# Second Sunday of Lent March 23, 2025 **Immaculate Conception** 306-834-2269

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Collection: \$680					
Sunday	11 a.m.				
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Date	Reader	Offertory
March 29, (Sat.) 5 pm	Aimée	G & S Stang
April 5, (Sat.) 5 pm	Sharon	S & A Stang
April 12, (Sat.) 5 pm Passion—	Cole	R & B Wack
Blanche, Sharon		
April 18, (Good Friday) Passion-	Vicki	
Aimée, Darren		

# Stations of the Cross – Major – Wednesday – 5 pm

# **REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL:** Luke 13:1-9

Jesus' words bring home forcefully the importance of the Lenten season: conversion and repentance is an ongoing necessity. Remember God is always the one who is ready to invite us again and again to grow in true life, to live in the fullness of his love, yet we must accept this love and be prepared to be pruned.

- 1. What part(s) of your life need to change in order that you do not perish?
- 2. Why does the gardener not give up hope? When have you refused to give up on somebody?
- 3. When and where does your relationship with God need fertilizing?

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

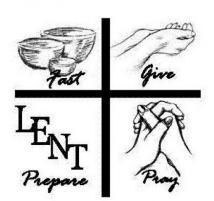
On March 29th, we will have our annual general meeting following 5 pm mass. We will have a short meeting, so Fr. Charles can attend and then we will have a potluck supper. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

# LENTEN RECONCILIATION TIMES

DATE	PLACE & TIME	DATE	PLACE & TIME
March 27 <sup>th</sup> -Thurs.	Unity – 7 pm	April 9 <sup>th</sup> – Wed.	Major – 7 pm
April 1st – Tues.	Kerrobert – 7 pm	April 9 <sup>th</sup> – Wed.	Biggar – 7 pm
April 8 <sup>th</sup> – Tues.	Luseland – 5 pm	April 10 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs.	Denzil – 7 pm
April 8 <sup>th</sup> – Tues.	Wilkie – 7 pm	April 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri.	Macklin – 7 pm

#### Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday – April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Luseland	5 pm		
	Kerrobert	7 pm		
Good Friday – April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Kerrobert	3 pm		
	Major	5 pm		
Holy Saturday – April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Luseland (Easter Vigil)	8 pm		
Easter Sunday – April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Dodsland	9 am		
	Major (First Communion)	11 am		
	Kerrobert	1 pm		



#### **MAJOR CWL FEES**

Our annual dues are once again owing. This year the CWL fees are \$40.50. We will accept either a cheque to Aimée or Blanche or we do accept e-transfer to <a href="majorcwl@yahoo.com">majorcwl@yahoo.com</a>. Thank you for continuing support of our local CWL.

#### A LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION

On Friday, March 28: During the "24 Hours for the Lord" annual event established by Pope Francis, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, March 28, priests will be available for confessions all day at two locations in Saskatoon: The Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, and St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spading Cr. E.

# **JOURNEY THROUGH LENT**

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is again offering a "Journey Through Lent" video series to provide spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season. This year's presenters are Most Rev. Michel Proulx, O.Praem., Bishop of Bathurst (in French), and Most Rev. Gary Franken, Bishop of St. Paul (in English). The first videos are now available on the CCCB website: In English: <a href="https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/journey-through-lent-video-series-weekly-reflections-for-the-lenten-season-2">https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/journey-through-lent-video-series-weekly-reflections-for-the-lenten-season-2</a>

# DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CARITAS- CANADA CAMPAIGN "TURN DEBT INTO HOPE"

In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis calls on us to take part in the global Turn Debt into Hope campaign to "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them." Knowing that 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on foreign debt repayment than on health or education, we must act. Sign the global petition calling for:

- 1. Canceling unjust and unsustainable debts
- 2. Reforming the global financial system to prioritize people and the planet
- 3. Establishing a binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations Learn more & sign the petition: https://devp.org/en/campaign/turn-debt-into-hope/act-debt-2025/

# "HOW WE GOT HERE - A GUIDE TO OUR ANTI-CHRISTIAN CULTURE"

Saskatchewan Pro-life Association in cooperation with Campaign Life Coalition Saskatchewan and the Knights of Columbus of Saskatoon are hosting Jonathon Van Maren 7 p.m. Tuesday April 22 at Holy Spirit Parish Hall to speak about his latest book "How We Got here: A Guide to Our Anti-Christian Culture." Jonathon Van Maren is a columnist, author, speaker, podcaster and activist working with Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform (CCBR) as their communications director. After his talk there will be a social evening, with opportunities to speak with him one to one. A free will offering will be accepted; please email campaignlifesk@gmail.com if you plan to attend, to ensure there are sufficient appetizers and refreshments for the social part of the evening. For more information contact Louis at (306) 249-2764.

#### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Jesus, kind and patient, gardener of souls: when we are barren like your fig tree, (with unjust war, racial bias, destruction of our climate), you don't give up on us. Soak our roots. Make them heavy with your love. And, Please, pour your grace upon us like water on parched land until we bear fruit. AMEN

#### **WORDS OF WISDOM**

- 1. Never eat a sugared donut when wearing a dark suit.
- 2. Call before dropping in on friends and family.
- 3. When friends offer to help, let them.
- 4. Never decide to do nothing just because you can only do a little. Do what you can.
- 5. Acknowledge a gift, no matter how small.
- 6. Every now and then, bite off more than you can chew.
- 7. Remember that your character is your destiny.
- 8. Grind it out. Hanging on just one second longer than your competition makes you the winner.
- 9. Be better prepared than you think you will need to be.
- 10. Let your handshake be as binding as a signed contract.