



Canadian Martyrs

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Sunday Dec 10, 2017 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

- Sat Dec 9 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park For †Daniel Revoy
- Sun Dec 10** 9:00am Mass in Arborfield For †Aurel Soucy
11:00am Mass in Carrot River For the people
- Mon Dec 11 Fr Travis' day off
- Tues Dec 12 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park For †Daniel Revoy
 7:00pm St Eugene's Nipawin Confession
- Wed Dec 13 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park Pour les moissons
- Thurs Dec 14 7:00pm Confession at St Lucy's Arborfield**
7:30 Canadian Martyrs Parish Council meeting followed by Christmas social
- Fri Dec 15 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home
- Sat Dec 16 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park For †members of K of C
- Sun Dec 17** 9:00am Mass in Arborfield For †members of K of C
11:00am Mass in Carrot River For the people
2:00pm Carrot River Health Centre Service

| Date | Commentator | Readers | Communion | Hospitality | Proc. Of Gifts | Welcoming |
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| Dec 10 th 2nd Sunday | Shirley Zeller | Volunteer Marguerite T | Allan Malfair Aline Malfair | Leo Brochu Ted Myslicki | Jolene Brochu Rose Myslicki | Volunteers |
| Dec 17 th 3rd Sunday | Rosemarie Wasko | Volunteer Rick Relland | Albert Tkach Ted Myslicki | Jeff Trombley Andre Laforge | Volunteer Betty Laforge | Volunteers |
| Dec 24 th 4th Sunday | Perry Mamer | Dan Oakes Myrna Oakes | Rosemarie Wasko Neal Wasko | Milton Wood Wayne Newstead | Connie Wood Volunteer | Volunteers |

Collection: Dec 3, 2017 \$1024.00

Announcements:

Christmas Hampers –If you know someone who would appreciate a hamper or would like to donate to this cause, please contact Daniel Janzen at 306-768-2457

Mass Times for November/December:

Sat 7:30pm – Zenon Park

Sun 9:00am – Arborfield

Sun 11:00am – Carrot River

Confession: St Eugene's Nipawin 7:00pm Tuesday Dec 12th

St Lucy's Arborfield Thursday Dec 14th at 7:00pm

Notre Dame de la Nativite Zenon Park Wednesday Dec 20th at 7:00pm

Christmas Eve: Sunday Dec 24th

5:00pm Notre Dame de la Nativite Zenon Park

7:00pm Canadian Martyrs Carrot River

9:00pm St Lucy's Arborfield

Christmas Day: Monday Dec 25th

Zenon Park – 10:00am

Do you have a particular prayer intention that you would like prayed for? You are welcome to write in down and place it in our prayer box! It will be prayed for on the 4th Thursday of the month @ 7:30pm after mass. Everyone is welcome to come and pray with us!

Parish Council nominations will be accepted for our pastoral council and pastoral finance council until Feb 8, 2018. Please give nominations to any pastoral council member:

Father Travis
Allen Malfair – Chairperson
Aline Malfair – Décor
Milton Wood – Member at large (maintenance)
Connie Wood – Member at large
Janet Caouette – Treasurer
Herb Baskey – Finance chairperson
Theresa Korpach – Community Life
Maxine Baskey - Liturgy
Wilma Wheeler – Recording secretary (Need a replacement now in Wilma’s absence)

Note: there are several “volunteer” spaces in our mass ministry schedule. If you would like to help any of the ministries, please contact Maxine to add you to the schedule.



Thank you to all who attended the Community Carol Festival. Excellent evening and \$847.50 was collected for the Community Christmas Hamper fund. Thanks again!

“Are you willing... to commit yourself to working in the Lord’s vineyard? We are now past the half way point of the goal of \$425,000 for the Bishop’s Annual Appeal 2017. As of November 14, 2017 parishioners have pledged \$247,612.60 towards the goal for the Diocese of Prince Albert. If you have already sent in your pledge for the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, thank you for your generosity. If you haven’t done so yet and are planning to do so, the Appeal Office would like to have all pledges received before December 31, 2017. If you have lost or misplaced your Appeal information, additional pledge cards are available from your Parish Office. Please continue to pray for the success of the 2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

The Bishop’s Annual Appeal update: We have 13 donations for a total of \$3145.00. Thank you.

Bishops’s Annual Appeal:
Are you willing...to commit yourself to working in the Lord’s Vineyard?
October 1 – December 31, 2017
Every gift is greatly appreciated.

Believing in the Promise

The common theme in the readings this Sunday is the future. All verbs use this tense and our thoughts focus on what is to come:

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God...then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed (1st Reading: Is 40)

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase (Ps 85)

In accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth (2nd Reading: 2 P 3).

The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Gospel: Mk 1)

These quotations do not encourage us to cease living in the present and take refuge in a hypothetical future. These words situate us before two principal elements in our lives: Experience and Promise.

Experience and Promise

Take for example a new born baby. The child has no experience: no competencies (can cry but can't speak); no bank account, no furniture, no house... But there is immense promise: a promise that the parents made for this child when he or she was born. They promised: "We will be here to nourish and guide you as you grow and achieve your potential."

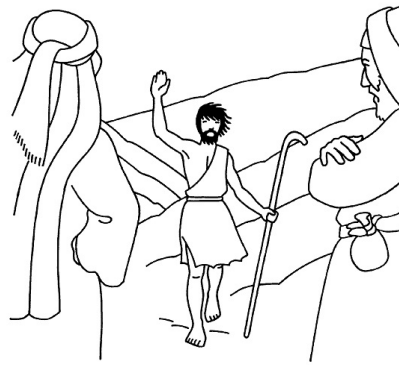
As the child grows, he or she is exposed to new experiences through parents and schools. The child receives clothes, toys, and often becomes a digital native. Later the young adult begins to work and manage money. Very quickly the assets accumulate: furniture, cars, a home, maybe a chalet, etc. Perhaps also a pension fund, investments...

However, it may happen the more that adults accumulate, the less they remember their promise. Security becomes their priority. These acquisitions, which the adult protects and is fearful of losing, can create many anxious moments.

It is unfortunate when people have no more room for promise in their lives. Their existence shrivels and resides around things that cannot bring happiness or true security and makes their original promise a distant memory.

The horizon of our on-going promise

As believers, we dare to focus on the immense promise that exists in the horizon of our lives. That is what the desert, where St. John the Baptist lived, represents. It is the place where there are no acquisitions, where existence finds meaning in a promise as great as the sky, a promise that is God Himself.



Georges Madore

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