

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

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| \$1651.00 | \$2510.00 | (\$859.00) | \$490.00 |

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MASS INTENTIONS Feb 29 to Mar 8, 2020

SATURDAY, Feb 29, 2020

4:00 pm Confession

5:00 p.m. MASS in Morden- For the soul of Pat Menzies
Req: Ernie & Joanne Gonda

SUNDAY, Mar 1, 2020 - 1st Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. MASS in Manitou

11:00 a.m. MASS in Morden - For the soul of Phyllis Binda
Req: Ernie & Joanne Gonda

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden - Thanksgiving & intentions
Req: Anne del Mundo

MONDAY, Mar 2, 2020

NO MASS

TUESDAY, Mar 3, 2020

7:00 p.m. Mass in Morden - For the soul of Mary Skubovius
Req: CWL

WEDNESDAY, Mar 4, 2020

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden - For the soul of Phyllis Binda &
all deceased CWL members Req: CWL

THURSDAY, Mar 5, 2020

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden- For the soul of Phyllis Binda
Req: Perogy Crew

FRIDAY, Mar 6, 2020

9:00 a.m. & MASS in Morden - For the soul of George
LaMotte Req: Perogy Crew

7:00 p.m. Adoration in Manitou

8:00 p.m. MASS in Manitou

SATURDAY, Mar 7, 2020 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm - Confession

5:00 p.m. MASS in Morden- For the soul of Phyllis Binda
Req: Clare Agnew

SUNDAY, Mar 8, 2020 -

9:00 a.m. MASS in Manitou

11:00 a.m. MASS in Morden - for the soul of Adelaida Andres
Req: Uminga family

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden-

Father Ramon **The Shepherds walking stick**

I trust that you have taken seriously the obligation to fast and abstain during the Ash Wednesday. Our times call for it. Aside from the spiritual benefits which I have mentioned in my last post, the discipline of Lent affirms our Catholic identity. Abstaining from serving meat on the family table during Fridays of Lent, for example, will give the impression on our children that the faith is taken seriously at home..... Of course, it is also important to know the reasons for the discipline. Some of you might be wondering: Is eating an expensive lobster more penitential than refraining from eating steak? Why is it that one may eat fish and not flesh meat during Fridays (of Lent especially)? St. Thomas Aquinas gives us a couple of reasons. Firstly, he said that it was on a Friday that Christ offered his body on the cross for our salvation. He gave up his flesh, so we also give up flesh meat. Secondly, he said, *"Fasting was instituted by the Church in order to bridle the concupiscences of the flesh, which regard pleasures of touch in connection with food and sex. Wherefore the Church forbade those who fast to partake of those foods which both afford most pleasure to the palate, and besides are a very great incentive to lust."* He means to say that there is more pleasure in eating meat than eating seafood even if it is an expensive lobster. Of course, eating lobster on Ash Wednesday or Good Friday is contrary to the spirit of penance, and should not be done. Moreover, some people will not agree that eating meat is more pleasurable than eating seafood. But, we are speaking here of the general populace. We can see how steakhouses greatly outnumber seafood restaurants. St. Thomas further connects this pleasure for meat to the pleasure to sin especially the sin of lust (which is oftentimes called sin of the flesh) which is the stronger among our many inclinations. I think even medical science would back up St. Thomas' teaching. Science would say that protein found in meat will increase testosterone level in men and fertility levels in women, and it thus connected with sexual libido. Abstaining from meat of warm-blooded animals, therefore, means that we are opening ourselves to God's grace to help fight temptations to sin.

RECONCILIATION: Presently only available Saturday and Sunday

Website: www.saintjohnparishmorden.org

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Prayer Intention for March, 2020

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may
persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel
and grow in unity.

* March 1, 2020 - 1st Sunday of Lent

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."
(Matthew 4:10)

Tempted between the riches and power of this world
and service to God, Jesus chose service
to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we,
too, must decide to turn away from worldly
power and riches and put God at the center of our
lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of
earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to
serve.

Touching the Hem of His Garment

Adult Lenten Retreat

Saturday March 7th, 2020 9 to 5

*A day of reflection and being at the feet
Of Jesus*

Pease register at
belro@mymts.net or call 204-242-3107

St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church
532 Fuller Ave
Manitou

Cost: \$30.00 per person dinner included

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!!!!

Lenten Youth Retreat
Leap of Faith
March 14, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

St Patrick's Parish
532 Fuller Ave, Manitou
Call Roger & Belita @ 204-242-3107

Suggested donation \$15/per person
Includes lunch & supper
Unleash your courage, determination
& trust in following Christ!

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish....they are:
Jordan Myers , Lance Collantes, George Macgregor, Basil Agnew, Annika Guenter
(Please call 204-362-6771 if someone should be included or removed. Thanks!)