



# Canadian Martyrs

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Sunday Feb 18, 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

- Sat Feb 17** 5:00pm Mass in Carrot River For †AndréLaforge
- Sun Feb 18** 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park For Deceased Family Members  
11:00am Mass in Arborfield For the people  
**2:00pm Carrot River Health Centre service**
- Mon Feb 19 Fr Travis' day off
- Tues Feb 20 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park For Madeleine Marchildon
- Wed Feb 21 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park
- Thurs Feb 22 6:00pm Adoration with Stations of the cross in Carrot River**  
**7:00pm Mass in Carrot River**
- Fri Feb 23 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home For †Geovanne Soucy  
7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park  
8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park
- Sat Feb 24 5:00pm Mass in Carrot River For †Andre Laforge**  
**Pot luck after mass**
- Sun Feb 25 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park For the people  
11:00am Mass in Arborfield For Max & Crescence Binz

Date	Commentator	Readers	Communion	Hospitality	Proc. Of Gifts	Welcoming
Feb 17 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 3rd Sunday	Bob Gagne	Dan Oakes Myrna Oakes	Rosemarie Wasko Neal Wasko	Milton Wood Volunteer	Connie Wood Volunteer	Volunteers
Feb 24 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 4th Sunday	Perry Mamer	Marguerite T Doug Senko	Bob Gagne Suzanne Gagne	Rene Loran Herb Baskey	Eva Loran Anne Mazurek	Volunteers

**Collection: Feb 10, 2018 \$540.00**

**Mass Times for March/April**

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

**Announcements:**

ST. EUGENE PARISH - Nipawin, SK A Lenten Retreat on the Great Triduum Recovering the Alleluia of Easter! with Archbishop Emeritus Sylvian Lavoie, OMI. Day 1 - Sunday, March 11, 2018 - Preach at 11 a.m. Mass - Mission 1 begins at 7 p.m. Day 2 - Monday, March 12, 2018 - Mass at 6:30 p.m. - Mission 2 begins at 7 p.m. Day 3 - Tuesday, March 13, 2018 - Mission 3 begins at 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with celebrating Lenten Penitential Service. Everyone Welcome.

**Stations of the Cross & Adoration** at 6:00pm Thursdays during Lent starting February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Lenten Lunch:** 12:00pm - Feb 22 at United Church, March 7<sup>th</sup> at Mennonite Church & March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Catholic Church.

**Pot Luck** after mass February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Lenten Choir Practice:** Tuesday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> @7:30pm, come join us, it is fun!

**Rummage and Bake Sale:** As you are cleaning corners during this cold weather, don't forget our upcoming rummage sale. Date to follow. Contact Shirley Zeller for more information.

# The Sign of the Covenant

Lent has just begun. The next forty days provide an excellent opportunity to get closer to God who has loved us forever.



Throughout our history, incidents of the unfaithfulness of God's people are numerous. Beginning with the first generations, God has been put aside by the very people to whom he had given life. It took the experience of the Great Flood for humanity to become aware of God's immense disappointment.

Despite all, God still intervened to re-establish harmony and provide new momentum for his chosen people. God established a Covenant with Noah, his descendants, all earthly creatures and promised to preserve them forever from such destruction. To this day, beautiful rainbows are the signs of God's Covenant that ushered in an era of peace.

Of course we will experience other dramatic and arduous trials before we attain our promised salvation in Jesus Christ, God's Son who became man. At that time, heaven and earth will be united and God's immense love for all of us can finally come to fruition.

On this first Sunday of Lent, we recall the temptations that Jesus overcame during his time in the desert. That time, Christ was victorious and Satan was completely vanquished. In many ways these obstacles are similar to ones that we confront. God's people continue on their life pathway with the certainty that a New Covenant has been established with Christ's death and resurrection.

Since the day we were baptized, we became part of this great current of love and able to participate fully in this new era inaugurated by Christ.

Why not enter this Lenten season with the profound certainty that God loves us and that we are his chosen people?

*Gilles Leblanc*

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

# Courage

The Gospel this Sunday provides us with a particular image of Christ. We should contemplate these passages and ask ourselves how we can imitate Him. What is most important to Christ is the communion between each and every one of us. God wants his children to be happy and inclusive. Christ's mission is to unite us.



Jesus did not hesitate to question certain established laws. Without renouncing his faith, he took a further step by not adhering to those that excluded people.

Jesus acted responsibly. Have we not transgressed certain laws depending on the circumstances? We may have exceeded speed limits when bringing a friend to a hospital. Jesus was not out for any personal gain: he wanted to bring salvation to everyone.

One very audacious leper approached Christ. He was confident that Jesus would purify him and expressed his faith: *If you choose, you can make me clean* (Mark 1:40). Jesus did something quite astonishing. He extended his hand and touched the leper. With this gesture, Christ contravened the law and demonstrated his solidarity with “excluded” people. Christ assumed the risk when he encountered the leper: he did not back away from another’s suffering. Jesus knew his action would bring automatic rejection by the society of his era. He accepted the “living death” experienced by the leper. Christ cured him, gave him back his life, and restored his human dignity.

As we look around, we recognize many different types of exclusion: racism, violence, instability, and poverty to name only a few. When we take Christ as our example, we express our solidarity with the sick, prisoners, the marginalized, and those who are “beaten down” by life. If you wish to encounter Christ, we must not be afraid to reach out to others.

Jesus reminds his followers of what is essential: to love others as ourselves. Christ’s teachings encourage us to express our solidarity with others and bring salvation to our Christian communities.

We know that Christ encounters us at various stages of our lives. As we extend our hand in a few minutes to receive the Body of Christ, to whom will we extend it this week?

*Father Yvon Cousineau, c.s.c.*  
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