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Quinquagesima Sunday

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever lives is counted dead before thee: Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

The Father is my Hope; the Son is my Refuge; the Holy Spirit is my protector.
O All-Holy Trinity, glory to You!

Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the Champ and Meeres Families.

Nursery for infants & toddlers is available in the Good Shepherd Nursery.

Godly Play in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years.

"Today's story is 'The Great Pearl' Matthew 13:45-46. Anya M, Sandra D.

Faith Quest (ages 7-13) finish the Ask, Seek and Knock rotation. Kate B will lead and Ernie and Sally K will shepherd a Let There Be Art Workshop - making door knockers. Memory Verse: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Matt. 7:7

Coffee and Tea are available in the upper following the service. Coffee Host: Mike D

Holy Communion. *All baptized Christians are invited to come forward with faith and love to receive Holy Communion.*

The Intercessions Book on the table with the bread and the offering plates has space for you to write in the names of people you wish us to remember in prayer this morning, and throughout the week. Prayers will be offered for travelers, those in special need, and the departed.

MORNING PRAYER AT TEN

Prayer Book, pp.6-15, Psalm 84, 133; Genesis 28.10-end, 1 Corinthians 12. 4-end

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Opening Hymn: # **486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for Purity

(Prayer Book p. 67)

Summary of the Law, Lord, Have Mercy

(Prayer Book p. 69, 70)

Collect for the Day

Prayer with the children

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm

Epistle

Gradual Hymn: # **446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth**

The Holy Gospel

Sermon

Nicene Creed

(Prayer Book p. 70)

The Intercession **R./ Lord have mercy.**

Offertory Hymn: # **456 He Comes to Us As One Unknown**

Offertory Anthem

Invitation, Confession and Absolution

(Prayer Book p. 76, 77)

Great Thanksgiving, Peace, Prayer of Humble Access

(Prayer Book p. 78ff)

The Communion

Hymn after Communion: # **80 We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus**

Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving after Communion

(Prayer Book p. 85)

The Gloria

(Prayer Book p. 86)

The Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia!

Hymn: # **503 Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might**

** Please observe a moment for silent prayer**

Parish Life Notes

Coffee and Finger Food Lunch a finger food lunch will follow the service next Sunday March 1. Please bring finger food to share.

Worship Service at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre - will take place next Sunday, March 1, at 1:30 pm. in the chapel. A team from St. Mary's leads the service and porters residents to the chapel. We invite you to share in this outreach. Please call Rem W for more information.

Becoming the Story We Tell: Lent 2020 Small Groups Program

Small groups will meet weekly to study the Gospel Lesson for the upcoming Sunday. This year's Lenten Gospel Lessons come from the Gospels of John and Matthew. The readings from John's Gospel (Lent 2-5) are all stories of an individual person having a life-changing encounter with Jesus. How can we encounter Jesus in Regina in the 21st century? How would an encounter with Jesus alter our lives?

Schedule:

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| Mondays @ 7:00 pm | Leader: Carol M
Host: Lorna C |
| Wednesdays @ 9:00 am | Leader: Claude S
Host: At St. Mary's |
| Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm | Leader: Henry F
Hosts: Alan and Jacky S |
| Saturdays @ 7:00 pm | Leader: Katherine G
Host: Ginny L |
| Sundays @ 7:00 pm | Leader and Host: Beth C |

For families who are unable to make these dates and times work in your schedule, you are invited to sign up to be paired with another family to pray and study together at a time that is convenient for you. Speak to Heidi D or Karen J to be added to this list and receive the materials.

A group is being organized for our older youth which will meet at St. Mary's on Friday evenings. Speak to Nathaniel for details.

All Parish Pancake Supper at St. Paul's Cathedral, 1861 McIntyre St. this Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission by free will donation.

All Parish Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes, Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing will take place at All Saints Anglican Church this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. To join in a car pool to All Saints, please meet at St. Mary's at 6.30 p.m. If anyone needs a pick up, please speak to the Rector's Warden, Tom J, after the service.

Lenten Small Group Leaders meeting will take place in the lounge after the service.

Enquirers for Holy Baptism meet this afternoon at 3.30 in the lounge.

Lenten Brochure outlining worship and study opportunities in the Anglican Parishes of Regina is available for pick up on the welcome table.

NOTES ON LENT

The Lenten season is meant to kindle a "bright sadness" within our hearts. Its aim is precisely the remembrance of Christ, a longing for a relationship with God that has been lost. Lent offers the time and place for recovery of this relationship. The darkness of Lent allows the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn within our hearts until we are led to the brilliance of the Resurrection. (Alexander Schmemmann)

BRETHREN, in the primitive Church it was the custom to observe with great devotion the days of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection, and to prepare for the same by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided also a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for holy Baptism. It was also a time when such persons as had, by reason of notorious sins, been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled and restored to the fellowship of the Church by penitence and forgiveness. Thereby the whole Congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution contained in the Gospel of our Saviour, and of the need which all Christians continually have, of a renewal of their repentance and faith. I therefore invite you, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditation upon God's holy Word. (Book of Common Prayer p. 611)

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tuesday	10:30 am Forever in Motion Senior Exercise
Wednesday	9:00 am Morning Prayer Men's Breakfast
	10:30 am Parent and Tots Group
Thursday	9:30 am Woman's Time Out Bible Study
Next Sunday	10:00 am Morning Prayer
	10:30 am Holy Communion