

Good News Reflection - Priorities

What in your life is a higher priority than your relationship with God? That's what Jesus wants us to look at in this Sunday's Gospel reading. Which people? What work? What trial? What possessions? What friendships? What goals? What activities?

What crosses do you want to get rid of that, if you do escape from them, would require you to abandon Jesus on his cross? (Hint: What sacrifices of love are you unwilling to make?)

Jesus says that unless we are first and foremost committed to discipleship -- learning from him and making every effort to become more like him -- we are ill prepared for all the other tasks of life.

In other words, we can start building toward good goals, but if our relationship with Christ is not our highest priority, we'll miss his guidance and his surprises and his blessings. We'll get distracted by worldly interferences and sin. We'll become victims instead of victors in the battles we face. Anything good that we achieve will be less than the best, because there is much more in the kingdom of God than what we can imagine.

A disciple is a student. We learn from Jesus how to love others, even when this this becomes a cross to carry. He teaches us how to live a life of joyful love but also of unconditional, forgiving love. And we learn from him how to put up healthy, holy boundaries against those who interfere with our spiritual growth, and this too can be a cross.

The strength to follow Christ and become more and more like him every day requires a conscious effort to grow stronger in our ability to carry our crosses while uniting ourselves to his cross and to his strength. When we lack this intimate bond with Christ, we stumble and fall, crushed by the weight of our crosses. But if we are willing to make sacrifices out of love for others, like Jesus did, we embrace him more fully and we receive his love more deeply. And this is the most satisfying way to live!

Questions for Personal Reflection: Consider your daily activities: What are your top priorities? What do you value more than the time you spend with Jesus in prayer, scripture, and other faith-building activities?

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God of love and hope be with us as we ask for your blessing on those who are in need of our prayers, especially: Michelle Kapell, Norbert Wilkes, Wanda Dorosz, Darren Polasek, Laura Ullrich, Paul Moldenhauer, Stan Mickalishen, Jeannie Lemieux, Don Sturgeon, Michael Clemens, Laurette Fradette, Eileen Walkeden, Carmelo Lozada Clase, Joseph Tokarz,, Lynn Koloski, Shirley Woodard, Tom Deutscher, Jerome Nimegeers, Joe Maas, Sandra Mryglod. Roy Sidloski, Graham Dean, Yvonne McNeil, Alex Halyk, Katy Oberkirsch, Tanis VanDeSype





<u>Mass will be celebrated Thursday, September 8th at 7 PM</u> – (No 9 am Mass). On September 8th the church celebrates the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the day on which Christians commemorate the birth of Mary, the Mother of God. Living Rosary will begin at 6:30pm and Mass will be celebrated at 7 pm with Very Rev. James Owolagba, Chancellor/Archdiocesan Judicial Vicar. A sign up sheet for the various ministries required can be found at the back of the church. Please plan to attend!!



<u>St. Vincent de Paul Parish 110th Anniversary Celebration WILL NOT be happening on September 25th</u> – please stay tuned for a new date and new plans! Volunteers will be needed, please watch also for more information on where you can share your time and talents, with this celebration.



Eucharistic Ministers are needed! "It is a gift to be a Eucharistic Minister – to share the Body and Blood of Christ with another," said one Eucharistic Minister reflecting on her experience. The moment of communion is one that should be seized by both the minister and the communicant. Please contact the office ASAP to leave your name to be scheduled or for further information. An orientation would be given.



<u>**Prayer Leader**</u> – we would like to continue praying The Divine Mercy Chaplet prior to Mass throughout the Year of Mercy (end of November). If you are able to assist in leading, please leave your name at the office.



<u>Sacristans Needed</u> – Fr. Francis would like to have Sacristans to assist with Mass preparations. A Sacristan is responsible for setting up for both Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist which means preparing the book, vessels & offertory. A sacristan also assists the presider with whatever details/duties he needs done. The sacristan will check to make sure the altar servers are ready and in place as well as making sure the assigned Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are present and ready to serve. We would like to have as many as possible, so that we could do a rotating schedule. Please contact the office for further information.



<u>Housekeeper required for the Rectory</u>. To be cleaned twice monthly on Mondays. Please submit a tender to the office prior to September 6^{th} .



Sacrmental Prep Help needed: We are looking for a few volunteers that would like to assist Pat Wolensky with the Sacremantal programs in our parish (Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation). Please contact Pat at 306-842-4626 or the parish office ASAP, if you are interested.



Baptism Preparation Classes are scheduled for **Sept. 17 & Nov.** 5 from 10 AM - 12 PM. There will be 2 more classes taking place in the new year. Please call the office to register for the date that works best for you! Certain criteria must be met when choosing Godparents. For complete information regarding this very important decision go to our website: www.stvincentdepaul.ca. Please share this with anyone you know that this may pertain to.



Kathleen Claire, singer-songwriter and poet from Saskatchewan will be offering a concert on Sunday, September 11 at 7pm in the church. Kathleen's music has brought her to work in the US, the UK, and Europe, along with all over Canada, and her lyrical and melodic songs, dealing with both the human story and faith-based themes, are well-received by people of all ages and walks of life. All are welcome, and admission is by donation, with CDs available for purchase

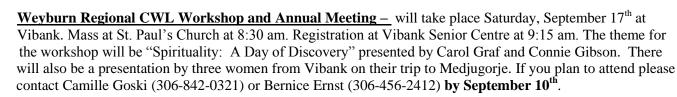
Archbishop Installation: The Archdiocese of Regina will welcome our new Archbishop, Most Reverend Donald Bolen,



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. Following the installation, a social will be held next door at Holy Rosary School - the gymnasium and Gratton Room. There are a limited amount of seats for each parish, if you would like to attend please inquire at the parish office about seat availablity, as #'s need to be submitted to the Archdiocese by September 8th.

The installation and Eucharistic celebration will be live streamed. Further details regarding the live stream feed will be sent to all parishes in early September.

<u>CWL Executive Meeting</u> will be Monday, September 12th at 7 pm in the Slezak Room. General Meeting will be held Monday, September 19th beginning with Mass at 5:30 pm and followed by potluck supper and meeting.





RCIA: Are you considering becoming Catholic? Are you a Catholic interested in being Confirmed? Are you a Confirmed Catholic who's ready to explore your faith anew? Join us in an extraordinary process of learning more about the Catholic faith in an adult learning environment. Join us and discover if you're being called to become part of this Catholic family. Join us and rediscover the rituals and traditions of the faith you learned as a child. Join us for RCIA!

Please call the office for more information or to sign up!



The New Pastoral Care Schedules are ready to be picked up from the pamphlet rack.

The Following Funeral Lunch teams will be called first to serve the next funeral lunches: T6 (Fran), T5 (Donna & Renee) and T4 (Marilyn & Ev).



Sandy Bay Donations: - Thanks so much to those who donated items!! The next drop off date is Tuesday, September 6. The drop off area is now in the library. The items will be packed and shipped Wednesday, September 7th.

Are you wondering what the needs of Sandy Bay are? With the beginning of the school year coming soon there is always a need for school supplies especially back packs (good used condition is fine). They would be greatly appreciated. Also, small bingo prizes to be used as a parish fundraiser would be good to donate. We must always remember that while we support the parishioners of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Parish, they all support us with their prayers.

Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia - Think About it! Elder abuse and neglect is already a problem in society. This abuse and neglect could eventually include pressure to request euthanasia or assisted suicide, this becoming the duty to die. For further information www.livegivinglove.com or http://www.chassk.ca/ethics/euthanasia.php.



"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:13 -14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return - a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

Parishioner Contact information – if we do not have your email address, it would be greatly appreciated if you would leave it at or send it to the parish office. We do not send many emails, but when needed, it is a great means of communication and saves many phone calls. Thank you in advance!



For some individuals with chemical sensitivity, asthma or allergies, exposure to perfumes and other scented products can be a health hazard, or life threatening. Reactions may vary from breathing problems to migraine headaches, anxiety, inability to concentrate, nausea, fatigue, and/or skin irritation. Some people are forced to leave the building due to their reaction to strong scents.

Commonly used scented products include: •Perfume •Essential oil products •Scented deodorant •Cologne •Aftershave •Hair sprays, gel and other hygiene products •Scented lotions and creams

Thank you for your consideration when making the choice to be scent free at our parish.

Stewardship of Time & Talent for September 3/4			
	Sat. 5:00 PM	Sun. 9:00 AM	Sun. 10:45 AM
Readers	Merle St. Onge	Colleen Gallinger,	Tristen Crooks
		Cecile Sellinger	Ingri Roman
Eucharistic	D'Arcy Megenbir	Connie Regier	Wes Lonoway
Ministers	Chris Masniuk	Gloria Fong	Camille Goski
	Audrey Trombley	Rhonda Renz	Vacant
	Camille Goski	Susan Kot	Dolores Herring
	Lynne Garner	Marion Brown	Shirley Mondor
	Darla Moser	Juliet Ostrea	Chris/Andrea Tessier
	John Megenbir	Diane Borys	Daryl Fleck
Children's Liturgy			
Acolytes			Wes Lonoway, Camille Goski, Vacant
Power Point	Chad Finger	Barry Briltz	Harazny Family
Hospitality	Brian Winter	Jim Parsons	Judy & Mel VanBetuw
	Sophie Gall	Jim Brown	Gordon Rutten
	Jean Reich	Dwayne Hoffman	Danette & Calvin Tracey
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	Rhonda Baudria	Willie & Adele Nimegeers	
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Jim Wanner. Parish Council meets on the last Thursday of each month, excluding July.

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Weyburn K of C Mtgs: Executive & Directors -2^{nd} Monday of every month, General Mtg. -4^{th} Monday of every month (Sept.-June)

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