

## Good News Reflection - Supernatural faith

This Sunday's Gospel reading is disturbing. After doing a lot of hard work and offering it for the glory of God, the last thing we want to hear from him is: "You're an unprofitable servant."

Think of how hard you work. Whether it's at home or for a business or in ministry, we're never rewarded enough, right? Instead, we're given *more* work! At home, we try to relax after a busy day but one of the kids or an elderly relative needs help. On the job, we're given more work because our colleagues are either too lazy or they've been laid off. In the parish, most of the work gets done by only 10 to 20% of the people.

Jesus says that our reaction to all this should be: "Lord, I'm an unworthy servant of your kingdom, because I've only done what's expected of me." Is he implying that it's right to be burdened with more to do when we're tired? Not at all! What he is telling us is that there's a difference between doing what's required out of mere obedience and volunteering to go the extra mile because we love and we care.

Resting is important. Jesus took time out to pray and to recover his energy. Delegating work to others is right, too, so that we don't burn out. Jesus is the supreme example of a delegator who is also a servant. Balance is healthy and necessary.

When we stop short of going the extra mile, it's usually because we have an unbalanced view of faith. Unaware that we're serving Christ in our everyday tasks, and unaware that we're serving others *with* Christ, we settle for a mediocre, half-hearted attitude. We limit our potential. And then we're astonished that Jesus would suggest that we can command trees to cast themselves into the sea! When was the last time you saw *that* happen?

Here's the connection between doing more than the minimum and having a supernatural faith: For both to occur, we have to know that God's love is complete and unconditional and available all the time and that from this comes his desire to serve us. Knowing this, we're confident that he can accomplish anything he wants in us and through us. If we care like he cares, we *want* to go the extra mile with him. And then when we get hurt or tired, he restores us. Do you believe that yet?

## **Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What's the mulberry tree in your life? What problem is so deeply rooted that it seems immoveable? Who in your life is so stuck in sin that you've lost hope for change? Can you be a worthy servant of God and surprise that person with gestures of love that are unexpected and unrequested?

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**October is the Month of the Most Holy Rosary:** The month of October is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary every day. The Rosary will bring great peace and holiness to your life. It is a powerful instrument for conversion and is the best method of honoring Mary. Ten continuous days – from Oct. 6-15 have been set aside to expose the Blessed Sacrament, say the rosary and finish with the Divine Mercy Chaplet prior to Mass. Weekday Mass times on Oct. 6, 7, 10-13 will be at 6:30 PM beginning with exposure of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Mass at 7 PM. Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> Mass time will be 9 am as the Instillation in Regina occurs that evening. After the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Fr. Francis will lead the way on a short 3-4 block walk to consecrate our city with the Blessed Virgin Mary. Juice and cookies will follow back at the church. Everyone welcome!



<u>Mark your Calendars for Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>!!</u> We are very excited to announce that Bishop Donald Bolen will be here to celebrate Mass at 3 PM and for the official installation of Fr. Francis as the administrator and parish priest of St. Vincent de Paul. As well we will celebrate 110 years as a parish! Watch for more details!!

**<u>Proclaiming the Word of God</u>** – a new semi-annual schedule is being prepared. Please contact Mary Ann or Wendy at 842-2129 before Oct. 17th if you would like to begin reading at Mass. All current readers will be rescheduled unless we hear otherwise.



<u>A Spiritual Journey With Mary</u> – Beginning Wednesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM for 5 weeks, we will gather for A Spiritual Journey With Mary in the Slezak Room. Please come together for an hour of scripture, reflection, discussion and fellowship as we journey the life of our Blessed Mother. For more information, please call Pat at 842-4626. Donations towards the cost of materials would be welcome.



<u>St. Vincent de Paul Bursary</u>: In recognition & appreciation of our youth's long term involvement in parish ministries, bursaries are now available to 2016 high school graduates attending secondary school. Application forms with detailed info can be picked up from the foyer (for an emailed copy, please call the office). Deadline for application is **Monday, October 3rd**; they will be awarded at Masses on Thanksgiving weekend.



We are excited to welcome our new McKenna Hall Caterer, Angelo Fresnido, who has been very busy planning some new menu items and will be offering a new Take Out Catering Service. Please visit our new website www.mckennahall.ca or our Facebook Page – McKenna Hall and Catering – to see our new Take Out Menu which provides catered meals delivered to your special event or meeting, for 10 or more people. Give Angelo a call at (306) 842-4481 at least 1 week in advance to make arrangements. Thank you for your support in making McKenna Hall a successful part of our Parish.



**Buy** – **A** – **Shingle**: The work fixing the roof on McKenna Hall is now complete! This is a very large job and will cost the parish anywhere from \$80-\$100,000. Unfortunately, we cannot depend on our regular collection donations to cover the large cost. We are starting a simple Fundraiser to raise the extra money required and hope everyone will support it by donating to our "Buy a Shingle" fund. Please use the McKenna Roof Fundraising envelopes found at the church or use your own envelope marked "Roof Fund" to make your donation. Include your name to have a charitable receipt issued. Thank you for the donations thus far totaling <u>\$12,312.00</u> and thank you in advance for future donations!



<u>99th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage</u> -Thursday, October 13 at Ste. Radegonde Roman Catholic Church, Lafleche, SK – See poster in foyer for complete details.

Please sign up in the foyer if you wish to attend and drive with a group, we will be leaving Weyburn at 1:00 and returning at 10:00. You may also come for the evening only. For more information you may call Tristen at 306-842-1083.



Sandy Bay collection will be on Monday October 3. Please only send gently used WINTER clothing (NO summer clothes) and halloween candy so God's children at Sandy Bay can enjoy the fun of Halloween also ©!



Archbishop Installation: The Archdiocese of Regina will welcome our new Archbishop, Most Reverend Donald Bolen, at the Installation and Eucharistic Celebration to take place at Holy Rosary Cathedral, 13th Avenue and Garnet Street, on Friday, October 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The installation and Eucharistic celebration will be live streamed and can be shown at the church that evening. If anybody would be willing to run the screen projection system to show the event please contact the office. Thanks!!



**<u>CWL Executive Meeting</u>** will be held Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM in the Slezak Room.

**<u>CWL Fall Basket Raffle:</u>** CWL members will be selling raffle tickets at \$4/ticket for your chance to win a fall basket. They will be located at the back of the church before and after the Masses. This will start next weekend Oct. 8/9 and end on Oct. 22/23. The draw will be made after the 10:45 am Mass that day. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will go toward the Hall Roof Repair Fund.



<u>The St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Women's League 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</u> will be held Sunday, October 30, 2016. There will be Mass at 10:45 A.M. Immediately following the Mass, we will gather for dinner at McKenna Hall. A hot turkey meal with all the trimmings will be served with presentations, awards and entertainment to follow. Price per ticket - \$25.00 Husbands, family members and guests are invited. Advance tickets only. Tickets will not be sold at the door.



K of C: Executive Meeting - Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in K of C Room.

<u>**The Following Funeral Lunch teams</u>** will be called first to serve the next funeral lunches: T5 (Donna & Renee), T4 (Marilyn & Ev) T1 (Rose & Emily).</u>

<u>Attention Youth grades 5 – 12!</u> Start our year off with a Bowling & Pizza Blast! *Thursday, September 29,* 6:30 – 8 PM at the Bowling Alley. The cost is \$10.00 See you there! Parents welcome!

Youth Activities will begin in the Youth Room on **Tuesday September 27** for Grades 5/6 Club from 6:30 – 8 pm and for Grades 7 & Higher Club **Wednesday, September 28**, from 6:30 – 8 pm.

Come out for fun activities, prayer, discussion, refreshments and a great opportunity to grow in our love for Jesus!

**Youth Masses** will be held Sep 24, Oct 1 &15, Nov 5& 19, Dec 3 &17. Lyric Youth Choir will meet at 4pm for practice before each mass and all youth in Grade 5 and up are welcome to join the choir or help with Hospitality and Altar Serving. Youth Bible Study will be held twice a month, beginning in October. Our parish Youth Retreat will be held on Saturday, November 5. 10:30 am - 3:30 pm - Grades 6 – 8; 5 pm - 10 pm - Grades 9 - 12 more details to follow

**Sports nights will begin soon**! Thank you to Shane Williams for organizing this!! They will be held from 6:30 to 8pm, all ages welcome, snacks and drinks provided afterwards.

Oct 6<sup>th</sup>: Flag football under the lights at Clark Park which is located on 3rd Ave SW (baseball diamonds near the trailer court and bowling alley). Oct 20<sup>th</sup>: Street hockey at the outdoor rink at Jubilee Park; Youth with need to bring a hockey stick.

Parish Council Co-Chairpersons – Lynn Colquhoun and Ken Kot
Parish Finance Chairperson – Marcy Labbie
Parish Council Members: Omer Marcotte, Bernie Kot, James Richards, Lynn Colquhoun, Pat Wolensky, Ken Kot, Don Vatamaniuk, Jim Wanner. Parish Council meets on the last Thursday of each month, excluding July.
K of C Grand Knight: Randy Schiller (861-1863)
K of C Faithful Navigator: Jim Wanner (842-4014)
Weyburn K of C Mtgs: Executive & Directors – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, General Mtg. – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month (Sept.-June)

**CWL President:** Camille Goski (842-0321) **Weyburn CWL** – General Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month (Sept. – June)

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	Camille Goski	Susan Kot	Daryl Fleck
	Lynne Garner	Marion Brown	Bruno Tuchscherer
	Darla Moser	Juliet Ostrea	Richard Bauche
	John Megenbir	Diane Borys	Ken LeBlanc
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Acolytes			Bruno Tuchscherer
			Richard Bauche
			Ken LeBlanc
Power Point	Chad Fingler	Barry Briltz	Jennifer Woodard
Hospitality	Chad Klein	Jim Parsons	Judy & Mel Van Betuw
	Shane Williams	Jim Brown	Gordon Rutten
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here is no better time than now to get involved in the life of the parish! 'here are vacant spots in many ministries, subs are always needed and new schedules will be soon prepared! Call the office to see how you can share your time & talents!