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“To transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice”

- Parish Mission Statement

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

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Masses Intentions of the Week

MONDAY, March 12, 2018

No Mass

TUESDAY, March 13, 2018

6:00-6:45 p.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 p.m. Liturgy – Novena Mass in Honour of St. Gianna

Intention: + *Elvira Bigornia Latigar / Helen Fajardo*

WEDNESDAY, March 14, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial

Intention: + *Rose Lampertz / Roland Lampertz*

THURSDAY, March 15, 2018

7:00 p.m. - Parish Lenten Penitential Service

FRIDAY, March 16, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial

Intention: + *James Scott / Knights of Columbus*

7:00 p.m. - The Way of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 17, 2018

4:30 p.m. Liturgy - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Intention: + *Henri & Edith Labossière / Regis & Wendy Labossière*

SUNDAY, March 18, 2018 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners



**Remembering Those Entombed or Memorialized
in Living Waters Columbarium:**

March 14 - Thomas Fullan

March 14 - Rosario Mora

March 16 - John S. Hodge



“Why is the world the way it is? We all wonder that from time to time. Each successive generation projects rose-hued longing on the past and casts furtive glances at the impending future. We see forces beyond our control in nature and in the newspaper. The world is changing and we’re being pulled out with the tide.

In the face of this confusion, today’s Gospel features one of the most oft-quoted Scripture verses of all time: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”* But if Christ has come, why is the world so challenging? Why is the world still – to our eyes – being carried off in a proverbial hand basket? Jesus’ response is a deeply personal one. *“This is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light.”* Patterns arise, habits are formed, and systems become engrained, but each is the result of an interconnected web of human choices.

Where do we stand? Our answers, perhaps, vary from week to week, hour to hour, missed traffic light to spilled coffee to teenage child’s rebellion. The world isn’t perfect because we aren’t perfect. Our parish is flawed because we’re flawed. Our families need work because every one of us needs to be converted. Christianity is a process, not a destination!

This Sunday, Jesus invites us to consider our own lives. Where in our own lives do we prefer darkness to light? What flaws are we trying to hide? Humbly acknowledge those places today. Ask God for the grace to be transformed. Share with your spouse or a friend where you’d like to improve this week. *“Whoever loves truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.”*

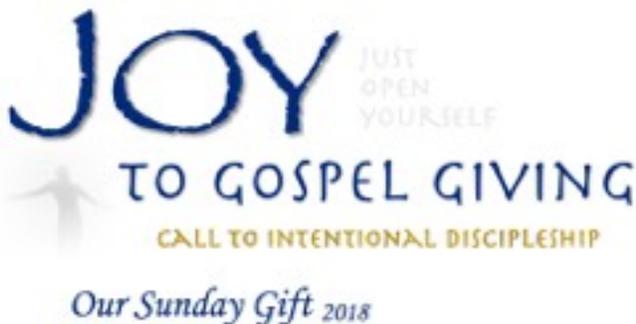
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This Sunday’s Gospel describes Jesus as the Son God sent into the world to reveal God’s love. Those who believe in Jesus believe in the power of God’s love as the light of their lives—a light that can turn darkness into light and troubles into joys. This is a passage of hope.

How can you spread the light of Jesus to the people around you?



- Pflaum Gospel Weeklies



Please remember to return your 2018 Stewardship of Treasure Commitment Card via the Sunday offertory basket, the parish office or mail.

Sunday’s Offertory - March 4, 2018

Pre-Authorized Giving:	\$ 14,000.00
Noah’s Buddies / Youth	\$ 41.55
Loose:	\$ 793.60
Votives:	\$ 206.50
<u>Novena Mass</u>	<u>\$ 247.25</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 15,288.90

Our minimum weekly offertory income requirement is \$ 20,000.00

Lenten Opportunities



During this Lenten season, as we turn to prayer, fasting and almsgiving, it is our opportunity to revisit our commitment to the gift of time - our time spent with God. This year, parishioners are encouraged to participate in the following **Liturgical Lenten** practices:

The Way of the Cross

Jesus' Way to the Cross models so much of what we as Christians face every day in our lives as we strive to live as God's children. Each time we reflect on the "way of Jesus" to the Cross, we are drawn into the deeper meaning of our own fidelity to Jesus and our life as Christians. Praying the Way of the Cross is an invitation to encounter not only the Jesus of history, but also the Jesus of mystery. The Way of the Cross will be prayed **every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m.** during the Lenten season.



Stations of the Cross for Seniors



March 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Addressing the unique challenges of aging, this meditation on the *Way of the Cross* is designed to help relate the later stages of life to

Christ's journey to Calvary. This lenten reflection will be held in the church proper with no need to walk from station to station. Thursday, **March 22** at 10:00 a.m.

Lenten Penitential Services at St. Gianna's and in the South Deanery of the Winnipeg Archdiocese:

Thursday, **March 15** at 7:00 p.m.

- St. Gianna Parish, 15 Columbia Drive

Wednesday, **March 14** at 7:00 p.m.

- St. Vital Parish, 1629 Pembina Highway

Saturday, **March 17** at 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- St. Ignatius Parish, 255 Stafford Street

Tuesday, **March 20** at 7:00 p.m.

- Holy Rosary Parish, 510 River Avenue

Wednesday, **March 21** at 9:30-11:00 a.m.

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 4588 Roblin Blvd.

Wednesday, **March 21** at 7:00 p.m.

- St. John Brebeuf Parish, 1707 John Brebeuf Place

Friday, **March 23** at 7:30 p.m.

- Our Lady of Victory, 249 Arnold Avenue

Lenten Penitential Celebration

Thursday, **March 15** at 7:00 p.m.

Blessed are the poor...

"it is not until we know our poverty, can we know our need for God.." Though we may not be materially poor, an even greater poverty is present among us. One that is much harder to name and even harder to claim. In this Lenten Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we will seek to name our poverty in order to name our God.



Solidarity Sunday: Together for Peace - March 18

You are invited to participate in a 5-day guided experience of solidarity with the poor, beginning **Monday, March 12 to Friday, March 16**. "Solidarity cards" are available for those who choose to journey in solidarity with the poor. The opportunity will be a limited immersion-experience uniting us with the poor in our community and the world. The experience will challenge us to make simple lifestyle changes lived out daily, offering us a glimpse of the everyday challenges that face our poor. We have tracks of experiences that are suited for adults as well as youth and children. To close the week of solidarity, on the weekend of **March 17 & 18**, our parish community will participate in Solidarity Sunday, the National Collection for Development & Peace, by taking up a special collection at each of the liturgies. For more information, please contact Kristi Stubbings at kstubbings@stgianna.ca.



Infant Baptisms at St. Gianna's Parish

The celebration of Infant Baptism is always an extraordinary event at St. Gianna's. Celebrated within the context of the Sunday liturgy, it is truly a transformative event. If you are a registered parishioner of St. Gianna's and wish to celebrate your baby's Baptism in this community, you are asked to participate in a baptismal formation session in preparation for the baptismal event. Below are the upcoming celebrations planned for 2018, along with their formation sessions. To request baptism, please contact the parish office or see Fr. Darrin in person.



April 1st - Baptismal Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. liturgy

- Baptismal formation for this celebration will be held on *March 24th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

June 3rd - Baptismal Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. liturgy

- Baptismal formation for this celebration will be held on *May 26th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

September 30th - Baptismal Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. liturgy

- Baptismal formation for this celebration will be held on *September 22nd, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

***All baptismal preparation sessions will be held in the lower level meeting room of the church.



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