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

- Parish Mission Statement

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

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Custodial

Masses Intentions of the Week

MONDAY, February 12, 2018

No Mass

TUESDAY, February 13, 2018

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

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

Intention: + *Julio Alberto Ventura / Suyapa Urbina*

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2018

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Intention: + *Deacon Gary McCallum / Valerie Taylor*



THURSDAY, February 15, 2018

No Mass

FRIDAY, February 16, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial

Intention: + *Ed Buchel Sr. / Knights of Columbus*

SATURDAY, February 17, 2018

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

Intention: + *Norm Musick / Larry Gagné & Lee Hopper*

SUNDAY, February 18, 2018 - First 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:**

February 11 - Erlinda Ambrosio Aguilar

February 18 - Adele Ahoff



"We may not like it, but generosity and risk often go hand-in-hand. At least, that's what Jesus shows us in today's Gospel as a leper approaches him for healing. Until the nineteenth century, lepers

were shunned to the margins of society for fear of spreading the disease. To touch a leper was to risk becoming unclean yourself. In today's Gospel, Jesus defies convention. *"Moved with pity, he reached out his hand, [and] touched him."* The leper is healed! But this is not the only risk Jesus takes.

Before Jesus heals the man, he knows full well the desperate nature of his situation. Jesus knows that this man will be overjoyed upon being healed and that he just might tell everyone he knows. For a Messiah looking to temporarily fly under the radar, healing this particular leper might not be the best idea. Jesus heals anyway.

It can be easy to become calculated in our giving. If I go out of my way to help this person, how will it affect my reputation? How will this charitable donation affect my budget? How could I possibly make time to volunteer regularly? In today's Gospel, Jesus casts these concerns aside. He touches the untouchable. He reaches the unreachable. For his efforts, he receives a betrayal of his request for silence. *"The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter."* Before long *"it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly."* Jesus is forced to remain *"outside in the deserted places."* It would appear, perhaps, that he is unable to accomplish his mission.

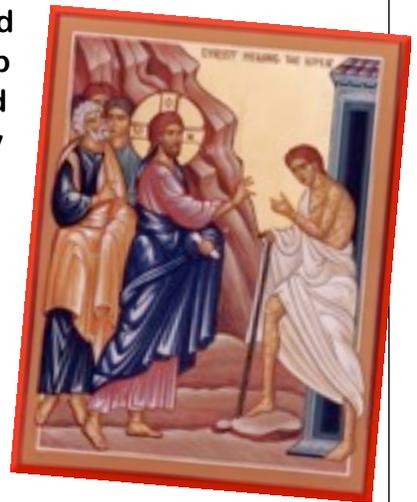
When we take a risk to be generous, things might not follow the prescribed path. We might be disappointed. We also might be surprised! Our witness to radical generosity is attractive to a world in desperate need. Indeed, when Jesus took risks for love, *"People kept coming to him from everywhere."*

KIDS' CORNER

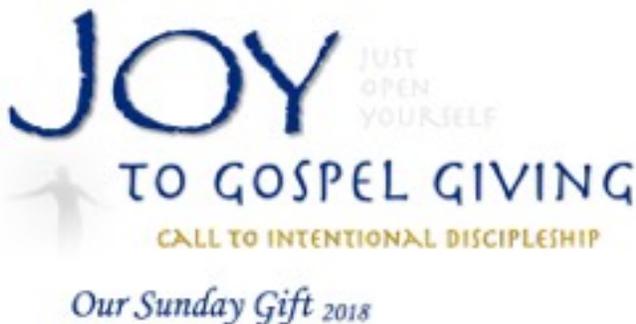
When people found out that Jesus could heal, they constantly asked him to do so. He tried to find rest and quiet in the desert, but the people followed him there too. Still, he helped many people in need of healing. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus adds to his growing community. By touching and healing a leper, Jesus shows us that God's love is for everyone. People in Jesus' time feared lepers and made them live apart from others. Jesus' reaching out to the leper gives us an example to do the same for people whom many consider outcasts and outsiders.

How can you find the strength to help the people around you, especially those that are forgotten?

How can you help Jesus feed the hungry, care for the sick and comfort others?



- 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 - February 4, 2018

Pre-Authorized Giving:	\$ 14,000.00
Noah's Buddies / Youth	\$ 17.75
Loose:	\$ 991.85
Votives:	\$ 218.90
<u>Novena Mass</u>	<u>\$ 194.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 15,422.50

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:



Ash Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Our communal celebration to begin the season of Lent will be held on Wednesday, **February 14** at 7:00 p.m. In this liturgy, we will hear the call to Lenten conversion and the opportunity to deepen our life as the baptized. The signing with ashes, will mark our willingness to *“turn away from sin in order to be faithful to Gospel living”*.

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.



CATHOLIC DISCUSSION FORUM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2018
ST. MARY'S ACADEMY - THEATRE
(550 WELLINGTON CRE.)

Featuring Dr. Brett Salkeld, Archdiocesan Theologian, Archdiocese of Regina

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - FREE EVENT - MORE INFO: ARCHDIOCESE.CA/EVENTS

Questions about the Catholic Faith? Come get answers!



First Eucharist and Confirmation Preparation

Preparation for First Eucharist is open to all baptized, active, registered parishioners in Grade 2 and higher, who have completed at least 1 year of Faith Formation and are currently attending Faith Formation this year. **The application deadline for First Eucharist is March 4.**

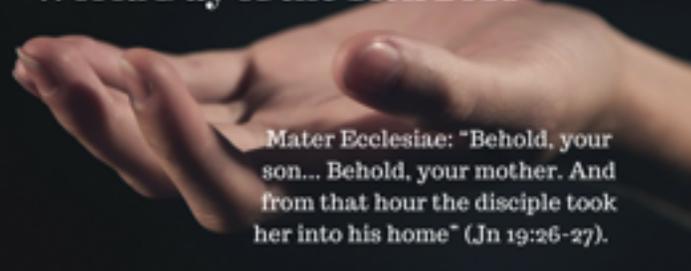


Preparation for Confirmation is open to all active, registered parishioners in Grade 6 and higher, who have completed Faith Formation and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Reconciliation.

The application deadline for Confirmation is March 31.

Please contact Rachel at rbanmann@stgianna.ca to receive your application.

World Day of the Sick 2018



The theme for this year's Day of the Sick is provided by the words that Jesus spoke from the Cross to Mary, his Mother, and to John: “Woman, behold your son... Behold your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home” (Jn 19:26-27).

The Lord's words brilliantly illuminate the mystery of the Cross, which does not represent a hopeless tragedy, but rather the place where Jesus manifests his glory and shows his love to the end. That love in turn was to become the basis and rule for the Christian community and the life of each disciple.

Before all else, Jesus' words are the source of Mary's maternal vocation for all humanity. Mary was to be, in particular, the Mother of her Son's disciples, caring for them and their journey through life. As we know, a mother's care for her son or daughter includes both the material and spiritual dimensions of their upbringing.

The unspeakable pain of the Cross pierces Mary's soul (cf. Lk 2:35), but does not paralyze her. Quite the opposite. As the Lord's Mother, a new path of self-giving opens up before her. On the Cross, Jesus showed his concern for the Church and all humanity, and Mary is called to share in that same concern. In describing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the Acts of the Apostles show that Mary began to carry out this role in the earliest community of the Church. A role that never ceases.



The ritual of the church provides a wonderful sacrament for the strengthening and healing of mind, body and spirit. Commonly referred to as the “sacrament of healing” or the “sacrament of anointing”, the anointing with blessed oil brings a renewed sense of God's abundant care and mercy.

On **Friday, February 16th** during the **9:30 a.m. liturgy**, the sacrament of anointing will be offered for all those who wish to be anointed.

** The Sacrament of Anointing is not to be confused with the “Last Rites” which are celebrated just prior to one's death. The “Last Rites” consists of a much fuller celebration which includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Reception of Holy Communion.*

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FROM THE MINISTRY OF

Global Awareness and Social Action

The **World Day of the Sick** is celebrated every year on **February 11**, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. His Holiness Pope Francis shares this year's theme in his Message for the 26th World Day of the Sick, which comes from the words spoken by Jesus from the Cross to Mary his mother and to John, "Behold, your son... Behold, your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." (John 19:26-27).

Pope Francis recalls that these words have found their expression in the Church's maternal vocation to the needy and sick which continues to the present day.

Everywhere she tries to provide care, even when she is not in a position to offer a cure. The image of the Church as a "field hospital" that welcomes all those wounded by life is a very concrete reality.

The Church's mission is a response to Jesus' gift, for she knows that she must bring to the sick the Lord's own gaze, full of tenderness and compassion. Health care ministry will always be a necessary and fundamental task, to be carried out with renewed enthusiasm by all, from parish communities to the largest healthcare institutions.

https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/papa-francesco_20171126_giornata-malato.html

With Pope Francis' encouragement regarding the important task in health care ministry to which parish communities are called, St. Gianna's, during the month of February, would like to assist the poor who suffer from impaired vision.

Better Vision for a Brighter Future

An Initiative of the Ministry of Global Awareness and Social Action

Can you imagine if you or a family member needed eyeglasses but couldn't afford to buy them? Could you read? Could you hold a job? Could you do your school work?

This is the reality of many within our global community. The World Health Organization reports an estimated **253 million people live with vision impairment**: 36 million are blind and 217 million have moderate to severe vision impairment.

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs282/en/>



Constazia's Story:

At the age of 38, Constazia lost her husband and one of their six children during the genocide. She and her other five children survived together, rebuilding their lives incrementally over the past 21 years. About 3 years ago, Constazia's vision started to fail her, eventually getting so severe that she was unable to see who was coming right in front of her.

"I thought 'I am going to be blind forever'." Glasses improved her sight immediately. "These glasses will be so helpful to me...I am so happy to feel more independent again."

<http://visionforanation.net/support/stories-from-the-field/>

On **February 17th & 18th** and **February 24th & 25th** we invite you to bring your used, usable eyeglasses to the Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. liturgy.

If you are able to assist in the reception and handling of delivered eyeglasses at any of these liturgies, please contact Kristi Stubbings at kstubbings@stgianna.ca.



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