

Liturgy Office

R.C. PASTORAL CENTRE
CENTRE PASTORAL
1415 – 4TH AVENUE WEST
PRINCE ALBERT, SK. S6V 5H1
PHONE: (306) 922-4747
FAX: (306) 922-4754

DIOCESE OF PRINCE ALBERT
DIOCESE DE

January 12th, 2010

Dear Pastors, Secretaries, Parish Administrators & Liturgy Committees

Happy New Year! We are now in the first week of Ordinary time. The Sourcebook prepared by LTP states that: The Sundays of Ordinary Time are not “ordinary” but “ordinal,” or counted. This is simply a way the Church organizes her liturgical books, assigning each Sunday a number, counting each week one after the other. Please take note of the following liturgical events during the next weeks in the life of the church.

January 17th, World day of Migrants and Refugees.

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees has been promoted by many Episcopal conferences in the world in communion with the one promoted by UNO on June 20th. “If the dream of a peaceful world is shared by all, if the refugee’s and migrant’s contribution is properly evaluated, then humanity can be come more and more of a universal family and our earth a true common home.” / John Paul II, 2004 message.

January 24th -31st, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

February 2nd, Presentation of the Lord & World day for Consecrated life.

The purpose of the day is “to help the entire church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord.” / John Paul II, 1997 message.

According to the Ordo, candles may be blessed at the beginning of Mass on this day.

February 3rd, Memorial of St. Blasé, Bishop and Martyr.

Throats may be blessed after Mass today.

Form for Blessing of throats:

Through the prayers of St. Blasé,
May God free you from ailments of the throat
And from every other evil.
In the name of the Father, and of the +Son,
And of the Holy Spirit. Amen

February 11th, World Day of the Sick.

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the church. Pope John Paul II in establishing this day stated: "I consider most appropriate, indeed, the bestowal upon the entire ecclesial community of an initiative which, as already practised in some nations and regions, has brought forth precious pastoral fruit." Feb. 11th (memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the church. It reminds us that the service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great effort of doctors, nurses, health care institutions, and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease. We encourage you to offer a communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick in your parish on the day itself or the closest Sunday.

February 17th, Ash Wednesday.

Universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. See pastoral note #29 in the liturgical calendar.

The ashes that will be used to mark the beginning of Lent come from the branches blessed and distributed last Passion Sunday. The parish bulletin could invite people to bring the branches taken home last year to the church, so that they may be burned and used in the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

February 21st, Rite of Election.

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Prince Albert, Sk.

We hope you enjoy the remainder of this portion of Ordinary Time before the Season of Lent begins.

God Bless,

Heidi Epp
Liturgy Office Coordinator

Fr. Maurice Fiolleau
Director of Liturgy