junior Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year (must be 4 years old by Dec. 2025). Go to their website: <https://www.ctkschool.ca/ctk-application-20252026/> Junior Kindergarten receives a full tax receipt on fees for Income Tax for daycare. Apply soon!

> **JOB OPP at CTK School** ~ Part-time French Teacher, with flexible schedule: 2025-26 School Year. Courses in Gr. 6-8 Basic French MB curriculum. Benefits included. Forward a resume with 3 professional references and clergy reference to: icarreiro@ctkschool.ca Ph. 204-257-0027 ext. 201.

> Mass w/ School - Tuesday, Apr. 29th at 10am.

We celebrate the second Scrutiny on this Fourth Sunday of Lent. This is a time of intense examination, scrutinizing and spiritual preparation for **The Elect**. Let us hold them in our prayer, asking the Lord Jesus our Messiah to shower them with grace, to enlighten their eyes and hearts through these rites for self-searching and repentance. May all that is weak, defective and sinful be uncovered, and then healed through grace, bringing out, and strengthening their sight, vision, insight, and all that is upright, strong, wise and good.

Through the celebration of The Scrutinies, may **The Elect** be delivered from the power of sin and the evil one, protect them from temptation, and give them strength in Christ. Let us also prayerfully examine ourselves on these Scrutiny Sundays, and come to know how we have become blinded and prejudiced through self-righteousness and sin.

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
 Next Saturday, Apr. 5th from 12noon - 2pm.
- > Our 16 children preparing for their



First Penance gathered together for their retreat this past weekend, for a time of prayer, reflection, and fun. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they seek God's forgiveness and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, Apr. 5th.

A big thank you to everyone who participated in our Mass with Children's last Sunday, Mar. 23rd. We appreciate the children's attentive care and hard work in their service and ministry. Our next Children's Mass will take place on Sunday, June 29th at 11 am Mass.

Thank you to the Youth who came out to our last Youth Night! Our next Meet-Up will be on Good Friday, Mar. 18th from 7-9pm. Join us in Lennox Hall for a time of reflection and prayer as we meditate on Jesus' Journey to the Sacred Cross.



Lenten Letters Program ~ Parishioners

participating in this special Program are invited to find your exchanged letters in the basket on the counter at the parking lot entrance. God blesses you.

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

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Women's Retreat ~ We are excited to announce that we will be having a WOMEN's RETREAT here at Christ the King on Tuesday, Apr. 29th from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. All women - parishioners and friends - 18 years and older are invited and welcome to take part. The theme of this Retreat is "*Siena: We are the Clay*". The evening will be based on St. Catherine of Siena's life and legacy and our role in the Church and the World as women. A sign-up sheet will be posted by the bulletin boards in a few weeks and stay tuned for more details!

You are invited to visit CTK Parish Website & Facebook Page >

www.ctkp.ca

CTK School > www.ctkschool.ca

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