

Ascension Sunday

MAY 29TH, 2022

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	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Tue. May 31	9:00am	Goodsoil	+John Ehnes	Gerrard/Lucille Martin
	7:00pm	Pierceland	For Vocations	
Wed. June 1	7:00pm	Goodsoil	+Paul Lutter	Leo/Louise Hetlinger
Thurs. June 2	9:00am 5:00pm	Pierceland Loon Lake	For Vocations For Vocations	
Fri. June 3	9:00am	Goodsoil	+Marianne Schamber	Calvin/Sandy(Schamber)Jones
Sat. June 4	9:00am	Goodsoil	+Adeline Urlacher	Adam/Regina Fetsch
	5:00pm	Loon Lake	For Vocations	
Sun. June 5	9:00am	Goodsoil	Aly Lewans	Bernadette Puffer
	11:00am	Pierceland	For All Parishioners	

ST. BONIFACE	MINISTERS LIST June 5th	ST. ANTONINUS
Commentator - Len S.		Readers - Marla Shirley
Readers - Nadyne G. Jeanette M.		Music - Folk Mono- Andrea
Greeters - Wes / Lorraine D		Gifts - Theresia and Gail
Gift Bearers- Devon / Wendy M.		Servers - Brian
Rosary - Adam/Regina F.		Greeters - Marvel
Cleaning - Sonntag Group		Sunday School - Trisha

**Diocesan Synod Wrap-Up! What have we heard?**

The Diocesan Synod Wrap-Up will be taking place on
June 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph parish in Prince Albert.

The primary focus of the Wrap-Up is the sharing of the Diocesan Synod report before it is sent on to the Western region, where it will be synthesized with the reports from the other Western Dioceses. There will also be an opportunity at the event for small group conversations about what we have heard and how the results of this listening process are calling us to journey forward as the Diocese. If your parish did not have a listening session or you did not take part in a listening session, your presence at this Wrap-Up is still very important. The Synod Planning Committee hopes that you will take this next opportunity to participate as the Synod results will impact our diocesan journey in the future.

Fr. Kendrick will set up a virtual connection at St. Boniface church following the first Saturday 9:00am Mass. All are welcome!

GOODSOIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION with Bishop Stephen Hero **Saturday June 18th at 10:30 am** Lunch and fellowship to follow **PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE** with OUR YOUNG CHILDREN



Brooklyn Brunet Cooper Hill Jackson Hill Kate Kope Henry Kope
Drew Lauinger Addison March Jillian March Olivia Piecharka Kinsey Weber



PIERCELAND ANNOUNCEMENTS

June Cleaning - Susan Logan 839-2234 Marcey Rawlake, Marla L'Heurux, Trisha Rawlake - Cattell, Kim McRae, Beverly Rawlake, Sherry Gross, Amber Rawlake

My First Year as Bishop



It's hard to believe that I have been Bishop of Prince Albert for almost a year now! I was ordained on June 11 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the midst of Covid-19 restrictions and troubling news stories in the media. To tell the truth, I felt a little like a paratrooper who lands during a battle and 'hits the ground running.' There was nothing else to do but find my feet and move forward as quickly as I could.

As you can imagine, everything was new for me. I had spent over 40 years of my life in Edmonton (21 years as a priest), so moving to any different place would have involved a sort of uprooting and adjustment. Our faith teaches us, however, that if God calls us to a special mission, then he will give us the grace we need to carry it out. I have to say that I have experienced the truth of that. Even if there have been challenges and difficulties this year, I would say above all that this has been a year of great grace and many beautiful consolations. I have been often brought up against my limits and weaknesses, but I have also seen how God truly provides for us and answers heartfelt prayer.

I have tried to travel around the Diocese this year and let the people themselves show me how to minister to them. We start to get to know where people are at and what their needs are simply by listening prayerfully and getting to know them. A great grace of this year has been meeting so many people and communities in the Diocese, including many Indigenous people. Because a Bishop travels around and tries to be in touch with all the communities in his Diocese, he eventually starts to get a bird's eye view of a region which helps keep the bigger picture in mind and hopefully discern God's will. I think that I am on my way towards that.

A Bishop does all the usual ministry that a Priest does, but he is also the ordinary minister of Confirmation. I get to preside over the initiation of many young people who are taking these important steps in the life of faith: Confirmation and first Holy Communion. It is sort of like being in the center of things: at the place where the Church is being born and growing powerfully. These sacraments then are always powerful moments of grace for me too, the smell of Chrism on my hands and clothes a reminder of what God is doing in people's lives. The life of a Bishop or Priest gives us so many opportunities to help others and try to bring them closer to God, but it also allows us to witness God's grace and action.

I would say that it was about Christmas time that I really started to feel that I was home in Prince Albert. Christmas midnight Mass at the Cathedral was a very special moment for me as was the Easter Triduum again a few weeks ago. There are so many memories of these sacred days with family and friends from my life somewhere else: it is a powerful, new sort of 'arrival' to start celebrating those special days here.

Please continue to pray for me as I journey with you as your Bishop and know that I am praying for you too. On Priests' anniversaries, we often say in Latin: *ad multos annos!* For many (more) years! That's my prayer too for my life as Bishop here: *ad multos annos!*

Stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high. (Luke 24:49)

Today we rejoice that Jesus has physically ascended to heaven. What a sight that must have been for the disciples! The same Lord who had died and risen from the dead had now ascended before their eyes! But what would this mean for their mission? As they clung to His words, "Stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high," they may have wondered how to follow Jesus now (Luke 24:49).

Luke tells us that the disciples "returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the Temple praising God" (24:52-53). So not only did they remain in the city, but they stayed *together*. It's easy to imagine the disciples returning to their homes in Galilee, but they didn't. They stayed and worshipped the Lord together. And that unity in prayer helped prepare them for the coming of the Spirit on Pentecost.

Like the disciples, we might wonder how to follow Jesus since He is no longer walking the earth. But the answer remains the same: *Stay in the city*. Stay close to your brothers and sisters in the Lord. When hard times come, we may feel distant from God or uncertain about what to do next. Confusion, hurt, or disillusionment can undermine our trust in the Lord and one another.

In these situations, our first instinct is often to withdraw. We might avoid seeing people or even stop going to church. But Jesus encourages us: *Stay in the city*.

Jesus promises to give us the power we need to live as His people. He urges us, *Stay close to your brothers and sisters. Stay close to me. Keep praying. I will fill you with my Spirit.*

"Jesus, help me to stay close to you and to your people, even when I don't understand what you're doing."