



# Canadian Martyrs

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## Mass Times for March/April

Sat 7:30pm – Zenon Park

Sun 9:00am – Arborfield

Sun 11:00am – Carrot River

Sunday Mar 11, 2018 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

- Sat Mar 10 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park
- Sun Mar 11** 9:00am Mass in Arborfield For †Max & Crescense Binz  
**11:00am Mass in Carrot River For the people**
- Mon Mar 12 *Fr Travis' day off*
- Tues Mar 13 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park
- Wed Mar 14 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park
- Thurs Mar 15 6:00pm Adoration & Stations of the Cross in Carrot River**  
**7:00pm Mass in Carrot River For †Leonard Pomeroy**  
**7:30pm Parish Council Meeting**
- Fri Mar 16 7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park  
 8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park For †Yolande Marchildon
- Sat Mar 17 10:00am -3:00pm Deanery Meeting in Tisdale**  
 5:00pm Mass in Zenon Park  
 Potluck Supper followed by Annual General Meeting
- Sun Mar 18** 9:00am Mass in Arborfield For †Annette Riou  
**11:00am Mass in Carrot River For the people**  
**K of C Pancake breakfast following mass**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**2:00pm Carrot River Health Centre Service**

Date	Commentator	Readers	Communion	Hospitality	Proc. Of Gifts	Welcoming
Mar 11 <sup>th</sup> 2nd Sunday	Rosemarie Wasko	Volunteer Rick Relland	Aaron Brochu Albert Tkach	Larry Trew Perry Mamer	Fredel Trew Volunteer	Volunteers
Mar 18 <sup>th</sup> 3rd Sunday	Bob Gagne	Shirley Zeller Volunteer	Rosemarie Wasko Neal Wasko	Rick Relland Allan Malfair	Sharon Cross Aline Malfair	Volunteers
Mar 25 <sup>th</sup> 4th Sunday	Perry Mamer	Bob Gagne Doug Senko	Dan Oakes Myrna Oakes	Milton Wood Herb Baskey	Connie Wood Volunteer	Volunteers
Apr 1 <sup>st</sup> 1st Sunday	Shirley Zeller	Dan Oakes Marguerite T	Allan & Aline Malfair	Leo Brochu Ted Myslicki	Jolene Brochu Rose Myslicki	Volunteers
Apr 8 <sup>th</sup> 2nd Sunday	Rosemarie Wasko	Volunteer Rick Relland	Albert Tkach Ted Myslicki	Jeff Trombley Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteers
Apr 15 <sup>th</sup> 3rd Sunday	Bob Gagne	Dan Oakes Myrna Oakes	Rosemarie Wasko Neal Wasko	Milton Wood Volunteer	Connie Wood Volunteer	Volunteers
Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup> 4th Sunday	Perry Mamer	Marguerite T Doug Senko	Bob Gagne Suzanne Gagne	Rene Loran Herb Baskey	Eva Loran Anne Mazurek	Volunteers
Mar 29 <sup>th</sup> 5th Sunday	Dan Oakes	Sharon Cross Perry Mamer	Allan & Aline Malfair	Milton Wood Larry Trew	Connie Wood Fredel Trew	Volunteers

**Collection: Mar 4, 2018 \$515.00**

## 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.

Deanery #2 meeting with Bishop in Tisdale March 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00am -3:00pm. All parishioners encouraged to attend. Fr presented three questions for us to reflect on before the meeting – 1. What is a disciple? 2. How do I help my family and my parish to foster intentional disciples? 3. What is my personal relationship with God and how is my parish helping me to grow.

The season of Lent has arrived. This is to remind you of the date and of the time for this year's **Chrism Mass**. We will be celebrating on **SATURDAY, March 24, 2018 at 11:00am** at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Prince Albert. The details for the Eucharistic Celebration will be similar to previous years. Each year, we encourage every parish to send representatives to receive the newly blessed oils from the Bishop at the end of the Celebration. For this year's Celebration as we continue to journey through 'Our Church is a Family of Families,' the Diocese is inviting those who work in pastoral care in your communities to participate as the parish representatives. Even though we have parish representatives, please encourage any parishioner to attend and to take part in this celebration. **If you would like to represent our church please contact Fr Travis before Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Stations of the Cross & Adoration** at 6:00pm Thursdays during Lent

**Lenten Lunch:** 12:00pm - March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Catholic Church.

**Rummage and Bake Sale:** April 20<sup>th</sup> As you are cleaning corners during this cold weather, don't forget our upcoming rummage sale. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated to receive and organize rummage on Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday 1:00-4:00pm, April 17-19. Contact Shirley Zeller for more information.

As part of the **Forming Intentional Disciples initiative**, Fr. Richard Leonard, s.j., author, educator, and critic of our modern culture, has been invited to present in the Diocese on his latest work. From the inside front cover of the book: **What Does It All Mean?** A Guide to Being More Faithful, Hopeful, and Loving: Explores the grounds for faith, the challenges in believing, the problem of evil, and offers lifetime lesson for prayer and the spiritual life.

First presentation: Prince Albert - Saturday, April 21 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at E. A. Rawlinson Center (\$25/person, lunch & breaks included).

Second presentation: North Battleford - Sunday, April 22 (12:30 to 4:30 p.m.) at Light of Christ Learning Center (\$10/person, coffee break included)

A Third presentation will focus on the presence of God in our suffering. Monday, April 23 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary High School in Prince Albert.

Tickets are available at the Diocese in Prince Albert, your parish office or [eventbrite.ca](http://eventbrite.ca)

**Wish List for the next 5-10 years!** This does not mean we have to, but we might.

New boiler system (10 years)	\$50,000
Flooring, linoleum (10 years)	\$7,000
Cart to move chairs (ASAP)	\$350
Retreat team (1 - 3 years)	\$2,000
Steeple, finish painting (1-5 years)	\$5,000
Stained glass windows for the steeple, 8 windows (1-3 years)	\$7,200
Hymnals (1-3 years)	\$2,500

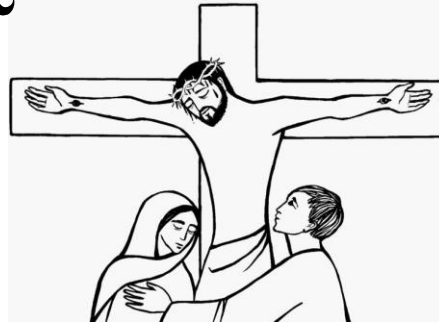
If you would like to add anything let us know! If you would like to donate to any of the items, thank you! And let us know.

Blessings,

Fr. Travis

# Songs of Life and Hope

In the 1950's, we rediscovered the musical treasures of our inspirational biblical psalms. While the Jerusalem Bible provided the translations, what was interesting was many famous musicians took these works and produced popular songs and melodies. Psalms are primarily chants and Father Joseph Gélineau was one artist who took Psalm 137 that recounted the trials of the Hebrew people in their time of exile and produced a beautiful and popular song.



I remember the melody and these words accompanied by a zither, an ancient instrument:

*By the rivers of Babylon,  
there we sat down and there we wept  
when we remembered Zion.  
On the willows there we hung up our harps.  
And our tormentors asked for mirth, saying  
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”...*

The Hebrew people refused and protested:

*How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?*

Why would we choose this unhappy chant? Why would we want to revisit a time of exile for the Israelites? Their hope of a return to their homeland was kept alive throughout years of exile. In rereading Israel's history, the chronicler, through these meanderings, revealed the Hebrew people's unrelenting faith that God would help them. Though there would still be periods of infidelity to the Covenant, they would eventually progress from shadows to light, from death to life.

This passage refers to the Covenant and we realize that God is always ready for a fresh start. Despite our repeated infidelities – similar to those recorded in the Bible - God wants us to remain strong and free. God is always ready to renew the Covenant.

We interpret St. John's Gospel as an invitation to continue our way toward the cross. Just as Christ was lifted up on the *cross* and as Moses lifted up the *bronze serpent* in the desert, these two symbols are signs of hope. They are also paradoxical images: what caused death becomes what saves us. In the desert, the serpent brought death to those who were bitten and yet when Moses raised it up, those who looked at it were cured. What had initially brought death became a sign of life.

St. John wrote this passage with the experience of a believer, with the eyes of one who for almost sixty years had meditated on Christ's passion in the light of the Resurrection. The parallels and perspectives are obvious and striking:

*Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life (Jn 3:14-15).* For God so loved the world that the cross became the sign of life.

**Father Jacques Houle, c.s.v.**

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli