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NISKIPISIM (GOOSE MOON)

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Baby Roman Daniels passed away March 2, 2018. Mary Jane Lindberg passed away March 3, 2018.

BAPTISMS: March 10, 2018: Nadab Segid. March 11, 2018: Aidan LaRoque.

5th Sunday of Lent

As your family we gather here today, Not because we have to, but because we want to.
We are here to offer you our worship, our prayers and our lives in service to you and to our neighbour.
We have as our example your Son who chose not to rule but to serve
Who gave of himself and you a love so strong
that it flowed like a river from his hands and his heart

MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Mornings at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday at 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday at 4:00 p.m. the Eritrea Mass

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 9 a.m. Friday at 7 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Class

Sacred Heart CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES is having its next Baptismal Class on

Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Call 780-422-3052 to register.

First Communion Class

The next First Communion Class at Sacred Heart CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES will be held on

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the church

Call 780-422-3052 to register.



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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

1. **Baptism:** Everyone wishing to have their child Baptized are asked to attend one Baptism Preparation Class. These classes are offered on the second Thursday of each month and take place in the church at 6:00 p.m. Please register by calling the office. Adults wishing to be baptized are asked to call the office to register separately.
2. **First Communion:** We are providing classes for children ages 6 to 12 years who wish to receive their First Communion. To assist us with planning the classes we would ask that you call to register if you would like to have your children receive the sacrament anytime over the next 6 months or so. Thank you for your cooperation.
3. **Marriage:** Due to preparation and paper work, please make every effort to register for marriage at least 3 months ahead of the date.

Outreach Ministries Available at Sacred Heart CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES

1. **Communion for Housebound Parishioners:** Housebound parishioners of Sacred Heart Church of The First Peoples who might wish to receive Holy Communion on Sundays can register by calling the office at 780-422-3052. Please be sure to provide your complete address. Trained Eucharistic Ministers are available to offer the service.
2. **Spiritual Assistance and Direction:** Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie, OMI and Lucie Leduc (Director at Star of the North) will be available by appointment at Sacred Heart Church of The First Peoples to provide spiritual assistance. Please call the office to book an appointment (780-422-3052). This is a free service.
3. **Grief Counselling:** Grief counselling is available to anyone who is dealing with the death of a loved one. This service is for all parishioners of Sacred Heart Church of The First Peoples and is offered by Fr. Susai Jesu, OMI and Helen Gledhow, CGSC, CSIC. Please call the office to make an appointment (780-422-3052).
4. **House Blessings:** Call the office if you wish to have a House Blessing.

WORLD YOUTH DAY JANUARY, 2019

THEME: "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. (Lk 1:38)

AGE: 18 to 35 years.

DATES: January 17-21, 2019: Days in the Diocese (Costa Rica, Nicaragua, & Panama)
January 22-27, 2019: World Youth Days Panama

Information session:

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the church basement. Maria from "Marianatha Tours" will be here to provide information and answer any questions on the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, November 20 – 30, 2018. Anyone interested please attend.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 26 at 5 p.m. in the rectory.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the rectory. The meeting will begin with supper at 5 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

A Bible Study Group has begun at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. The next session is on Tuesday, March 27, from 7 to 8 p.m. It is held in the church rectory and will run every other Tuesday. The dates will be on the monthly calendar. Everyone is welcome. We will be reflecting on one parable each week. The “Parable of the two sons” will be the one we reflect on during the March 27th session.

Parable of the Two Sons (Matthew 21.28-32)

Jesus went on to say, “What do you think of this? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said to him: ‘Son, today go and work in my vineyard.’ And the son answered: ‘I don’t want to.’ But later he thought better of it and went. Then the father went to the second and gave him the same command. This son replied: ‘I will go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did what the father wanted?” They answered, “The first.” And Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you: the publicans and the prostitutes are ahead of you on the way to the kingdom of heaven. For John came to show you the way of goodness but you did not believe him, yet the publicans and the prostitutes did. You were witnesses of this, but you neither repented nor believed him.

ST. PAUL PRAYER GROUP

A St. Paul Prayer Group has also started and is held in the rectory on alternate Tuesday’s (alternate to the Bible Study Sessions). The next St. Paul Prayer Group session will be on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 from 7 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

MOVIE NIGHT

The next movie night will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the church basement. The movie is called “Do You Believe”. (*When a local pastor is shaken to the core by the visible faith of an old street-corner preacher, he is reminded that true belief always requires action. His response ignites a faith-fueled journey that powerfully impacts everyone it touches in ways that only God could orchestrate. From the creators of God's Not Dead.*)

There will be snacks and soft drinks. Everyone is welcome!

Knights of Columbus

Anyone interested in joining the Knights of Columbus please contact Fernie Marty at 780-655-7135 or you can see him at the 11:30 mass on Sundays.

SACRED ART OF LIVING AND DYING

Providence Renewal Centre is pleased to collaborate with the Sacred Art of Living Centre in offering a two-day workshop “**Understanding Spiritual Pain**” on Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7, 2018, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Focusing on **forgiveness, relatedness, meaning and hope**, the workshop addresses how or facing spiritual pain or ‘leaning into’ it has a profound impact on our lives and the lives of those receiving and giving care. Participants will learn a total pain management model that helps reduce anxiety and improve quality of living. Cost \$475.00 (includes manual, lunch and follow-up group support). Discount of \$100.00 for groups of 5+. For more information or to register, go online www.providencerenewal.ca or phone 780-701-1854.

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Spring Fiesta Saturday

March 24, 2018 (2-6 p.m.)
Edmonton Intercultural Centre 9538-107 Avenue
Food from around the world, various performances and much more!!

See poster at back of church for more detailed information

SPRING BREAK FUN

A week of training, skill building and fun for First Nations, Metis, Inuit and Edmonton Public High School Students.

Eastglen High School
11430 68 St NW
March 23 – 29, 2018

For more info or to Register visit: goo.gl/dstPBB
Information night: Thursday March 15 from 6:30 to 7:15

Matt Talbot Prayer Group

The Matt Talbot Prayer Group meets once a month on Saturday mornings at Sacred Heart CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES after the 8:30 am mass. The group is inspired by the life of Venerable Matt Talbot (1856-1925), also known as “the worker’s saint” and patron of people who suffer from alcoholism. Ven. Matt Talbot encourages all of us by his moving example of personal conversion, triumph over addiction, dedication to duty, care for family, and life of constant prayer.

SACRED HEART WEBPAGE (www.sacredpeoples.com)

Our webpage has been updated and as time goes on new information will be added on a regular basis. You will be able to access our weekly Bulletin and Calendar. We also have our new facebook page, which lists all our current parish activities that you can link to from this website.

Benefit Concert for Star of the North Retreat Centre

“Starry Night” featuring Coco Love Alcorn and Sachs Pop-Up Choir

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Arden Theatre (5 St. Anne Street, St. Albert)

General Admission: \$35.00

For Tickets: 780-459-5511

www.starofthenorth.ca

e-mail: reception@starofthenorth.ca

All proceeds support the ongoing mission of Star of the North Retreat Centre to offer a sacred place of hospitality and healing.

Weekly Sunday Collection

Sunday Collection for March 11, 2018: \$2,635.00

SUNDAY READINGS: Palm Sunday – March 25, 2018

First Reading: (Isaiah 50. 4-7)

The servant of the Lord said: “The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

“I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

“The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.”

Second Reading: (Philippians 2. 6-11)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel: (Mark 14.1 - 15.47)

Several readers may proclaim the passion narrative today. N indicates the narrator; J the words of Jesus, and S the words of other speakers.

N: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him for they said,

S: ***Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.***

N: While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger.

S: ***Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.***

N: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

J: **Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.**

N: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, the disciples said to Jesus,

S: **Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?**

N: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

J: **Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of oil will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, “The Teacher asks, ‘Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.**

N: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

J: **Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.**

N: They began to be distressed and to say to him once after another.

S: **Surely, not I?**

J: **It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.**

N: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

J: **Take; this is my Body,**

N: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

J: **This is my Blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.**

N: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them.

J: **You will all become deserters; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.**

N: Peter said to him,

S: **Even though all become deserters, I will not.**

J: **Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.**

N: But he said vehemently,

S: **Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.**

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N: But he said vehemently,

S: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

N: And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples,

J: **Sit here while I pray.**

N: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them,

J: **I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.**

N: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

J: **Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove thi cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.**

N: Jesus came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

J: **Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**

N: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

J: **Are you still sleeping an taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.**

N: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrive; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign saying.

S: **The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.**

N: So when he came, he went up to Jesus at once and said,

S: **"Rabbi!"**

N: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

J: **Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day afater day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.**

N: All of them deserted him and fled.
A certain you man was following Jesus, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.
They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.
Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him saying,

S: ***We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands."***

N: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. They the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus.

S ***Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?***

N: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him.

S: ***Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?***

J: ***I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power," and "coming with the clouds of heaven."***

N: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

S: ***Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?***

N: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and strike him, saying to him,

S: ***Prophecy!***

N: The guards also took him over and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

S: ***You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.***

N: But he denied it, saying,

S: ***I do not know or understand what you are talking about.***

N: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

S: ***This man is one of them.***

N: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the by standers again said to Peter,

S: ***Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean,***

N: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

S: ***I do not know this man you are talking about.***

N: At that moment to cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

N: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, let him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

S: ***Are you the King of the Jews?***

J: You say so.

N: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again.

S: ***Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.***

N: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.
Now at the festival Pilate used to release a prisoner for the, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. They he answered them,

S: ***Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?***

N: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again.

S: ***Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?***

N: They shouted back,
S: **Crucify him!**
N: Pilate asked them,
S: **Why, what evil has he done?**
N: But they shouted all the more,
S: **Crucify him!**
N: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace, (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothes him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,
S: **Hail, King of the Jews!**
N: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.
They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his Cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, (which means the Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casing lots to decide what each should take.
It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,
S: **Aha! You would destroy the temple and build it in three days; save yourself, and come down from the Cross!**
N: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,
S: **He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down from the Cross now, so that we may see and believe.**
N: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,
J: **Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?**
N: which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said.
S: **Listen, he is calling for Elijah.**
N: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,
S: **Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.**
N: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.
N: And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,
S: **Truly this man was God's Son!**
N: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Jesus, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him in Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that Jesus was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.