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In his era, Jonah preached about conversion and repentance. Jesus' message to his disciples had the same sense of urgency. From early on, Christ trained them to take up the tasks and challenges of conversion.

As disciples, we face many challenges. When we speak of conversion, it requires us to step back, focus on what is essential, and even change our perspective and ways. This process can make us fearful, irritated, and upset. Preaching conversion doesn't always guarantee good audience reception. It can be compared to those who oppose evidence of climate change or to members of the Curia who do not support Pope Francis' preaching, despite the fact he is following up with what the Cardinals had requested of the future Bishop of Rome. If we speak about conversion, we must be prepared to be humble. True disciples must acknowledge that they are sinners. The proud, the conceited, and those who believe they are not like other people, have difficulty with conversion and repentance because they ignore their own weaknesses and errors. However, the urgency to convert is real.

Jonah warned the citizens of Nineveh to change their ways. Two millennia ago, Jesus called us to repent. Today this message is preached by Pope Francis and courageous prophets who care for humanity. Lord, ensure that we are not deaf to their words.

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Sunday January 21st 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Bible passages that we read today are quite remarkable as they relate an episode in the life of Jonah. He had tried without much success to convert the inhabitants of the city of Nineveh. The Gospel also provides us with two bits of information: a small comment explaining the essential point of Jesus' preaching and a brief passage on how the Lord recruited his first disciples. Finally we cannot forget Saint Paul who was convinced that the end of the world was imminent. These passages have a connecting theme.

Let's look at Jonah's circumstances. His adventure is related in a text we believe dates from the 5th century before Christ. It describes how the Prophet Jonah dared to preach conversion to a corrupt city. He demanded an urgent response but his message fell on deaf ears. The citizens of Nineveh not only ignored but resisted his preaching.

Five centuries later Jesus used similar language as he preached. Christ's words can be summarized: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news! (Mark 1: 15).

Another interesting perspective is found in the following passages. They record that Jesus recruited disciples to continue his work so that his call to faith could be spread throughout the world.

The Week at a Glance

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**
 Mon Jan 22 Fr Travis day off
 Tues Jan 23 Fr Travis away
 Wed Jan 24 Fr Travis away
 Thurs Jan 25 Fr Travis away
 Fri Jan 26 Fr Travis away
 Sat Jan 27 5:00pm Mass in Carrot River (lay led)
 Sun Jan 28 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park with Brian McLean
 11:00am Mass in Arborfield (lay led)

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

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. Gala includes catered banquet, silent auction, 50/50 draw, entertainment by Collegium Cantorum, wine toss, pay a dime to be first in line (bring pocket change to increase your odds of eating first). Optional dress code = Medieval (awards for best dressed). For more info or to reserve free tickets, visit <https://www.picatic.com/event15126793066570> or email sask@serena.ca by February 1st. Each attendee you invite to the gala gives you a chance to win \$100 in Silent Auction Bucks so the more people you invite, the more chances you have to win! If you are unable to attend, we are still accepting silent auction items or sponsorship donations.

Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>January 21</u>	<u>January 28</u>
Commentator	Joann	James
Reader	Lisa	Pam
Cup	Neil & James	Guy & Sue
Hospitality	Liz & Guy	Bronners
Offerings	Bob & Lisa	Liz & Guy
Sacristan	Joann	Pam

Church Cleaning Schedule

Jan 29 - Feb 4, 2018	Andy & Diane Holdstock
Feb 5 - 11, 2018	Bob & Lisa Hamelin

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: **\$ 426.00 Thank You**

Our three parishes now have a website!

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

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