

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

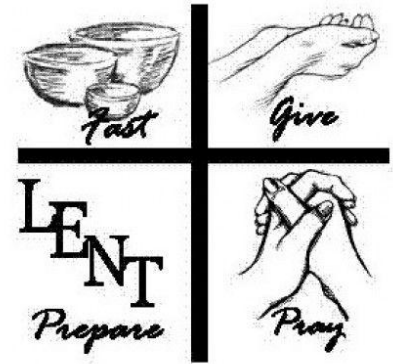
Immaculate Conception

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MASS TIMES: Mar. & Apr.

Major Saturday 5 p.m.
 Dodsland Saturday 7:30 p.m.
 Luseland Sunday 9 a.m.
 Kerrobert Sunday 11 a.m.

Collection: \$440

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- Blanche, Darren	Cole	R & B Wack
April 18, (Good Friday) Passion- Aimée, Ray	Vicki	

Stations of the Cross – Major – Wednesday – 5 pm

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

This well-known story is not really about how bad/prodigal the son is, but rather about how excessive and extravagant ('prodigal') the father is with his love, mercy and reconciliation. The father is the true spender here, sparing no cost or labor to celebrate the son's homecoming. The reluctance of the elder son makes the father seem all the more extravagant.

1. How comfortable are you with the father's generosity?
2. Who do you tend to be in this story: the wayward son, the father or the elder son?
3. How do you treat those who've offended and/or hurt you?

LENTEN RECONCILIATION TIMES

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

Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday – April 17th	Luseland	5 pm
	Kerrobert	7 pm
Good Friday – April 18th	Kerrobert	3 pm
	Major	5 pm
Holy Saturday – April 19th	Luseland (Easter Vigil)	8 pm
Easter Sunday – April 20th	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 majorcwl@yahoo.com. Thank you for continuing support of our local CWL.

PASTORAL LETTER: "DYING WITH HOPE"

The Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan have released a pastoral letter about the ongoing need to respond to medically-assisted death (known as "MAiD" in the healthcare system.) In their pastoral letter – "Dying with Hope: Living and Walking Together" – the bishops emphasize Christian hope, grounded in Christ's victory over death, and call on the faithful to bear witness to the intrinsic value of those who are dying, elderly, or living with chronic illness through our concrete actions. The bishops call for supporting and participating in the Horizons of Hope Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care developed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops; and encourage engaging in conversations about dying, including filling out a Faith Based Advanced Care Directive. available from the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan. "Finally, commit yourself to accompanying vulnerable individuals as they navigate our healthcare system, including hospitals, clinics, and long-term care facilities," the Saskatchewan bishops urge the faithful. The pastoral letter can be found on the diocesan website at: <https://rcdos.ca..>

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME IN DECEMBER –

Join Bishop Stephen Hero and Father Maurice Fiolleau of Prince Albert for a Holy Year Pilgrimage: Jubilee 2025. Pilgrimage to Rome, Vatican City and Assisi from Dec. 10 to 18 during the 2025 Jubilee Holy Year. Visit the seven Jubilee churches (Mass celebrated daily), the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican museum and the Catacombs. There will also be free time to see the sights of Rome. Pilgrims will also travel to Assisi, the home of St. Francis, where Mass will be celebrated. Come and learn more about this exciting Pilgrimage at a detailed presentation 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10 at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Avenue, Saskatoon (corner of Munroe Avenue and Taylor St. East).

WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

- A Holy Year of the forgiveness of sin, conversion and joyful celebration.
- The word "jubilee" comes from the Hebrew word *yobel*, which refers to the ram's horn used to announce a jubilee in the Old Testament.

Old Testament origins

God told Moses that every fiftieth year was to be set aside for the return of absent members to their households, the restoration of land to its owners, the release of Hebrew slaves and the forgiveness of debts.

This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when every one of you shall return to his own property, every one to his own family estate. (Lev. 25:10)

Like the sabbath, which took place on the seventh day of each week, the jubilee was a time for the Israelites to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another.

Tradition continues in Christianity

- Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Christian jubilee in A.D. 1300, granting the full remission of sin for those who confessed their sins and made a pilgrimage to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.
- The Church first celebrated jubilee years every 100 years. This was eventually shortened to every 50 years and then every 25 years.

Recent Jubilee years

- **1950:** During this Holy Year of 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.
- **1975:** This Holy Year of reconciliation was proclaimed by Pope Paul VI.
- **1983:** Pope John Paul II proclaimed a special jubilee year in 1983 to celebrate the 1,950th anniversary of the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- **2000:** Pope John Paul II proclaimed the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000.
- **2015:** Pope Francis declared an extraordinary jubilee for the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second Vatican Council. The jubilee was dedicated to mercy. **(to be continued)**

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Jesus, are you a prodigal son? Did you waste your life on us? Or: God, are you the prodigal father, overflowing with love, who runs to meet us, embraces, and kisses us, killing the fatted calf for us? Prodigal Son, Prodigal Father, and Prodigal Holy Spirit, we are filled with awe and wonder at the love you squander on us. AMEN