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The Prophet Isaiah referred to a mysterious servant. This person would suffer and give up his life for his people. This person would be as gentle as a lamb and have the power to conquer evil. Isaiah described him: Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter... he did not open his mouth...he bore the sins of many... (Isaiah 53:7-12). John believed that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. In Greek, the verb that is used to translate taking away is *airein*. During Jesus' trial before Pilate, the crowd used the same term to demand his death and cried out: Away with him! Away with him (John 19:15). The Person, whom the crowd wanted to put to death, was the One who would take away their sin. We note that the word sin is singular, for there is only one sin, which is to be cut off from God and life.

The pathway leading to faith

It is interesting to note that Jesus' first words in this fourth Gospel are a question: What are you looking for? What follows is another: Where are you staying? The disciples followed Jesus on the lengthy road to the fullness of faith. St. John notes that the disciples began to follow Jesus at approximately four o'clock in the afternoon. Their journey toward the light would begin that night.

Georges Madore, s.m.m.

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

There will be an **Extended Deanery meeting** in Tisdale Mar 17, 2018 from 10:00am - 3:00pm at Immaculate Conception church.

These meetings will help deepen our understanding of what it is to be an Intentional Disciple of Christ. All are welcome to attend.



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Sunday January 14th 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

After the prologue that summarizes the story of the Word who came into our world, the first person to be recorded in the fourth Gospel is John the Baptist. In this Gospel, John is never referred to as the Baptist. Instead he is a witness. This passage which is taken from the Gospel today begins with the words: This is the testimony given by John (John 1:19). What was his role as a witness?

Witness of a revelation

How did John the Baptist recognize Jesus? Contrary to the three other Gospels, the fourth does not report any connection between the two. John repeats twice: I myself did not know him (Jn 1:33,35). John is the witness who speaks about Christ whom the Father revealed to him.

Behold the lamb of God

Who is Jesus whom John revealed? He bestowed an astonishing title on him: the Lamb of God. What does this title mean? Many hypotheses have been proposed and we examine the following points. John refers to two important signs from the Old Testament. One reference is to the paschal lamb. Before the Jewish people could leave Egypt, they slaughtered a lamb and sprinkled its blood on every lintel and door post. This act would spare their families from death suffered by every Egyptian first born. (Ex 12:1-28). Following this tragedy, the Israelites were free and could journey to their Promised Land.

The Week at a Glance

Sat Jan 13 5:00pm Mass in Carrot River †**For Jerry Martin**
 Sun Jan 14 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For the people**
 11:00am Mass in Arborfield **For †Aurel Soucy**
 Mon Jan 15 Fr Travis' day off
 Tues Jan 16 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Geovanne Soucy**
 Wed Jan 17 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Daniel Revoy**
 Thurs Jan 18 no mass
 Fri Jan 19 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home
 7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park
 8:00pm Mass in ZP **For Madeleine Marchildon**
 Sat Jan 20 5:00pm Mass in Carrot River **For †André Laforge**
 Sun Jan 21 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For Safe Travels**
 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

Mass Time	Jan Feb	Mar Apr	May Jun	Jul Aug	Sep Oct	Nov Dec
7:30 PM	CR	ZP	AR	CR	ZP	AR
9:00 AM	ZP	AR	CR	ZP	AR	CR
11:00 AM	AR	CR	ZP	AR	CR	ZP

The new **Liturgy Schedules** are available at the back of the church.

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

Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>January 14</u>	<u>January 21</u>
Commentator	Liz	Joann
Reader	Mark	Lisa
Cup	Sue & Beatrice	Neil & James
Hospitality	Neil & Lorraine	Liz & Guy
Offerings	Brian & Pam	Bob & Lisa
Sacristan	Sue	Joann

Church Cleaning Schedule

Jan 22 - 28, 2018	Don & Jeanne Hoiland
Jan 29 - Feb 4, 2018	Andy & Diane Holdstock

Serena Saskatchewan, a natural family planning service, invites you to a **Medieval Feast** fundraiser Sat Feb 10, 2018 in Saskatoon. For more info or to reserve tickets, email sask@serena.ca or visit <https://www.picatic.com/event15126793066570> before Feb 1st.

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: **\$ 520.00**

Special collection Jan 1: **\$ 130.00 Thank You**

Our three parishes now have a website!

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

BULLETIN ITEMS - submit to stlucyarb@hotmail.com no later than Thursday of the week requiring the announcement.