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He brought the simple message of the Good News that cured lives and forced demons to leave tormented people. Many ailments were attributed to possession by these perverse demons. Curing physical defects and bringing people back to life also were recorded as Christ's interventions.

Jesus' healings are regarded as miraculous cures. Could we be questioning these passages because our faith is at a transitional phase? The Christian faith has many followers among the people of the Southern continents who value the talents of healers. The Christian faith will remain strong as it cares for people, whatever their spiritual and physical needs. This is a better perspective. Our Christian faith will be relevant for people in our own country once we acknowledge the difference it makes in our lives. Our faith will free us from heartaches. It will bring us consolation, a new perspective on life, and an intuitive capacity to respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers.

Alain Faucher, priest

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

There will be a **Lenten Parish Mission being held at Our Lady of Consolation Parish in Melfort on February 28 and March 1** beginning at 7:00 p.m. each evening. The mission will be led by Ken Yasinski, well known speaker and mission facilitator. Please see the poster on the bulletin board for more details.

The annual **Diocesan Charismatic Conference** will be held at St. Michael church in P.A. on Mar 3 from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. See the poster and registration information at the bulletin board.



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Sunday February 4, 2018 **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Gospel this Sunday presents passages that describe Jesus curing people. Today, when needed, we see a doctor and get medical attention. This passage could leave us uncomfortable or even surprised when we read what followed. Jesus brought St. Peter's mother-in-law back to health. Instead of taking time to recover, we read that the lady immediately attended to her visitors. We might wonder if Jesus was relegating women to domestic service, as appears to be the case. We may have forgotten how society in Jesus' era defined roles for men and women. To be able to perform one's assigned role was a source of great honour. Jesus not only cured the mother-in-law's ailment, he immediately enabled her to resume her place in society. With this cure, the fever that threatened her life disappeared and she could continue as before.

Our thoughts may be torn between admiration for Jesus' miracles and questions about these medical experiences. This is unfortunate as we have lost the perspective of analysing Jesus' actions within the context of his era. Since Christ was accepted as a man of God, it was normal that he would be blessed with healing powers. Two millennia later, we place our health in the hands of competent medical personnel who base their expertise on scientific research. This didn't happen in Jesus' era. We do not associate healers with medical intervention. We read in the Gospel that Jesus often cured people. There were no infirmaries when Jesus traveled throughout the countryside.

The Week at a Glance

Sat Feb 3 5:00pm Mass in Carrot River **For Betty LaforgeFamily**
 Sun Feb 4 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Geovanne Soucy**
 11:00am Mass in Arborfield **For the people**
 Mon Feb 5 Fr Travis' day off
 Tues Feb 6 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Daniel Revoy**
 Wed Feb 7 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For Colette Marchildon**
 7:30pm Zenon Park Parish Council Mtg
 Thurs Feb 8 6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River
 7:00pm Mass in Carrot River **For †Andre Laforge & Family**
 Fri Feb 9 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home
 7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park
 8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †Theresa & †Etienne Potie**
 Sat Feb 10 5:00pm Mass in Carrot River **For Forgotten Souls in Purgatory**
 Sun Feb 11 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For Madeleine Marchildon**
 11:00am Mass in Arborfield **For the people**

Mass Times for January /February

Sat 7:30pm – Carrot River
 Sun 9:00am – Zenon Park
Sun 11:00am – Arborfield

The new **envelopes** and the **2017 tax receipts** are ready for pick-up. Please see the table at the back of the church.

There will be a **soup and sandwich lunch** following mass on Sunday February 4th with a silver collection. All are welcome! All proceeds will go to the Vacation Bible Camp to be held this summer for all Christian youth in the community.

Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>February 4</u>	<u>February 11</u>
Commentator	Neil	Liz
Reader	Mary	Jeanne
Cup	Beatrice & James	Neil & Sue
Hospitality	Louis & Jean	Bob & Lisa
Offerings	Gabe & Mary	Brian & Pam
Sacristan	Mary	Jeanne

Church Cleaning Schedule

Feb 5-11, 2018	Bob & Lisa Hamelin
Feb 12-18, 2018	Flo & Mary Ann Perrault

Hear ye! Hear ye! Serena Saskatchewan, a natural family planning service, invites you to a Medieval Feast fundraiser on Saturday, February 10, 2018 in Saskatoon. For more info and to reserve FREE tickets, visit <https://www.picatic.com> (search: Serena) or email sask@serena.ca by February 4th. If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation.

There will be a **Lenten retreat** at St. Eugene RC Church with speaker Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie, OMI March 11-13th. See the poster on the bulletin board for more info.

Last week's collection total: **\$ 410.00**
 Special collection building fund: **\$ 150.00 Thank You**

Our three parishes now have a website!

<https://pasquiacatholic.com/>. Check it out!! St Lucy Parish also has a Facebook page: **StLucyArborfield**