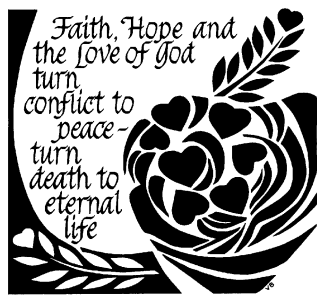


# 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

# MARCH 14, 2010



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by Father Greg Friedman, O.F.M

Did you know God has a **"dream for the world"**? From the dawn of creation, described in the Book of Genesis, the story of the Bible relates how God created the world to be a place of harmony. The Garden of Eden is a beautiful symbol of this harmonious world. The Promised Land, as it's depicted in our first reading this Sunday, also shows us a vision of what God has in store for the human family. There, Joshua leads God's people into the **"land of milk and honey."** Jesus captures God's dream for the world in the Gospel story today. It's the familiar story of the Prodigal Son, better titled **"The Father Who Couldn't Forget."** There, our God is portrayed as the parent who waited day after day for his errant child to return. What a beautiful picture of God! Throughout history, though human beings have strayed constantly, following their own ideas for happiness, God has held fast to a dream of harmony and made it come true with forgiveness. Jesus, and Christians who seek to follow him, embody that dream in our world today.

### SCHEDULE of MASSES

Monday, Mar. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Prescott	8:00 A.M.	Special Intention ++++++ Mary Lou Reilly
Tuesday, Mar. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Prescott	8:00 A.M.	Eric Latimer ++++++ Mimi Garrah
Wed., Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Prescott	4:00 - 7:00 P. M. - ADORATION	
	Prescott	7:00 P.M.	Respect for all Human Life ++++++ CWL
Thursday, Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Prescott	8:00 A.M.	Alison Walsh ++++++ Tom & Marilyn Campbell
Friday, Mar. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cardinal	8:40 A.M.	"STATIONS of the CROSS"
	Cardinal	9:00 A.M.	Gloria Levere ++++++ Kami, Jerry, Hannah & Hallie Caron
	Prescott	6:40 P.M.	"STATIONS of the CROSS"
	Prescott	7:00 P.M.	Hector McInnis ++++++ Pat, Erin & Shannon Warren
Saturday, Mar. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Prescott	5:15 P.M.	Francois Olivier Gauthier ++++++ The Gauthier Family
Sunday, Mar. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Cardinal	9:00 A.M.	Beatrice Anderson ++++++ Cathy Chapman
	Prescott	11:00 A.M.	Intentions of all St. Mark & Sacred Heart Parishioners

Sunday Offertory : MARCH 07 - 10 St. Mark - \$1833.98 Sacred Heart - \$ 444.00



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### PARISH MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR MASSES ON MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 - (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

MASS	USHERS	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC	GIFT BEARERS
Sat. 5:15 - Mar. 20 St. Mark	Josh Whelan, Colleen Dixon, John McAuley	Emily Allard	Alice Laushway Wayne Dove	Bradley McIlvenna & Family
Sun. 9:00 - Mar. 21 Cardinal	"To be determined on Sunday"	Marylyn Adams	Giselle Wright Joan Toupin (C)	"To be determined on Sunday"
Sun. 11:00- Mar. 21 St. Mark	Gerry Devaney, Rene Villeneuve, Albert Laporte	Ashley Martin	Betty Warren, Larry Sauve, Tom O'Keefe (C)	Gavin Prosser & Family
CHILDREN'S LITURGY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT			SUNDAY MARCH 21 <sup>st</sup> - JULIE COLIGAN	

**GIFT BEARERS' NOTICE:** There will be a **"TEMPORARY"** suspension of **REGULAR GIFT BEARERS** while the candidates for First Holy Communion take over until **May 9<sup>th</sup>** as part of their preparation for this Sacrament. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding .... **we will notify you when it is time to resume regular gift bearing duties.**

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA / SCARBORO FOREIGN MISSIONS** -This collection has now closed and the following amounts will be distributed to several organization both at home and abroad: **St. Mark: \$608.00** and **Sacred Heart: \$314.00.**  
**Thank you for your generosity !**

**MISSION WORKS AT HOME AND ABROAD** - This collection closes after this weekend and will be distributed by the Parish to several organizations both at home and abroad. *Thank you for your generosity.*

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**NOTE: ONLY ONE MORE WEEK TO SIGN UP !! THE 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RON BLACK MEMORIAL CURLING BONSPIEL**

will be held on **Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** at the **Prescott Curling Centre - Henry St. W. - Entry Fee: \$15.00/person - Pot Luck Supper at 5:30 P.M. ( 2 Draws - 11:30 A.M/1:00 P.M.- 24 Curlers Each) 2 Games Each- Prizes - NOTE: Experience Is Not Necessary or Required!** This event is sponsored by the **K. Of C.** in Ron's memory as a family event. **Teenagers are welcome as well . Sign-up in the Main foyer of St. Mark Church or call 613-657-4608 You can bring friends, relatives as well. They do not have to belong to any particular parish or belong to the catholic faith ..... just people looking for a social afternoon to meet other great people. CLOSING SIGN-UP DATE: SUN. MAR. 21<sup>st</sup>**

**PENANCE CELEBRATIONS:**  
 Let us get ready for our part in these days of grace and forgiveness:  
 1. **Kemptville, Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> - 3:00 PM**  
 2. **Prescott, Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00 PM**  
 3. **St. Francis Xavier, Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>-7:00 PM**  
 4. **Cardinal, Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM.**  
 5. **Morrisburg, Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. - 3:00 PM**



**K. Of C. - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly** will hold its regular monthly meeting on **Monday, March, 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM** in **St. Mark Parish Centre (Upstairs).** **All Sir Knights are invited to attend this special meeting.**

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**SPECIAL INVITATION: "He who sings prays twice"**. We invite you to join us in St. Mark's music ministry. The past few years our choir members have declined for many reasons. The bass and tenor sections have particularly suffered losses. Come **Tuesday evenings at 7:15 PM** to audition. You need only to be sixteen years of age and over and able to carry a tune. **The next practice is March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please come, we would love to have you join us.**

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**SAINTS OF THE WEEK:**

1. **Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Feast of St. Patrick**, come to the Mass if at all possible and honour our beloved Saint.
2. **Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Feast of St. Joseph**; after Our Blessed Lady, there is no greater saint than St. Joseph. On this Friday too there will be a Mass in both our parishes. Don't miss!

**Pastor's Message**

**March 14, 2010**

How can we forget! I have said it so many times, our beloved Holy Father, now the Venerable John Paul II, said and wrote so much that it will take another generation to absorb and put into practice and into our hearts and minds the endless amount of his encyclicals, exhortations and sermons spoken on endless occasions and in place after place. Do we remember that in 1983 there was a **SYNOD** of Bishops in Rome reflecting for a full month on the subject of **RECONCILIATION AND PENANCE**. And as has been the practice after all other Synods too, the Holy Father summarizes all the discussions and reflections of that month in an **Apostolic Exhortation**. This is indeed a most practical and instructive document to read again in these final weeks of the Season of Lent as in all parishes penance Celebrations are being held.

Even reading again the introduction to this valuable document gives us the right spirit of penance, of sorrow for our sins, of the infinite loving forgiveness of God and the right approach to the Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation to which all parishioners are invited to come.

It begins with the very words of Our Lord himself at the very beginning of his public preaching: **"Repent, and believe the Good News"**. After pointing out the many and painful divisions in our society, nearby and far away, we read: **"Nevertheless...there is in the midst of division an unmistakable desire among people of good will and true Christians to mend the divisions, to heal the wounds and to re-establish at all levels an essential unity; this desire arouses in many people a real longing for reconciliation..."**. It continues at length about the true meaning of Penance: **"It means the inmost change of heart under the influence of the word of God...it also means changing one's life in harmony with the change of heart and in this sense doing penance is completed by bringing forth fruits worthy of penance"**.

The document stresses that at the heart of this change of heart is God's own offering of reconciliation. **"The church as a reconciled and reconciling community, cannot forget that at the source of her gift and mission of reconciliation is the initiative, full of compassionate love and mercy, of that God who is love".....** Refusal of God's fatherly love and of his loving gifts is always at the root of humanity's divisions"....**"The church has the mission of proclaiming this reconciliation and as it were of being its sacrament in the world.... The church is the Sacrament, that is to say the sign and means of reconciliation"**.

The document is so rich it would take several "pastor's messages" to convey all the meanings and implications. In order to come to the beautiful grace of reconciliation we will have to admit, that is to confess our sins; St. John says it very simply: **"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us; if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins"**. (1 John, 1: 8-9).

In short for today, you are all encouraged to begin examining your conscience and to come and participate in the Penance celebrations and confessions everywhere.

*Father J. Appelman, M .H.M.*, Your Pastor



**CWL NEWS CORNER**

The **CWL** will hold its regular monthly meeting on **Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** in **St. Mark**

**Clubhouse** following the **7:00 p.m. Mass**. Also:

Any members with convention raffle tickets, kindly return the money collected with the ticket stubs to this weeks meeting.

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Kingston Archdiocesan Council is encouraging all Catholic Womens League members to attend a **LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT DAY**. To be held Saturday, **March 27<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 - 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd., Kingston. The facilitator is Marlene Pavletic - President Elect with the Ontario CWL Council. Contact Annette Norton by March 21st if you interested in attending. The day promises to provide faith, fun and fulfilment while providing information on promoting the league. You are asked to bring a bag lunch, and there is **no cost** for the day.

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**C.W.L. CONVENTION:** Any C.W.L. member wishing to attend the Archdiocesan Convention in Kingston, **May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**, please contact Annette Norton at 613-925-5601 or [nortonfam@xplornet.com](mailto:nortonfam@xplornet.com) by March 26th, as bookings for meals are required by the host council of Gananoque. If you are unable to attend the whole convention - please consider coming for a day - either Saturday or Sunday, or just go to the Mass at St. Marys Cathedral at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday and the banquet following. We hope there will be a good representation from our parish.

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**FROM FR. APPELMAN'S DESK:**

**LENTEN SPECIALS:** This Friday, stations of the cross before the Mass in both our parishes.

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**GOOD SIGHT:** This past week I visited the eye-specialist; and after the usual little tests he concluded: Your eyes are in excellent shape, as good as ever, good for another five years! Good for driving and good to see everyone in the church from the front pews till the back pews! Praise God. I have had glasses for the last 60 years.

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**A FINAL THOUGHT ON THE 2010 OLYMPICS:**

**This is from the NBC Olympic anchorman:** Brian Williams, anchor and managing editor

**LEAVING BEHIND A THANK-YOU NOTE:**

After tonight's broadcast and after looting our hotel mini-bars, we're going to try to brave the blizzard and fly east to home and hearth, and to do laundry well into next week. **Before we leave this thoroughly polite country, the polite thing to do is leave behind a thank-you note.**

**Thank you, Canada:**

For being such good hosts.

For your unfailing courtesy.

For your (mostly) beautiful weather.

For scheduling no more than 60 percent of your float plane departures at the exact moment when I was trying to say something on television.

For not seeming to mind the occasional (or constant) good-natured mimicry of your accents.

For your unique TV commercials -- for companies like Tim Hortons -- which made us laugh and cry.

For securing this massive event without choking security, and without publicly displaying a single automatic weapon.

For having the best garment design and logo-wear of the games -- you've made wearing your name a cool thing to do.

For the sportsmanship we saw most of your athletes display.

For not honking your horns. I didn't hear one car horn in 15 days -- which also means none of my fellow New Yorkers rented cars while visiting.

For making us aware of how many of you have been watching NBC all these years.

For having the good taste to have an anchorman named **Brian Williams** on your **CTV network**, who turns out to be such a nice guy.

For the body scans at the airport which make pat-downs and cavity searches unnecessary.

For designing those really cool **LED Olympic rings** in the harbor, which turned to gold when your athletes won one.

For always saying nice things about the United States...when you know we're listening.

For sharing **Joannie Rochette** with us.

**For reminding some of us we used to be a more civil society.**

**Mostly, for welcoming the world with such ease and making lasting friends with all of us.**

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**SEVEN DAYS OF INSPIRATION:**

Day 1 - "Change your luck - believe in yourself."

Day 2 - "You add your own special beauty to the world."

Day 3 - "Detox your life. - Forgive some - Forgive yourself."

Day 4 - "Your dreams count."

Day 5 - "Anytime is a good time to be happy."

Day 6 - "You are a caring person."

Day 7 - "Your pot of gold is closer than you think."