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In this context, St. Paul wanted the Christians to be free from worries. Thus he recommended that single people remain celibate so their lives would not be divided between duties to their spouses and the Lord.

The scenario of the imminent end of humanity that preoccupied St. Paul didn't happen. We are still awaiting the end of the world. The Resurrection brought a different perspective to our history: one that would focus on our interactions. There is no contradiction between our love for God and our love for others, or between a mother's care for her children and her attention to God. It's by fulfilling our own tasks that we serve the Lord. We are still anticipating Christ's second coming and the Lord expects us to continue to devote our strength, love, and service to others.

**André Beauchamp**

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrell

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 January 28th** **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The liturgy today offers us a passage from the first letter to the Corinthians that makes us sit up and take notice. St. Paul writes that marriage takes its toll and it is better for men and women who are believers not to marry so they could be fully devoted to the Lord. However, in other letters, St. Paul writes very positive and encouraging comments about marriage. We acknowledge that St. Paul's words must not be taken out of context.

In St. Paul's era, Corinth was a city whose morals left much to be desired. There were high rates of prostitution and the practice of keeping concubines was widespread. The Greek concept of the human being pitted the body against the soul. There were numerous problems in the Christian community of Corinth and St. Paul chastised them. He believed that the Corinthians had forgotten the Lord.

There were other factors. The first-generation believers anxiously awaited the end of the world. Following Jesus' Resurrection, it seemed evident that humanity was approaching its end. It was necessary for believers to focus their attention on the imminent coming of the Lord. There was no time for long-term preoccupations. St. Paul insists on this point: Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God called you. This is my rule in all the churches (1Cor 7:17). He continues: Let each of you remain in the condition in which you were called (v.20).

## The Week at a Glance

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)  
 Mon Jan 29 Fr Travis' day off  
 Tues Jan 30 no mass  
 Wed Jan 31 no mass  
 Thurs Feb 1 6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River  
 7:00pm Mass in Carrot River  
 Fri Feb 2 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home  
 7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park  
 8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †Charles Charest**  
 Sat Feb 3 5:00pm Mass in Carrot River **For Betty Laforge & Fam**  
 Sun Feb 4 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Geovanne Soucy**  
 1:00am 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 **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>January 28</u> | <u>February 4</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Commentator</b> | James             | Neil              |
| <b>Reader</b>      | Pam               | Mary              |
| <b>Cup</b>         | Guy & Sue         | Beatrice & James  |
| <b>Hospitality</b> | Bronners          | Louis & Jean      |
| <b>Offerings</b>   | Liz & Guy         | Gabe & Mary       |
| <b>Sacristan</b>   | Pam               | Mary              |

### Church Cleaning Schedule

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

**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](mailto:sask@serena.ca) or visit <https://www.picatic.com/event15126793066570>

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: **\$ 607.00 Thank You**

### **Our three parishes now have a website!**

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