

PARISH ACTIVITIES

WELCOME TO NOTRE DAME PARISH

To register, please call 306-445-3836.
We are looking for more volunteers for the ministries. Please call us if you are interested.

Décor for Easter

We are now accepting your donations of money for flowers for Easter. If you wish to purchase flowers, please drop them off at the rectory during Holy Week.

Battlefords Right to Life AGM

Monday, March 28, 2022, 7:00 pm
at St. Joseph's Parish Hall

Working and praying to protect and uplift all human life from conception to natural death.

Sharing Grief's Journey- from Mourning to Joy

8 weeks starting Mon, Mar. 21; afternoon & evening groups; call Sue 441-5441 or Denise 441-3338.

Call for Nominations

The Notre Dame Parish Annual General Meeting will be held at 11:00 am on Sunday, May 8th, 2022.

Some of the current positions on Parish Council are coming to the end of their term, and are in need of filling. We are looking for new volunteers who are willing to let their name stand. You have until **April 13** to submit nominations. Forms are available at the back of the church, so please pick one up today, or stop by the parish office. If an election needs to be held, it will be on Sunday, May 1st. Results will be announced at the AGM on May 8th.

Development and Peace: a movement of solidarity Standing Up to Corporate Power in Honduras

The *People and Planet First* campaign is about helping communities stand up to corporate power. In Honduras, as in much of the Global South, corporations often threaten and criminalize activists who speak up against their abuses. The Lenca Indigenous leader Víctor Vásquez was imprisoned for fighting the corporate takeover of his people's ancestral territory. Development and Peace's partner, the Honduran Centre for the Promotion of Community Development (CEHPRODEC), helped free him from jail. Another partner, Caritas Choluteca, trains and accompanies community leaders in advocating for policies that respect human rights and the environment. Recently, they got mayoral election candidates to undertake to declare the municipality of Orocuina a mining-free zone if elected. Read more about these people's victories in our Mini-magazine at devp.org/lent/resources or call Helen at 306-480-4650. **Apr. 3 is Solidarity Sunday!**

Easter Schedule

Apr. 14 - Holy Thursday: 5:00 pm St. André
7:00 pm Notre Dame;
(adoration until 10:00 pm)
Apr. 15 - Good Friday: 10:00 am Liturgy of the Hours
3:00 pm Good Friday Service
(St. André & Notre Dame)
Apr. 16 - Saturday Easter Vigil: 7:00 pm Notre Dame
Apr. 17 - Easter Sunday: 9:30 St. André
11:00 am Notre Dame

CWL Diocesan Annual Meeting of Members (Convention)

Saturday, April 23rd, 2022
at Notre Dame de Lourdes Church
"Catholic and Living It"
9:00 am: Registration – St. Bernadette Hall
Guest speaker – Harry Lafond speaking on the national theme "Catholic and Living It", as an indigenous person.
This meeting is open to all CWL members.
Contact Betty Znack at 306-445-3108 to register.

Altar Server Training /Refresher Session
Sunday, March 27th at 1:00 pm at the church
For new members and current members to become familiar with changes, and to share your expertise. Thank you for your service!



Sat. Mar. 26th 7:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people, and for the intentions of the Knights of Columbus Council 2094.

Sun. Mar. 27th 9:30 am St. André
For the intentions of the people.

11:00 am Notre Dame
For † Arlene Schwab by Albert and Hélène Blais.

5:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people.

Mon. Mar. 28th No Mass
Tues. Mar. 29th 9:30 am Notre Dame
For the intentions of Most Rev. Bishop Stephen Hero by Albert and Hélène Blais.

Silver Rose Prayer Service following Mass

Wed. Mar. 30th 9:30 am Notre Dame
For Jason Pielak by Adeline Scammell.
Adoration from 10:00 am to 11:00 am especially for the Indigenous delegation to the Holy See.

Thurs. Mar. 31st 9:30 am Notre Dame
For † Inez Nordstrom by Ted and Helen Menssa.

First Fri. Apr. 1st 9:30 am St. André
For † Deacon Gil Bellavance by Doreen Dudek.
6:00 pm Notre Dame
For the sick in our community by Eduardo Ledon and family. 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Sat. Apr. 2nd 7:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people, and for † Annie Bertsch by the family.

Sun. Apr. 3rd 9:30 am St. André
For the intentions of the people.
11:00 am Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people.

5:00 pm Notre Dame
For † Mildred Kleiv by Notre Dame School Staff.

For prayer requests call the Prayer Line:
445-8338 or 441-4123

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Adult Faith _ Journey through Lent Thursdays from Mar 3 until Apr 7, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. each week.

The evening will begin with Lectio Divina, followed by small group sharing on the reading. These are stand-alone sessions, so if you cannot attend them all, but would like to attend a few of them, that would be fine.

Family Faith Formation at Home

A ten-part video series based on the book, *Benjamin's Box*, follows Jesus' way of the cross through a little boy's eyes. The series can be viewed on Sundays beginning Feb. 27 and concluding during the Easter weekend on the [RC Diocese of Prince Albert: Evangelization and Catechesis Facebook page](#) and later on Mondays on the [Evangelization and Catechesis webpage on the RC Diocese of PA website](#).

Battlefords & Area Marriage Preparation Course

After a long hiatus due to Covid, an in person Marriage Prep will be offered for those couples getting married in the Catholic Church. The date will be the weekend of **May 27 & 28**. This time of preparation will happen at St. Vital Parish in Battleford. As always, space will be limited, so please call Shannon Bailey as soon as possible at 306-317-0878. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

Synod Timeline of Events

We are still accepting Synod feedback.

Please return your filled in questionnaires.

Apr 29/22 - Large Parish/Pastoral Zone Synthesis Due - [fill online](#)

End of May/22 (TBA) - Diocesan event to share and discuss the draft Diocesan Synthesis, to celebrate the process and consider next steps

Jun 17/22 - Final draft of Diocesan Synthesis sent to Western Canadian Bishops

MINISTRY MASS SCHEDULE						
Date	Mar. 26 7:00 pm	Mar. 27 11:00 am	Mar. 27 5:00 pm	Apr. 2 7:00 pm	Apr. 3 11:00 am	Apr. 3 5:00 pm
Captains	Murielle Rousseau 445-4367	Marie Urben 441-4012	Rose Balfour 446-3063	Peter Pielak 445-2716	Helen Kayfish 480-4650	Betty Znack 445-3108
Greeters & Gift Bearers	L. Douville M. Rousseau	Eduardo & Ann Ledon	R. Balfour G. Gantefoer	M. Isla & family	Erna Day D. Dudek	Bea Geering Betty Znack
Commentary Announcements	Peter Pielak	Cheryl Kitzan	Glen Gantefoer	Helen Kayfish	Helen Kayfish	Rose Balfour
Proclaimers: 1 st reading, psalm, 2 nd reading and prayers	Jean Pawlus	Jeena Mathew Craig Treiber	Betty Znack	Murielle Rousseau	Matthew Parker Erin Xavier	John Jangula
Communion Body of Christ	Darnel Alcantara	Marie Urben Pauline Bingham	Rose Balfour	Peter Pielak	Marie Urben Gisele Rentz	Glen Gantefoer
Altar Servers	_____	Evan C. Joelene S.V. Erin X.	_____	_____	Joelene S.V. Anne P. Xavier P.	_____

**25th Anniversary Divine Mercy
Sunday, April 24th, 2022**

10:30 am Rosary; Message by Jesus
about Divine Mercy Image
11:00 am Mass; Message of Jesus -
Complete Pardon of Sin
12:00 Noon: Exposition of Blessed
Sacrament; “O Saving Victim”;
Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Litany of
Holy Eucharist; Message of Jesus
about Divine Mercy to Dying Souls
Chaplet
12:30 pm: Benediction



Vocation Corner

Fourth Sunday of Lent – C

A Vocation View: Jesus came to forgive. Since people continue to sin, we need people who will continue to forgive in Jesus' way. How about you?

Prayer: For the faithful response of all persons now being called to seek out those who are lost and bring them back to life in Christ by serving Him and His Church as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

Action: A person receives “a call” not just or his own benefit but also for the benefit of others, for the welfare and comfort of many.

Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish

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Facebook page: Notre Dame de Lourdes Battlefords; send photos to: notredame.nb@gmail.com



Mar. 26 & 27, 2022

Pastor: Fr. Nick Ferreras

For emergencies call: 1-306-314- 9402

Confession: 30 minutes before each Mass

Parish Secretary: Rose Balfour

Caretaker: Craig Treiber

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 4:00

Parish Council Members:

Chairperson - Glen Gantefoer

Secretary - Rose Balfour

Alan Corbeil, Hélène Blais,

Helen Kayfish, Matthew Parker

Parish Finance Members:

Chairperson - Chris Pollard

Jaki Esquirol, Peter Pielak,

Irene Rathke, John Jangula

Fundraising Chair: Debbie MacGregor

March 27, 2022 — Fourth Sunday of Lent



For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not “measuring up” in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. The Gospel Reading, the parable of the Prodigal Son, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us.

We are all familiar with this amazing story — the bratty younger son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it. But isn't that exactly what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us.

In desperation from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally **“comes to his senses”** — awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father — and decides to return home. His contrition is faltering and imperfect and seems motivated in large part by his growling stomach. But it is enough for the loving father.

In fact, as soon as the father catches sight of his son he is **“filled with compassion for him”** and immediately sets about preparing a feast and fine clothes for this son. What an extravagance of love! What a beautiful picture Jesus gives us of our Father's love and mercy. Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father!

And how it should inspire us — with just the tiniest bit of spiritual **“spring cleaning”** we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.

Sunday's Collections:

Mar. 19th & 20th, 2022

Loose – \$280.00 Envelopes –\$ 4,453.75

Pre-authorized - \$365.00

Thank you for your generosity

Enumerator for Tues. Mar. 29th, 2022

Hélène Blais

Notre Dame Parish thanks you for all your donations!

*"Prayer is the fastest thing on Earth... it reaches God
before you even say it."
Anonymous*

Synod Zoom Events

Mar 9/22 - ONLINE forum topic Main Synod
Question (Belonging, listening, speaking
out) [register here](#)

Mar 23/22 - ONLINE forum topic Missionary
Disciples (Sharing responsibility for our common
mission) [register here](#)

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Stations of the Cross – Lent 2022

First Fri. Mar. 4 – Parish Council 6:30 pm after Mass
Fri. Mar. 11 – CWL 7:00 pm
Fri. Mar. 18 – K of C 7:00 pm
Fri. Mar. 25 – Youth 7:00 pm
First Fri. Apr. 1 – Dev. + Peace 6:30 pm after Mass
Fri. Apr. 8 – Divine Mercy 7:00 pm
Fri. Apr. 15 – Good Friday - parish 3:00 pm

For [Our Lady of Lourdes](#) home visits, please call 445-3836.

**When you have finished with the statue, please call
the next person on the list or the office.**

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or anyone you know is seriously thinking of
becoming Catholic or wants to know more about the
Catholic Faith, please call and register for RCIA classes
which will begin in October. Call 445-3836.

SERENA

Are you interested in Natural Family Planning?
If so, please visit the website at www.saskserena.ca, or
see *The Coverline*, their news publication on the bulletin
board at the back.

AUTO-DEBIT

***Have you ever considered making your weekly church
donations using auto-debit?***

***By doing this, you can eliminate writing cheques or
looking for some cash when you make your donation.***

***The donation is automatically transferred from your
bank account to the church after your authorization.***

***This can be set up at the Parish Office. For more
information, forms are available in a pocket in the
entrance of the church, or you may contact the Parish
Office at 306-445-3836.***

New Parishioners &/or Address Change

(Please complete this form and place in the collection
basket.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

I/We wish to have Offertory envelopes:

Yes _____ No _____

Auto Debit: Yes _____ No _____

Email Address: _____

Date: _____

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Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre **QUEEN'S HOUSE RETREAT AND RENEWAL CENTRE**

Please visit our webpage for a list of all upcoming
programs and to register for all programs:

http://www.queenshouse.org/?page_id=4399

For more information contact Sarah Donnelly:
306-242-1916 x226



CWL



RCIA and RCIC

If you know of anyone who is interested in
learning more about the Catholic faith, and
they are wishing to receive the sacraments of
Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation,
please have them call the parish office to
register as soon as possible. RCIA classes for
adults and older youth usually start in early
fall, and RCIC for children begins in January.