

Good News Reflection: How to find healing in the Catholic Mass

In every Mass, we hear the presiding priest say the words of John the Baptist that are quoted in this Sunday's Gospel message: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." To which we reply: "Lord, I am not worthy ... but say the word and my soul shall be healed. "This healing began at the beginning of Mass in the Penitential Rite if we had a sincere attitude of repentance. With this healing, we receive Jesus in all of his humanity and divinity. With this healing, we leave church ready to be like John the Baptist, testifying by word and by the way we live that "now I have seen that Jesus is the Son of God."

Is Mass that kind of experience for you?

All parts of the Mass contribute to this. Jesus is present in the community as we unite in song. Jesus is present in the Penitential Rite, listening to our sincerity. Jesus is present in the Liturgy of the Word: the Word read and the Word broken open like bread to nourish our spiritual growth, and when the homily is poor or absent, his Spirit preaches to us privately (straying thoughts are often an action of God). And Jesus is present in all the prayers: the ones we offer and those of the clergy.

All of Mass is meant to transform us, prepare us, and send us out from church as witnesses of the true presence of Christ in our world.

Like John the Baptist, we can say: "I did not know him." In other words: "I saw only bread and wine" and "I was sinful and didn't realize the damage I had done" and "I was wounded and did not know how to be healed."

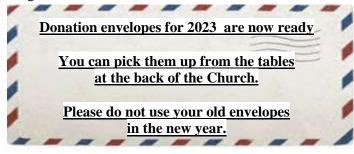
And like John we can add: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God. The Holy Spirit revealed to me the presence of my Savior in the Eucharist. The Holy Spirit gently exposed my sinfulness and gave me help in overcoming them. The Holy Spirit leads me to the resources that are healing my wounds."

Questions for Personal Reflection: What is the experience of Mass like for you? If you could attend Mass daily, would you? If not, why not? If it's a scheduling problem, will you ask Jesus to change your schedule? If it's a priority problem, will you ask the Holy Spirit to increase in you a desire to sit in the true Eucharistic presence of your Savior?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing: Describe a time when you became more aware of Jesus in the Mass. Prior to this development, what distracted you from noticing his presence? What changed? Why? How?

Upcoming Eucharist Celebrations ************************************					
Sat.	Jan. 14	10 Tatagwa	Lay Service		
		5 PM Mass	George DeBryune +		
Sun.	Jan. 15	2:30 PM Mass	Dick Michel Int.		
Mon.	Jan. 16	No Mass			
Tues.	Jan. 17	6:30 PM	Lay Service		
Wed.	Jan. 18	9 AM	Rosary		
Thur.	Jan. 19	9 AM	Lay Service		
		10 am Parkway	Lay Service		
Fri.	Jan. 20	12:10 PM	Rosary		
Sat.	Jan. 21	10 Tatagwa	Lay Service		
		5 PM Mass	Nathan Kopec +		
Sun.	Jan. 22	9 AM Mass	Ryan Bedore +		
		11 AM Mass	Edward Neumeier +		

Watch close for changes to the St. Vincent de Paul Mass times while Father is away. Masses at St. Mary's in Tribune are cancelled until February 11, when Father returns. Mass will change every week. The bulletin is on line at <u>www.stvincentdepaul.ca</u>. There will be no priest during the week so for any emergency after office hours you can call Val Wing at 306-861-6353 or Jean Wagner at 306-842-0059



Father Valentine wants parishioners to be aware that any texts or emails from him about doing him a favour, discreetly are a SCAM! **Do not** respond to them.



The "Book Club" will meet at 3:30 pm, January 15 in the Slezak room to discuss "Living Joy", by Chris Stefanick. If you received a book and didn't get on our list, please feel welcome to attend. We would love your feedback! Refreshments

will be served.

Music Ministry is a huge part of the Mass, and is also a lot of fun! Perhaps you and your family would like to try something new as you go into the New Year. Please consider joining one of our choirs! Any of our church choirs would be very welcoming to new members, and are always looking for new voices (or instruments) to join! If this is something that you would be interested in, please give us a call at the parish office.



Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the Blessings in our lives; for the very world in which we live and for the health and strength you have bestowed upon us.
The suffering Christ endured provided healing and power over illness. Lord, direct that healing toward our loved ones who suffer and who believe that you can and will restore them to full health.
We call them by name: Lana Mantei, Benedict Vinck, Linda Kot, Al Pitre, and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles. Our condolences to the family and friends of Lea Van de Sype. The thoughts and prayers of your church family are with you.

Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for Feb.11, from 10am – 12pm. Please call the office to register. Certain criteria must be met when choosing Godparents. For complete information regarding this very im-portant decision go to our website: www.stvincentdepaul.ca. Please share this with anyone you know that this may pertain to.

The Sacramental Preparation classes will begin again downstairs in the Church Youth room. Remaining Sessions are: January 15 & 16 at 6:30pm; January 29 &30; February 12& 13; February 26 & 27; March 12 & 13; March 26 &27; April 16 &17; April 30, May 1; May14 & 15; May 28 & 29.

Please join us for the Christian Unity Service on Sunday, January 22 at 3 PM at St. Vincent de Paul Church. This is an Ecumenical service to recognize the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme this year is from ISAIAH 1:17 "*Do Good; Seek Justice*" and is presented by the PLURA churches and members of the Weyburn Ministerial Association. The entire scriptural passage for the theme is Isaiah 1:12-18, lamenting a lack of justice among the People of God. Yet, it also promises redemption by encouraging acts of justice. For further information please call Velma Hoffman at (306) 861-6105.

Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please fill out a New Parishioner form at your earliest convenience. The forms are located on a table in the foyer! As well, if any parishioner has changed their address, phone number etc., please inform the off



Just a friendly reminder for CWL members who haven't yet paid for 2023. CWL fees of \$40 are now due. Please put

fees in an envelope clearly labelled "CWL FEES" and place them in the collection basket at Church. Fees can also be dropped off at the Church office. Etransfer is also an option. Please send etransfers to Wendy at 306-861-3473.

<u>The CWL General Meeting</u> will be held on January 17, beginning with a Lay Service at 6:30pm, and meeting to follow in Lower McKenna. Pat Wolensky will be doing a presentation on The Creed to help us understand what we believe as Catholics.

Discovering Catholicism in Middle Earth **The Lord of the Rings** movie and discussion event

- Join us as we uncover some of the Catholic inspirations behind The Lord of the Rings
- Discussion and movie clips from the Peter Jackson trilogy (PG-13).

A project of the Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation Committee

 January 20, 7pm, Lower McKenna Hall



Discovering Catholicism in Middle Earth - The Lord of the Rings movie and discussion event

J.R.R. Tolkien, the author of The Lord of the Rings, was a devout Catholic. He was inspired by his faith and worked many Catholic Christian themes and symbols into his literary masterpiece, The Lord of the Rings. Join us as we uncover some of these themes and symbols while watching clips from Peter Jackson's movie trilogy (rated PG-13). Friday January 20, 7pm, Lower McKenna Hall. Free pop and popcorn. A project of the Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation Committee.

"You step into the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there is no knowing where you might be swept off to." - Bilbo Baggins Stewardship Bulletin Bits: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. "Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..."Isaiah 49:5. God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.



<u>Pastoral Care</u> – if you or someone you know is housebound or in the Weyburn General Hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion, a pastoral

visit or be included in the prayers of the faithful read during Mass please call the parish office to notify us. Also, more volunteers are needed to take communion to shut-ins.

<u>Religious Art Calendars for 2023</u> are available for purchase in the foyer for \$8.00. Each month features beautiful pictures and a story on a Saint of the month.

<u>Please keep Father Valentine</u> in your prayers during his time away to visit family in London and Nigeria. These priests will be filling in: Father Abello, Saturday, January 14 at 5 pm, Father Tran, Sunday, January 15 at 2:30 pm. Father Amado, Saturday, January 21 at 5 pm. Father Amado, Sunday, January 22 at 9am. Father Amado, Sunday January 22 at 11am. Father Amado, Saturday, January 28 at 5 pm. Father Prince, Sunday, January 29 at 2:30 pm. Father Abello, Saturday, Feb. 4 at 5 pm Father Prince, Sunday, February 5 at 2:30 pm.

<u>The Lamb of God</u>: John points out that Jesus is the Lamb of God, a sacrifice for our restoration. When we pray the "Lamb of God" at Mass, we should remember that Jesus willingly gave his life for us so that we could be redeemed. This tremendous act shows that all human life has dignity in the eyes of God.

Stewardship of Time & Talent - January 14 & 15						
	Saturday 5 PM	No 9am or 11am Mass	Sunday 2:30PM			
Readers	Cecile Sellinger		Val Wing Jennifer Woodard			
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Janeczko Betty Van Staveren Roberto Roman	NO MASS	Shirley Mondor Sheldon LeBlanc			
Acolytes	Ken Beroy Dave Alcalde		Gordon Rutten Haroun Matthew			
Power Point	Lloyd Zyla		Jacob LeBlanc			
Children's Liturgy			Natalya			
Hospitality	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten Bonnie & Frank Kaip		Roberto Roman Joe Glab Sheldon LeBlanc Norm Mondor			
Counters	Sherry Dreis, Kerry Doltor, Richa	ard Wick	·			
Stewardship of Time & Talent - January 21 & 22						
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM			
Readers	Patricia Redman Derek Redman	Wendy Pitre	Theresa Istace Ingri Roman			
Eucharistic Ministers	Wendy Sidloski Derek Redman	Marcel Bauche Yvonne Kerr	Elaine Nielsen Yvette Bauche			
Acolytes	Peter Richards Maggie Richards Armand Delanoy	Roel Dayaan Richard Wick	Mel Van Betuw Ken LeBlanc			
Power Point	Roberto Roman	Gerry Langlois	Jennifer Woodard			
Children's Liturgy			Jade			
Hospitality	Yvonne Dzuba Jim Wanner Margaret & Bruno Tuchscherer	Roseanne Mantei Willie & Adele Nimegeers Betty Herlick	Judy & Mel VanBetuw Gordon Rutten Danette & Calvin Tracey			
Counters Joanne Babiarz, Wendy Pitre, Christie McKenzie, Roseanne Mantei						

Parish Council Members: Chair - Marga Cugnet, Sarah Ayeri, Brenda Kosior, Jim Wanner, Wendy Sidloski, Deanery Rep. - Pat Wolensky, Secretary – Val Wing, Parish Finance Chairperson – Pamela Haupstein

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> Sacraments: Baptism and Reconciliation – Contact the parish office Matrimony – Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior

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