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Our mission statement: LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, Feb. 28th – 9:00 AM – Ernest & Anna Antoine (Marie-Rose Antoine)

Friday, March 5th - 9:00 AM - Adoration & Reconciliation

Mass – 10:00 AM – Rose Vaillant (funeral collection)

Sunday, March 7th – 9:00 AM – Deceased members of Dequier family

(Roland & Yvonne Dequier)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **For a holy season of lent**

God's Share: Feb. 21st - \$735.00 (16) + \$0.00 (loose) + \$35.00 (DD) = **\$770.00**

Catholic Missions in Canada: Feb. 21st - \$10.00 (1) = YTD **\$85.00**

Ministries:

February 28th

March 7th

March 14th

Readers: Simone Lambert

Judith Robidoux

Simone Lambert

Counters: Dorothee & ptrnr.

Jean & ptrnr.

Maurice & ptrnr.

Prayer Intention for March, 2021

Sacrament of Reconciliation- *Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.*

***Sacrament of Reconciliation during the COVID-19 Pandemic: If you want to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call Fr. Peter for an appointment. He is super happy to make himself available for your spiritual well-being.**

March 28, 2021

2nd Sunday of Lent (B)



Bishop LeGatt Video Message: Lent, A Time to Die to Oneself

The holy season of Lent: a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the Paschal mysteries. But this year, we have lived an entire year of the sacrifice and fasting of Lent, and we have given up a lot more than just sweets or things of the like. As we continue in fraternal charity and love to respect

sanitation requirements, let us continue to die to ourselves, and in doing so, resemble our Christ on the cross more and more, who freely gave his life for us.

To view the video, [click here](#) or visit the diocesan Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/> or visit the diocesan website homepage at: www.archsaintboniface.ca



NEW EWTN LENT 2021 WEBPAGE

We invite you to log onto the new Lent 2021 webpage at www.ewtn.com/lent. On this site you will find a variety of resources including a comprehensive look at the Church's teaching about Lent, daily readings and reflections, special Lenten programming, popular devotions, video-on-demand and much more!

FREE eBook WITH 2021 LENTEN MEDITATIONS

Lent is a new opportunity to be reenergized in our faith. However, Lent can sometimes pass us by without us

growing closer to the Lord. This is why one of our Franciscan Friars, Fr. Joseph has prepared a series of Lenten reflections in the form of an eBook to guide us during this solemn season. Included within the new Lent 2021 webpage is a form to fill out to receive this free eBook which will bring recipients deeper into the Mass readings with insights that are both simple and profound.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE:

Share Love, Share Lent: Solidarity with communities in crises. Did you know that Development and Peace provides humanitarian aid to communities coping with climate change, conflict and natural disasters in over a dozen countries? This week, the Share Love, Share Lent campaign looks at how your solidarity is meaningful for Rohingya refugees and their host communities in Bangladesh. Please pray for communities affected by crises and help us to keep supporting them by contributing to **the collection on the Fifth Sunday of Lent**. For inspiration, information and to donate, visit: www.devpo.org/lent

COVID-19 Vaccines – an FAQ on Catholic Bioethics

As more and more Manitobans have the possibility of being vaccinated against COVID-19, Catholics may be asking themselves questions regarding the ethics and social justice issues surrounding vaccination. Here, then, are some Frequently Asked Questions, and some answers to help navigate our current situation.

Why should I consider being vaccinated against COVID-19?

Vaccinations save lives. And in as much as they contribute to the common good, the Catholic Church supports and often promotes their use.

The Church also supports and encourages ethical scientific research into the development of vaccines that will mitigate or even end the harm caused by COVID-19, which has been linked with the death to date of more than one million people and has caused great harm to millions more.

Getting vaccinated comes down to a question of the common good. As the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has stated, “from the ethical point of view, the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health, but also on the duty to pursue the common good. In the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and most exposed” (click here for full document On the Morality of using some Anti-COVID-19 Vaccines).

Medically, the Pfizer-bioNTech and Moderna vaccines currently available in Canada are 95 % effective. Morally, these vaccines were created in an ethically acceptable manner, since they were not created using fetal cell lines. In literature and the news, you may see the term “morally irreproachable”, which means they are ethically acceptable. As Catholics, we ought to do the best we can to make sure all of us are as healthy as possible for ourselves and our families but also for other people.

Am I obligated to get vaccinated?

No. No one ought to be forced to take a vaccine.

Catholics are free to decide, according to their discernment. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith reminds us that “practical reason makes evident that vaccination is not, as a rule, a moral obligation and that, therefore, it must be voluntary”. That said, we all need to reflect on our moral responsibility to be vaccinated for the purpose of the common good, since receiving a vaccine saves lives. Dr. Moira McQueen, the executive director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, points out that our decisions should be illuminated by Catholic bioethics and social principles, which are based on Christ's example and teachings, as well as reason and scientific principles.

More details: <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2020/12/18/should-catholics-get-covid-19-vaccine-239540>

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Transfigured

Since I was 10 or maybe even 12, I have been very impressed with the account of Jesus' Transfiguration. In particular, I was struck by three events: Jesus' resplendent beauty, the apostles' flabbergasted reactions and the meeting at the top of the mountain with Moses and Elijah. My young self felt this was a storyline for a superhero movie.



Obviously, my appreciation and understanding of the story have evolved over the years. Then one day, during my first trip to the Holy Land, I had the opportunity to visit Mount Tabor as part of a tour. That year I had to make an important decision that would impact my whole life. I will spare you the more intimate details but acknowledge that I suffered as I reflected on the pros and cons of the issue.

In the parking lot while waiting for the minibus, I made the decision, with the approval of the tour guide, to climb the mountain on foot, either by following the winding road or by cutting through the woods. My intention was to reflect on my impending decision, by reading, meditating, and praying, while contemplating the story of the Transfiguration and imagining myself in the Apostles' shoes. The physical effort of the climb freed my mind. When I got to the top, the Basilica was in sight and I stopped a small distance from my group. A feeling overcame me at the top of the mountain which helped me to appreciate a new perspective on my decision. I felt peaceful and happy. I hadn't had a vision, instead a feeling of inner light made me see my problem differently. It was undoubtedly the light of faith which makes us attentive to the Lord's presence, and we can leave our everyday distractions behind. I have had the chance to return three times to Mount Tabor, the mountain of Christ's Transfiguration, and each time I have had an inspiring experience, each different from the first. I recall particularly the conversation with our Jewish guide during which we discussed the presence of Moses and Elijah, according to our respective religious traditions.

The Transfiguration immersed the apostles in the mystery of Jesus, God's beloved Son, in whom the fulfillment of the Covenant, given to Moses and defended by Elijah, was revealed. The Transfiguration also prepared the apostles to continue to live with faith and hope beyond the horror of Christ's passion and death. Where are we in our faith journey?

I believe the term transfigured is the "normal" term for us who are baptized in Christ. Basing our lives on the knowledge of Christ's Resurrection may at times seem abstract, even theoretical. However, the Father's voice invites us to listen to His Beloved Son. As we listen, our attention is focused on seeing and appreciating the signs of the Risen Christ's active presence in our lives. Listening is a way of achieving a positive perspective on life's difficult situations. We can accept the feelings of comfort and faith which come from God the Father's mercy. These brief experiences of spiritual communion give us the courage to continue on our journey with joy and confidence.

Yves Guillemette, priest

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