



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday (inclusive), 8:30am –

1:00pm.

MASS TIMES: Saturday – 5:00pm; Sunday – 10:00am; Tue./Wed. – 7:00pm;

Thur./Fri. – 9:00am. Also at Mt. St. Francis: Wed. to Fri.: 11:00am.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 28, 2010.

COVENANT GOD

God and Abraham made a lasting covenant with bodies broken and eaten by God in bright fire. For us today all of the law and the prophets come to fulfillment in Moses and Elijah. They point to Jesus who shines as the key to our share in the covenant. By his broken body in the Eucharist we, too, will be transfigured. The divine fire nourishes and changes us into citizens of our homeland in heaven. We eat the Eucharistic Christ Jesus, who is our passport to Heaven. Do we dare take part? Second Sunday of Lent, Year C. Illustration © 2000 M. Erspamer, OSB. Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2000, OCP. All rights reserved.



SEASON OF LENT: Lent prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their baptism, and do penance in preparation for the greatest feast of the year. Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery. Lenten instructions and homilies stress these baptismal and penitential themes.

ST. MARY'S LENTEN MISSION: The Mission is just two weeks away. Have you decided to make it? Too busy? Heard it all before? You are beyond help because divorced? Remarried? Haven't been to church in years? These are excuses (not reasons) for avoiding the Mission. Weigh them well against the generous love of God who wants to speak to you.

No matter what your decision, can I ask you to pray about the Mission? Prayer, as you know, changes things. Pray for yourself, for others. God will not refuse a heart raised to him in sincere prayer. Prayer will do for us what no other force on Earth can do.

THEMES:

1. Sun., March 14, 7:30- 8:30 pm: Intimacy with God/Self
2. Mon., March 15, 7:30- 8:30pm: Living the Reign of God Today
3. Tue., March 16, 7:30- 8:30 pm: Lenten Reconciliation Service and First Reconciliation
4. Wed., March 17, 7:30- 8:30 pm Eucharist: Discipleship

PASSION GOSPEL REHEARSAL: There will be a Passion Gospel Rehearsal Sunday, March 21 at 11:30am for ALL involved with readings for Good Friday (April 2) and at 12:00pm for ALL involved with Palm Sunday (March 27/28).



PARISH POTLUCK March 11 at Noon. Please sign the sheet at Connections if you are planning to come.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE: All will take place at 7:30pm, hosted by:

- >>March 5 - Ladies of St. Mary's
- >>March 12 - RCIA
- >>March 19 - Deacon Al
- >>March 26 – Youth



EVERYONE WELCOME!!

ST. MARY'S LENTEN SCHEDULE:

- Lenten Reconciliation & First Reconciliation: March 16 at 7:30 PM
- Passion/Palm Sunday: March 27 at 5:00 PM and March 28 at 10:00 AM
- Chrism Mass: March 29 at St. Mary's Cathedral
- Holy Thursday: April 1 at 7:30 PM, Adoration until Midnight
- Way of the Cross: April 2, 10-11am. See local papers for more information
- Good Friday: April 2 at 3:00 PM
- Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 3 at 9:30 PM
- Easter Sunday: April 4 at 10:00 AM

HOLY WEEK SIGN UP: All Liturgical ministers are invited to indicate their availability for Lent/Holy Week:

- March 27/28 (Passion/Palm Sunday),
- April 1 (Holy Thursday),
- April 2 (Good Friday),
- April 3 (Easter Vigil),
- April 4 (Easter Sunday).

These Holy Week Sign Up sheets are available in the Gathering Area. Our "regular" schedule has been sent out by email and is at Connections.



LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

- All Lenten Reconciliation Services will be at 7:30 PM
- March 9 – St. Pius X, Calgary
 - March 11 – Ascension, Calgary
 - March 15 – St. Joseph's, Calgary
 - March 16 – ST. MARY'S COCHRANE
 - March 17 – St. Paul's, Airdrie
 - March 18 – St. Peter's, Calgary
 - March 22 – Corpus Christi, Calgary
 - March 23 – St. Luke's, Calgary
 - March 24 – St. John the Evangelist & Canadian Martyrs
 - March 25 – St. Bernard's



SPONSOR THANKS: Last weekend, Fr. Bill invited us to RSVP to an urgent need for Adult Sponsors for our RCIA. THANKS for the wonderful response of interest, prayers and actual commitment to become involved in this ministry. Now those who are seeking to join us ("converts") will have some of us to walk with them as faith friends. Our gratitude and appreciation.



YOUTH GROUP WINTER FUN!!
Midford Pond, TODAY Sunday,
Feb.28, 1-3pm Skating! Fun



winter activities! Weiner roast! COME
JOIN US! WHO WOULD MISS HAVING FUN???

YOUTH LENTEN FUN:

>>>MARCH 26 - STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
WANTED!!! Volunteer to do a reading or sing or play
an instrument!! If you would like to offer your
greatly appreciated help then contact Theresa @
403- 932- 4164. Or if you only want to come for the
fun!!! then just show up. Also join us afterwards for
fellowship and discussion to share how the Stations
of the Cross can relate to our lives today.
>>> LENTEN RETREAT MARCH 14-17

ART SALES IN GATHERING AREA: We continue
throughout the year to periodically have art
exhibits. These artists donate a portion of
their sales to our Building Fund. Our last art
sale made us a profit of \$727.50. Thanks to
all for the generosity of their time, talent and
treasure .



**REGULAR CHOIR PRACTICES FOR
FEBRUARY AND MARCH:**

Monday nights: Mar. 8 and 22.
Start Times: 7:25pm - New Musicians;
7:35pm - Cantors; 7:45pm - Full Choir.
For more info., contact: Nathene Arthur
rnarthur@telus.net 403-851-9912



YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICES: Youth Choir Masses are
always the **third Sunday of the month** (Mar.
21, Apr. 18, etc.) and practices are held on the **first
and third Monday's of every month** from
6:00-7:30pm at the Church. For more info., contact
Sarah Simoni simonigirl@gmail.com 403-981-3318

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
MARCH 1-8, 2010**

MONDAY, 1st
6:00pm YOUTH CHOIR practice - hall

TUESDAY, 2nd
7:30pm Bible Study
7:30pm Marion Prayer Group - Day Chapel

WEDNESDAY, 3rd
9:00am Rosary Makers – Mtg, Rm.3
10:30am St. Mary's Playgroup - Mtg.Rm.2
Contact: Carla McPike
czmcpike@shaw.ca 403-981-3148

THURSDAY, 4th
7:30pm RCIA - Mtg. Rm. 3
7:30pm Finance Council - Boardroom

FRIDAY – 5th
7:00pm World Day of Prayer - St. Peter's
Lutheran Church
7:30pm Stations of the Cross - Day Chapel

SATURDAY, 6^h
11:00am-noon Confessions and Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament – Day Chapel

HUMOUR



To help our four year old daughter overcome
her fear of the dark, we had always reassured
her at bedtime that God is watching over her.
One night after I'd gone to bed, I felt a tap on my
shoulder. "Mommy," said a shaky little voice. "I
know God's in there with me, but I need somebody
with skin."

ABA/TIA CLARIFICATION: Recently the annual
materials for the diocesan collection were sent out
to all. In the past, this has been called "Annual
Bishop's Appeal" (ABA). There has been a name
change and ABA is now called: "Together In Action"
(TIA). These are the same thing, so the diocese does
not have two collections but only one, with a new
name. Thanks for your patience.

**YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
FEBRUARY 21, 2010**

Regular	BF	TIA	MM
\$4,670	\$1,866	\$473	\$310

BF=BuildingFund;TIA=TogetherIn Action;MM=MissionMexico
TIA: Goal: \$38,018. To date: \$2,962.
Together In Action DEADLINE is Dec. 31, 2010

2009 GROCERY CARD PROFITS TO Jan. 31: \$1,784.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:



- 1) A gentle reminder that your Witness
Project Essay is due TODAY, Sunday,
Feb 28.
- 2) Please note that the time of the
Confirmation Retreat has been

changed
to 1 pm (from 10:30 am) on Saturday, March 6.
Parents are asked to come for the Rehearsal at 4:15
pm. All are invited to stay for the 5 pm Mass. If you
have any questions please contact Ken Hagel at the
Parish Office Tues. Wed., Thurs., 932-2944.

LOST AND FOUND: A set of keys were found
on the church parking lot on Sunday
afternoon. If you think these might be your
keys, please call the Parish Office 403-932-2944.

ELSEWHERE

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE will be holding its Annual
General Meeting and Mini-Retreat on Saturday,
March 13 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 120 - 17th
Ave., SW, Calgary, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.
Guest speakers will be Solidarity Visitor Pedro
Landa, Executive Director of Caritas Tegucigalpa
(Honduras), and D&P local animator Marie-Claude
Poirier. Lunch will be provided at no charge but
donations for D&P will be gratefully accepted. Please
RSVP to: 403-467-8870 or email:
dandpcalgary@gmail.com

PROJECT RACHEL offers a journey of healing and
reconciliation for those who are suffering distress
from a past abortion experience. For more
information call Project Rachel at 403-218-5506 or
toll-free: 1-877-597-3223.

**THE 2010 CATHOLIC CONFERENCE, STAND IN THE
LIGHT: WASHED, ANOINTED, SENT:** March 12-13, in
Edmonton at the Mayfield Inn and Suites Conference
Centre. For more information and to register visit
www.catholicconference2010.ca or call the Alberta
Catholic School Trustees' Association at 780-484-
6209. REGISTER TODAY!

**RETROUVAILLE: A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED
MARRIAGES.** Retrouvaille offers those in troubled
and painful marriages the chance to rediscover
themselves, their spouse, and a loving relationship
in their marriage. You are NOT alone. Please don't
wait. Next program March 5 – 7.
Go to: www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com

HEALING THE HURT: RAINBOWS, a program
helping children cope with changing family
relationships brought about by separation, divorce
or death, is looking for people who would like to help
in this very important ministry. Coordinators and
facilitators needed. Training provided. Please call
403-218-5505.