



Canadian Martyrs
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Mass Times for Jan/Feb 2019
 Sat 7:30pm – Zenon Park
 Sun 9:00am – Arborfield
 Sun 11:00am – Carrot River

Sunday Dec 30, 2018 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sat Dec 29 7:30pm Mass in Arborfield For Souls in Purgatory
Sun Dec 30 9:00 am Mass in Carrot River For the people
 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park For Edwin Lee
 Mon Dec 31 7:30pm Mass in Arborfield For Souls in Purgatory
Tues Jan 1 9:00am Mass in Carrot River For †Paul Nesdoly
 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park For the people
 Wed Jan 2 no mass
Thurs Jan 3 no mass
 Fri Jan 4 no mass
 Sat Jan 5 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park For †Joe Greaves
Sun Jan 6 9:00 am Mass in Arborfield For the people
11:00am Mass in Carrot River For Relatives of Neil & Wilma Wheeler

Date	Commentator	Readers	Communion	Hospitality	Proc. Of Gifts	Welcoming
Dec 30 th 5th Sunday	Shirley Zeller	Wilma Wheeler Marguerite T	Dan & Myrna Oakes	Leo Brochu Ted Myslicki	Jolene Brochu Rose Myslicki	Volunteers
Jan 6 th 1st Sunday	Shirley Zeller	Sharon Cross Wilma Wheeler	Albert Tkach Ted Myslicki	Dan Oakes Bob Gagne	Myrna Oakes Suzanne Gagne	Volunteers
Jan 13 th 2nd Sunday	Rosemarie Wasko	Dan Oakes Rick Relland	Bob & Suzanne Gagne	Larry Trew Perry Mamer	Fredel Trew Volunteer	Volunteers
Jan 20 th 3rd Sunday	Bob Gagne	Shirley Zeller Sharon Cross	Rosemarie & Neal Wasko	Albert Tkach Allan Malfair	Joyce Tkach Aline Malfair	Volunteers
Jan 27 th 4th Sunday	Perry Mamer	Bob Gagne Doug Senko	Dan & Myrna Oakes	Rene Loran Herb Baskey	Eva Loran Volunteer	Volunteers
Feb 3 rd 1st Sunday	Rosemarie Wasko	Wilma Wheeler Rick Relland	Albert Tkach Ted Myslicki	Jeff Trombley Allen Malfair	Volunteer Aline Malfair	Volunteers
Feb 10 th 2nd Sunday	Bob Gagne	Dan Oakes Myrna Oakes	Rosemarie & Neal Wasko	Milton Wood Albert Tkach	Connie Wood Joyce Tkach	Volunteers
Feb 17 th 3rd Sunday	Perry Mamer	Marguerite T Doug Senko	Bob & Suzanne Gagne	Rene Loran Herb Baskey	Eva Loran Volunteer	Volunteers
Feb 24 th 4th Sunday	Dan Oakes	Sharon Cross Perry Mamer	Allan & Aline Malfair	Milton Wood Larry Trew	Connie Wood Fredel Trew	Volunteers

Collection: Dec 23, 2018 \$1095.00, Christmas Eve mass \$1101.25

Vocation Corner - Feast of the Holy Family – C

A Vocation View: Unless your family loves you, nothing else makes sense. In your family your vocation can grow in wisdom, age and grace.

Prayer: For all Catholic families, that they will esteem the grace of each child’s vocation and prayerfully encourage their children to consider being a priest, religious sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

Action: THE LOVING ENVIRONMENT of a family draws forth an individual’s greatest talents and gifts. We’ve come to realize that creating an atmosphere in which children can hear the Lord’s call is one of the most significant responsibilities resting on our shoulders as parents. Our own lives must reflect the presence of God, His Word, and the love He offers His people.

Announcements:

“What Must We Do... to Build the Kingdom of God?”. We are just days away from the end of the 2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. As of December 12, 2018 parishioners have pledged \$343,676.15 towards the goal of \$425,000 for the Diocese of Prince Albert. If you have already sent in your pledge for the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, thank you for your generosity. If you haven’t done so yet and are planning to do so, the Appeal Office would like to have all pledges received before December 31, 2018. If you have lost or misplaced your Appeal information, additional pledge cards are available from your Parish Office. Please continue to pray for the success of the 2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. For further information contact Andrea Langlois, Director of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal at 306-922-4747 ext. 234, baadirector@padiocese.ca or Louis Hradecki, Data Administrator of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal at 306-922-4747 ext. 233, bishopsappeal@padiocese.ca.

Bishops Annual Appeal Update: 14 pledges for total of \$2800.00.

Bishop’s Annual Appeal
“What Must We Do... to Build the Kingdom of God?”
October 14 – December 31, 2018
Every gift is greatly appreciated!

Diocesan announcements:

- Jan. 16, 2018 - Cree Language Study-Muskeg Lake First Nation, Parish Church, Muskeg, SK
- Jan. 18-28, 2019 - NET (National Evangelical Team), Billets needed
- Jan. 20-27, 2019 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019
- Jan. 22, 2019 - École St. Mary High School, 'Swish For A Cure' - Prince Albert, SK
- Jan. 26, 2019 - WYD@Home (World Youth Day) - St. Joseph Parish, Prince Albert, SK
- Jan. 28, 2019 - Barry Tkachuk (Diaconate) - St. Vital Parish, Battleford, SK

✠ *Vocation Corner*~ Mary, the Holy Mother of God - C

A Vocation View: A new year...the Lord bless you and keep you. A new vocation...tell others that the Lord blesses and keeps them!

Prayer: That Mary, the Mother of God and of vocations will nurture, guide and protect all those called to the priesthood, diaconate and the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Action: GOOD EXAMPLE is the most efficacious apostolate. You must be as lighted lanterns and shine like brilliant chandeliers among men. By your good example and your words, animate others to know and love God. *St. Mary Joseph Rossello*



Thank you to the K of C and everyone who helped with our Church Christmas celebration.

- Sunday, December 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (C) - white
- Monday 31: Seventh day within the Octave of Nativity - white
- Tuesday, January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - white
- Wednesday 2: St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors -white
- Thursday 3: Ferial - white
- Friday 4: Ferial - white
- Saturday 5 Ferial - white
- Sunday 6: Epiphany of the Lord (C) - white

The Holy Family and our own families ...

The Gospel today relates a stressful family situation experienced by Jesus' parents. It describes their pilgrimage to Jerusalem and their young teenager who didn't return home with them. His parents assumed he was travelling with relatives. Instead he remained behind and his frantic parents



finally found him in the Temple of Jerusalem where he was listening to the teachers and asking questions. When Jesus chose to remain in Jerusalem, his anxious parents struggled to understand his reasoning. After they found him, the family unit returned home and life continued as before.

When you think about it, this passage strikes home for many families. The word "family" is not often associated with *perfection* and very seldom with *holy*. Realistically speaking, our family experiences are often full of challenges and limitations. We may even feel that our infinitely perfect God must be far removed from our seemingly endless conflicts. Our flagrant lack of charity for other members of our families is often a sharp contrast to the calm that unites the Holy Trinity. God, in His perfection, may seem light years away from the skirmishes and reconciliations that permeate our lives.

And yet, we all belong to God's family. The Son of God became man by fitting into a real family – one that did not enjoy the best of circumstances. Remember that Jesus lived with Mary and Joseph in a tiny village that was far from the sophistication of Jerusalem. At the first opportunity, Jesus ran away for a brief stay in the Holy City. His cautious father, a carpenter, probably worked on the houses of the lower classes and obviously was not a scholar who could comment on Jewish law. Mary managed their ordinary family life with the resources available. Did these circumstances appeal to God? They pleased God so that his Son was born into this modest family. God, through Jesus, is close to humanity. This is our good fortune.

At this time when society often cannot provide us with models to emulate, the Holy Family reminds us that God adopted and included us in his divine family. He provided us with the example of a mother who had a child of mysterious birth, of a broad-minded adoptive father and of an offspring who challenged family members with his speeches and exploits. All of this can reassure us of the value of our own family. Despite whatever challenges we face, our families can still strive for *holiness*! Our families can embrace the greatest commandment: love of God and of our neighbors. The second reading today is explicit: *And this is his commandment: that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.* We can see amazing results over time, results celebrated in this Sunday's psalm: *Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.*

Alain Faucher, ptr

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

Happy New Year !

To all members of our Christian community,

On the first day of the New Year, we often *remove* our old calendars and *replace* them with new ones. This small, harmless ritual makes sense since it is both a reminder to look forward and make this New Year even better than the last.



A reminder

Let's take some time to review our old 2018 calendar before recycling it. We find appointments, birthdays, annual events: Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, Christmas, etc ... Our old calendar reminds us of the moments we experienced, whether joyful or otherwise. Today's Gospel relates that Mary: *treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart*. Why did St. Luke record this? For this Evangelist, Mary is the model par excellence of our Christian faith. Our faith is based on the certainty that the Lord lives and accompanies us. Christ's Mother acknowledged God's presence and action throughout her life. In the same way, as we recall the events of 2018 and, in a moment of reflection, we may discover God's presence and thank Him for the joys we celebrated as well as the strength we received during difficult times.

A call to action

Let's take a look at our brand new calendar without any notations or erasures. Each date on this calendar can be seen as a call to action. In fact, the word *calendar* comes from the Latin verb: *calare*, which means to call, to proclaim. Each of the 365 days in our 2019 calendars brings a message from Our Lord: to trust Him and live in the light of His love. This blessing is expressed in the first reading of the New Year's liturgy: *(May) the Lord make his face shine upon you and give you peace*. It is an affirmation that even in our darkest days, the face of God, our Father, will bring us light and comfort.



Our new calendars are also a call for us to be a presence of tenderness, forgiveness and compassion for others. In other words, a presence that is God-filled. This is what is meant when Mary: *treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart*. Throughout her life, she treasured the events that followed the birth of her Son in a manger and the shepherds' presence and words of praise.

My New Year's wish is that you see the days in your 2019 calendar as calls to action... a unique gift that the Lord gives you and a mission entrusted to you. I bless you each and every day!