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Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers,

Please take note of the following:

RITE OF ELECTION

Following a meeting of the archdiocesan liturgy committee yesterday, February 28th, it was decided that the Rite of Election Mass to be held at the cathedral in McLennan this Sunday March 6th would not be held. We ask pastors who have catechumens to celebrate the Rite of Election in their parish church, having the catechumens sign the Book of the Elect.

MASS ENDING THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

His Grace, Archbishop Pettipas will celebrate the closing Mass for the Year of St. Joseph at St. Joseph Parish, Spirit River, on Saturday March 19 at 11:00 am.

CHRISM MASS

If there are no restrictions imposed due to the COVID pandemic, plans to celebrate the Mass for the blessing of the Oil of Catechumens and of the Sick and the Consecration of the oil of Chrism is scheduled to take place on April 12th, 2022 @ 7:30 pm at the St. John the Baptist Cathedral in McLennan.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

A reminder that on the weekend of March 12-13, we spring ahead one hour for daylight saving time.

ASH WEDNESDAY – PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Pope Francis has invited everyone to “take part on 2 March, Ash Wednesday, in a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in Ukraine, in order to be near to the suffering Ukrainian people, to be aware that we are all brothers and sisters, and to implore God for an end to the war”.

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,

where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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