



Val's Voice

Well, it seems strange to say, but I let those who were gathered from our parish for worship yesterday know that after much consideration, I have decided that I will be resigning from my

appointment with the Parish of St. Mary Magdalene at the end of June this year.

It is hard to believe, but it has been seven and a half years already! We have walked through change, through a pandemic, through illness and death and other heartbreaks; we have celebrated babies and confirmations, teenagers becoming adults... all of us together...

It has seemed to me recently, as we have pondered the challenges that are part of our parish life now, that somehow, the future is something that you need to plan for knowing that although you will all remain in my heart,

that whatever road you embark on needs to be one you take without me in your midst...

Simply put, I have been conscious for awhile that there are other things I want to explore, other things I want to do. And I have no doubt that there will be other wisdom and other things you learn in this new stage in your growth as a parish.

I have been so grateful, always, for your kindness and your welcome, not just for me – but for many. I have loved the diversity in our parish, the people I have come to know... In some ways, we will remain a part of each other – and that is something for which I am grateful!

After this long and hard week after my dad's death, your kindness and your care mean more than ever. At this moment, though, I also need to sign out...

Blessings of God's love and wisdom guide you and surround you, today and always...

Val



Vestry Notes from March 25

Financial report:

- Overall we were in the black this month thanks to an investment earning 7% interest that provided \$10,538 in revenue.
- The 2025 budget called for a 10% increase in offerings. Although offerings in Jan and Feb were not up that amount, it was clear that parishioners are trying to meet that goal.
- There was a \$1,711 bill to remove the snow pile from the parking lot as ordered by the City. A parishioner generously paid half.
- A GIC that matured March 3/25 was rolled over.

Sadly, there was **another break-in** on March 21. The thief (vies) came in through the foyer window, damaged the office door handle and took the safe (which had been bolted to the counter) as well as the blade from the paper cutter. A police report was submitted and Assiniboine Credit Union has been contacted. Work is still being done on the break-in last November. An investigation is being done on reactivating the security system with Protelec and/or installing cameras that connect to cell phones. A parish inventory is being completed. Whatever action is taken will come with expenses.

A thorough clean-up of the **downstairs kitchen** including cleaning of stoves, fridge and freezer, and an inventory, was completed.

Ken Friesen, a **building appraiser**, will visit in the near future and then provide an assessment for insurance purposes. The last assessment was in 2010. In order to have complete information to make decisions for the future, a commercial realtor visited the church on March 25 and determined the estimated value of the building at \$1.1 million. He indicated that it should not be difficult to sell. (Parishioners should note that the majority of revenue from the sale of the building will go the Diocese).

Building repairs were made to the broken connection between the sinks drains and the sump pump in the downstairs kitchen to prevent water from flooding the floor whenever the taps were turned on.

Many thanks to Brian Aminot who attends each day to clean the floors, take out the garbage and clean the washrooms.

A prayer for **land acknowledgement** has been developed. It will be introduced during the Easter season and said together following the Collect.

One third of the **Easter Offering** will be donated to Victor Mager School to assist students.

Please pray for refugee family members who remain in Malaysia, hoping for admission to Canada.

Garage Sale donations are being collected. If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions, please call Cathy at 204-256-6157 or email stmarymag.garagesale@gmail.com

Our latest **educational event**, a MAID presentation on March 30, was well attended and offered valuable information. If you have a topic you would like to have considered for our next event, please contact someone on Vestry.

Movie Club will meet the first Saturday of the month. The **Lenten Book Study** "On Repentance and Repair" is going well and will continue after Lent until the book is finished.

Rob Knight and his musician friends will host a fundraising **Pub Night** on Thursday, June 5 from 7-9:30 pm. More details to come.



Palm/Passion Sunday April 13, 10:30 am

We celebrate with a palm procession and the Holy Eucharist.

Maundy Thursday April 17, 6 pm

We gather for a simple soup meal at 6 pm (optional). Service begins at 7 pm as we recall Jesus' washing of His disciples' feet, share the Holy Eucharist and then strip the altar and have a time of silent prayer.

Good Friday April 18, 10:30 am

We come together for prayer and to meditate on the Cross.

Easter Sunday April 20, 10:30 am

We rejoice with the communal flowering of the Cross and the Holy Eucharist.

St. Mary Magdalene Church Calendar

April 2025		May 2025	
6 Sun	Fifth Sunday in Lent Eucharist 10:30 am	2 Fri 3 Sat	Garage Sale
8 Tue	Vista Park Lodge 2:15 pm	4 Sun	Third Sunday of Easter Eucharist 10:30 am
13 Sun	Palm Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am	11 Sun	Fourth Sunday of Easter Eucharist 10:30 am
17 Thu	Maundy Thursday Soup Supper 6 pm Eucharist 7 pm	13 Tue	Vista Park Lodge 2:15 pm
18 Fri	Good Friday Service 10:30 am ACF 12:30 pm	18 Sun	Fifth Sunday of Easter Eucharist 10:30 am
20 Sun	Easter Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am	25 Sun	Sixth Sunday of Easter Eucharist 10:30 am ACF 7 pm
22 Tue	Vestry Meeting 7 pm	27 Tue	Vestry Meeting 7 pm
27 Sun	Second Sunday of Easter Eucharist 10:30 am		

ACF = Asian Christian Fellowship service in Urdu

Weekly Activities

Movie Club	First Saturday of the month	Contact: Carey
Christian Meditation	Thursdays 7:30 pm	Contact: Barbara B
Choir Practice	Sundays 9 am	Contact: Nancy

The Parish of St. Mary Magdalene is on Treaty 1 territory.

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