

## St. Boniface Church - Spring Lake, Alberta

### ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF DAYSLAND, HEISLER, KILLAM & PARISHES

Daysland – Our Lady of the Prairies Church \* Heisler – St. Martin Church \* Killam – St. Joseph Church  
Polska Church – St. John the Baptist Church \* Prague Church – St. John Nepomucene Church  
Spring Lake - St. Boniface Historical Church \* Strome – St. Peter Historical Church

**May 25, 2011 at 07.00 PM – Annual Spring Mass \* Blessing of the graves \* Coffee**

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:**

Saturday at 7.00 PM – Killam

Sunday at 9.00 AM – Daysland

Sunday at 11.00 AM – Heisler

**SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:**

Saturday at 7.00 PM – Heisler

Sunday at 9.00 AM – Killam

Sunday at 11.00 AM – Daysland

**THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:**

Saturday at 7.00 PM – Daysland

Sunday at 9.00 AM – Heisler

Sunday at 11.00 AM – Killam

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:**

Saturday at 7.00 PM – Heisler

Sunday at 9.00 AM – Killam

Sunday at 11.00 AM – Daysland

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:**

Saturday at 7.00 PM – Daysland

Sunday at 9.00 AM – Heisler

Sunday at 11.00 AM – Killam

**DAILY MASSES:**

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – 7.00 PM at Daysland Church

Wednesday – 9.00 AM at Killam Church

Thursday – 4.15 PM at Killam Hospital

Friday – 12.00 PM at Heisler Church



**St. Boniface, pray for us!**

**THANK YOU**

- To all the members of St. Boniface Historical Society
- To all the people who continually help to keep St. Boniface Catholic Church and cemetery in such a good condition
- To all the people who came to celebrate Eucharist today

## LITANY FOR THE DEAD

- Priest:** Let us pray for those who have passed through the gates of death and await God's abundant mercy:
- Priest: For those who died from sickness, disease or addiction,  
For those who died in fire, floods or natural disasters,  
For those who died from hunger, thirst or malnutrition, we pray:
- People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**
- Priest: For those who died slowly, painfully or from prolonged illness,  
For those who died in shame or guilt,  
For those who died in poverty-stricken or dehumanizing conditions, we pray:
- People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**
- Priest: For those who died suddenly or unexpectedly,  
For those who died by violence, abuse or neglect,  
For those who died at the hands of loved ones, we pray:
- People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**
- Priest: For those who died in times of war,  
For those who died in acts of terrorism,  
For those who died by execution, we pray:
- People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**
- Priest: For those who died at birth,  
For those who died in the womb and by abortion,  
For those who died prematurely in their youth, we pray:
- People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**
- Priest: For those who died by suicide, in despair or without hope,  
For those who died unreconciled with another or family, with the church or with God,  
For those who died alone or unloved, unmourned or forgotten, we pray:
- People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**
- Priest: For those who died in sorrow or regret,  
For those who died amidst broken promises and unfulfilled dreams,  
For those who died in accidental or tragic circumstances, we pray:
- People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**
- Priest: For those who died as innocent victims,  
For those who died for the sake of others,  
For those who died defending life and protecting the innocent, we pray:
- People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**
- Priest: For those who died in witness to the truth and justice,  
For those who died in witness to faith, hope and love,  
For those who died peacefully surrounded by family and friends, we pray:
- People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**
- Priest: For those who died prayerfully in the hope of rising again,  
For those who died fortified by the Sacraments of the Church and nourished by the Bread of Life,  
For those who have died from our family or from among our friends, we pray:
- People:** **Be merciful, O Lord, and take them to yourself.**

Priest: Let us pray: To you, O God, the dead do not die, in death our life is changed, not ended. Hear our prayers and command the souls of our servants to dwell with Abraham and Sarah, your friends, and be raised at last on the great day of judgment. In your mercy cleanse them of any sin which they may have committed through human frailty. We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord. **People: Amen.**

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. **People: And let perpetual light shine upon them.**

Priest: May they rest in peace. **People: Amen.**

Priest: May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **People: Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Priest: Trusting in God's power to save, whatever problems and difficulties may threaten us in life, we bring to Him our own needs and the needs of the world through the intercessions of St. Boniface.**

The answer to the petitions is: **Lord, hear our prayer**

1. For the leaders of the Church, Pope Benedict XVI, Archbishop Richard Smith and all the bishops and priests. May they continue to strengthen and encourage the Church through their teachings. Let us pray to the Lord:  
**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. For those who are distanced from the Church, for those who have lost their faith as well as for those who are seeking the truth. Let us pray to the Lord:  
**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. For farmers, that God's providence will bless them with good weather and plentiful crops. Let us pray to the Lord:  
**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. For those who built St. Boniface Church, for all those who in the past years prayed in this church, received the sacraments here, those who took care of this church and the cemetery. Let us pray to the Lord:  
**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. For the sick and the suffering, those who go through the difficult time in their lives. May they receive comfort and support from their families, friends and neighbours and healing from God. Let us pray to the Lord:  
**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
6. For our beloved dead, especially all those who are buried in our cemetery, that they may enjoy forever the reward of their faith in the new life of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord:  
**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
7. For all of us, who came to celebrate this Annual Spring Mass in St. Boniface Church in Spring Lake. Give us your blessings in daily lives and safe trip to our homes. Let us pray to the Lord:  
**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Priest: Almighty Father, we place our prayers before you in complete trust and confidence through the intercessions of St. Boniface. We ask these intentions today and all our prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**



### **ST. BONIFACE - GENERAL CLEAN UP TUESDAY - JUNE 07, 2011 AT 9.00 AM**

General Clean Up at St. Boniface, Spring Lake for the cemetery, church grounds and hall is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 07, 2011 at 9.00 AM.** Alternate date is June 08, 2011. *If you have family members buried in the cemetery your help would be greatly appreciated.* Everyone is invited to join the community for the noon potluck barbecue - hamburgers will be supplied. Parish meeting to follow.

# SAINT BONIFACE

**Bishop and Martyr (c.672 - June 5, 752)**

**Feast Day - June 05 \* Patron of brewers & Germany**



This great apostle of Germany was born in Wessex, England, between the years 672 and 680. When he was small, some missionaries stayed a while at his home. They told the boy all about their work. They were so happy and excited about bringing the Good News to people. Boniface decided in his heart that he would be just like them when he grew up. While still young, he went to a monastery school to be educated. Some years later, he became a popular teacher. When he was ordained a priest, he was a powerful preacher because he was so full of enthusiasm.

Boniface wanted everyone to have the opportunity to know about and love Jesus and his Church. He became a missionary to the western part of Germany. Pope St. Gregory 11 blessed him and sent him on this mission. Boniface preached with great success. He was gentle and kind. He was also a man of great courage. Once, to prove that the pagan gods were false, he did a bold thing. There was a certain huge oak tree called the "oak of Thor." The pagans believed it was sacred to their gods. In front of a large crowd, Boniface struck the tree a few times with an axe. The big tree crashed. The pagans realized that their gods were false when nothing happened to Boniface.

Everywhere he preached, new members were received into the Church. In his lifetime, Boniface converted great numbers of people. In place of the statues of the pagan gods, he built churches and monasteries. In 732, the new pope, St. Gregory III made Boniface an archbishop and gave him another mission territory. It was Bavaria, which is part of Germany today. He and some companions went there to teach the people about the true faith. Here, too, the holy bishop was very successful.

Then, one day, he was preparing to confirm some converts. A group of fierce warriors swooped down on the camp. Boniface would not let his companions defend him. "Our Lord tells us to repay evil with good," he said. "The day has come for which I have waited so long. Trust in God and he will save us." The Barbarians attacked, and Boniface was the first one killed. He died a martyr on June 5, 754. He was buried at the famous monastery he had started at Fulda, Germany. This was what he wanted.

## PRAYER

**St. Boniface, you gained eternal glory by dying to preach the Gospel to those who were trapped in the bondage of idolatry, worshipping that which was not God rather than their Creator. Today, millions turn from God for the worship of money, sex, technology, and any number of other idols. Pray for us that we might be willing to die, both to self and in that martyrdom of the body, so that our modern world might find eternal joy in the home of God their Father. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

