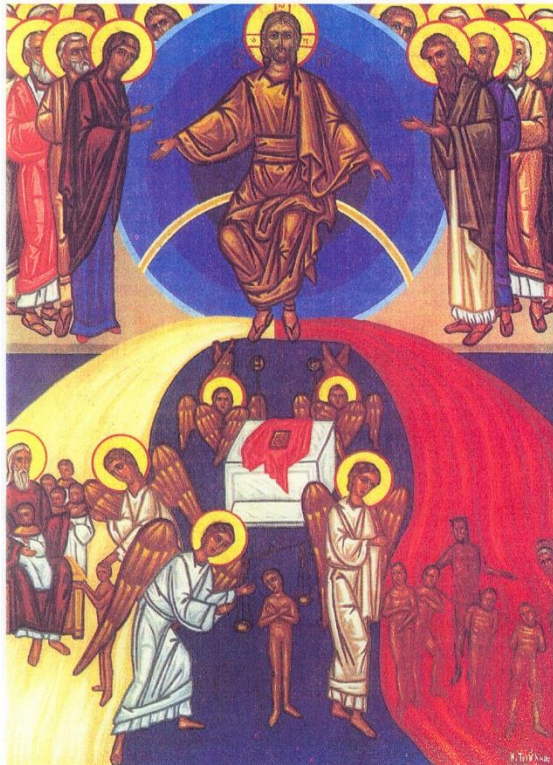




## Catechist Connection

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Dear Catechists:



The season of Christmas is almost over and we are into the pre-Great Fast Sundays. This Sunday is Meat fare Sunday. In Ancient days, people would say 'Farewell' to meat until Easter. It is also the Sunday of the Last Judgment. We hear the Gospel Story of Jesus dividing His flock between the righteous and unrighteous. We see this in the Icon of the Sunday. The people are divided to the left and to the right of the throne of Christ. The righteous receive the reward of Heaven because they saw the need and acted with love, i.e. "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed

me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to visit me" (Matthew 25: 25-26). These are the corporal acts of mercy. They are basic. In this Year of Mercy, let us work toward reaching these goals of mercy which are based on love.

### **WHAT CAN I DO IN MY CLASSROOM OR HOME?**

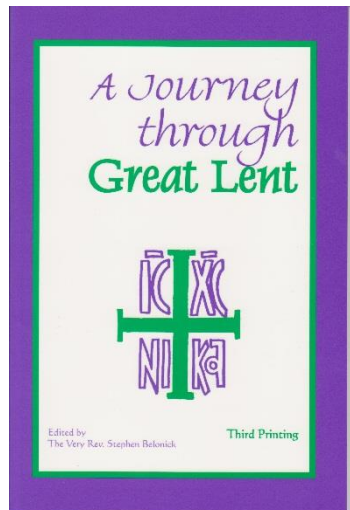
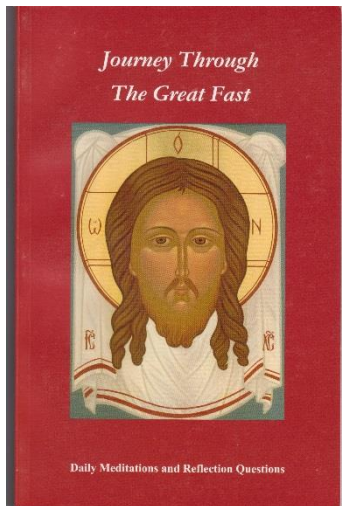
- Go through your closets and give clothes to the poor.
- Have a bottle drive and give the money to the local food bank.
- Put a sign on your mirror that says: Jesus lives in me!
- Put a sign on your door that says: Jesus lives in others!
- Pray for people who are lonely and sick, remember them as a family, class or individually.

- Put chocolate in the food hampers at Church, not just food you dislike.
- Try to spend a whole day thinking about others first.
- At the end of each evening, class, and week ask yourself if you helped anyone who was in need.
- Where did you meet Jesus today?

There is an excellent video clip on the Eparchy of Saskatoon Website explaining the **Year of Mercy**. Take some time and have a look at it: [www.skeparchy.org](http://www.skeparchy.org)

The **Great Fast** begins **Monday, February 8, 2016**.

We have several books available for spiritual reading and reflection during the time of the Great Fast.



If you would like one of these resources or any other resources from our Office please do not hesitate to contact us: [rel.ed@sasktel.net](mailto:rel.ed@sasktel.net) or (306) 652-1718.

In case you have not heard, our Office has begun an Adult Faith Formation Program in the Yorkton Deanery. It takes place once a month in Yorkton at St. Mary's Church. At present we have 25 participants. We've had one weekend so far and it has been received very well.

Blessings,

Sr. Bonnie