

Making the most of divine opportunities

After Jesus touches our lives -- answers a prayer, gives us a healing, provides a life-changing insight, or makes any other kind of difference -- what do we do next? Our life has been changed by divine grace. Do we make the most of this new opportunity?

God never forces us to take a new direction or follow a certain path, not even if we've made a bargain with him, such as: "Lord, if you heal me, I will go to Mass every day."

Jesus says to us what he said to Bartimaeus, the man he healed in this Sunday's Gospel reading: "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Go where?

Sometimes his instructions are a little more informative than that. When he cures someone from sin, he adds: "Go and sin no more". Okay, but go where?

Every step we take is important. Where we go and what we do next makes a difference that ripples off into the future with ramifications (blessings and/or woes) that are impossible for us to predict. Jesus isn't down-playing the significance of this. Rather, what happens next is so important that he wants us to have full control over it.

Jesus told Bartimaeus "Go *your* way." And what did Bartimaeus do with that freedom? He "followed *him* on the way." He opted for the best possible direction. His life changed dramatically, not only because he had been blind and now he had good eyesight, but because he wanted to learn from Jesus and become one of his followers.

How many times have we returned to an old familiar path after an encounter with Christ? If following him means taking a new direction, getting involved in a new ministry, or changing careers or friends, we too often settle back into old routines. Comfort zones are hard to leave. But following Jesus is a life-changing adventure if we're sincere about our faith.

Following Jesus and learning from him should be our highest priority. Every encounter with Christ should change us -- even at Mass when we reunite ourselves to him in the Eucharist.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Think of the last time Jesus responded to your need for help. What changed afterward? How long did the change last?

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Readings: November 3 & 4:

Deuteronomy 6.2-6 Hebrews 7.23-28 Mark 12.28-34

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We are a Scent-Free building.

Our many chemically sensitive parishioners appreciate your thoughtfulness by not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, fragranced hair products, essential oils and/or scented products.

The Case for Catholicism: Answers to
Classic and Contemporary ProtestantObjections by Trent Horn.



What is the Church? How am I saved? Who belongs to the Body of Christ? Is the Bible our final authority? Apologist and author Trent Horn answers arguments for the Reformation while providing evidence for the Biblical and historical nature of Catholicism. The case for Catholicism is a reliable, well researched and persuasive answer to the Protestant arguments made against the Catholic Church. Now available in the Parish Library.

We had a weekend full

of baptisms!



Congratulations goes out to **Ryan Bachmier and Tammy Schneider** on the baptism of their daughter, **Madison**.

Congratulations also goes out to **Ryan and Mary Recto** on the baptism of their son, **Alexander**.

Lastly, congratulations to Mary Ann Borabo and Romer Rodriguez on the baptism of their daughter, Mhery.

Welcome Visitors & New Parish Members!

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please fill out a new parishioner form at your earliest convenience. The forms are located on the table in the foyer! As well, if any parishioners have changed information regarding their address, phone number, etc., please let the parish office know!

Upcoming Eucharist Celebrations

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Mon.	Oct. 29	9 AM	William Krainyk +		
Tues.	Oct. 30	-	-		
Wed.	Oct. 31	9 AM	Lay Service		
Thurs.	Nov. 1	7 PM	All Saints Mass		
Fri.	Nov. 2	7 PM	All Souls Mass		
Sat.	Nov. 3	10 AM	@ Tatagwa		
		5 PM	Special Intention		
		7 PM (St. Mary's)	Veronica Bruder +		
Sun.	Nov. 4	9 AM	Thomas (Tuck)		
			Tracey		
		11 AM	-		

YOUTH MINISTRY

<u>Grade 7-12 Club</u> will meet weekly on Wednesdays, from 6:30pm – 8pm in the Youth Room. <u>Grade 5-6 Club</u> will meet weekly on Thursdays, from 6:30pm – 8pm in the Youth Room.

<u>The Reader Schedule</u> has been redone, and sent to those on the schedule who have email addresses. Those without email can check the pamphlet rack at the back of the church for their schedule. We have also had a last-minute cancellation, and are looking for someone to begin reading on Saturdays at 5pm. Thank you for being good stewards proclaiming the Word of God!

<u>Congratulations</u> to Joe and Fran Ortman on celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 28th!

Father Francis left for a trip to India on October 15th and will be returning on November 9th. Please pray for safe travels and a rejuvenating time for him, and please be understanding of alternate mass and lay service times in his absence. We are also honored to have other priests step in and help out, so please be welcoming to them!

Funeral Lunch Groups: The following groups are next for upcoming funerals: Donna & Renee, Shirley & Theresa, and Fran.

<u>We are holding a NET Retreat</u> for Grades 6-12 at the church on **November 12th** from 11am to 5pm. for more details, please talk to Paula in the parish office.



<u>A Bible Study</u> will be running weekly on **Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm** in the Slezak Room. We will gather to reflect on the readings for the upcoming Sunday in

order to be better prepared for the Mass. There is no cost and no commitment to attend each session. Please call Lloyd (306-842-5064) for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Trivia The answer is: B

The Benedictine Fathers at Muenstor donated 35 small trees to our parish back in 1938 to help improve the look of our grounds.

Make sure to watch the projector screens before mass to see next week's question!

<u>Application Forms</u> are now available for the Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation Program for 2019 -2020. The Certificate program runs from May 2019 to June 2020, and is both face to face and online. For more information visit www.cwlfcanada.ca.

<u>As Reverence for Life Month</u> continues, members of the Archdiocese of Regina have once again sat down with Social Justice Coordinator Tashia Toupin, and recorded the conversation in a podcast. They discussed those particular life issues surrounding care for the elderly, the sick, and the dying, with a focus on our common call to create a culture of encounter, in the midst of a culture that seeks to avoid or end suffering at all costs. Please feel free to grab a "Reverence for Life" pamphlet from our church foyer, and visit <u>http://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com</u> to hear the podcast on which they are choosing a life of care, compassion, and accompaniment.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." Mark 10:52 Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. But, if you focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common and you will see God's active presence in your daily life.

<u>We are in need of Ministry Volunteers</u> for the All Souls Mass on November 2nd. If you are able and willing to volunteer, please sign up as soon as possible on the sheet in the church foyer. We will be producing a new parish directory. All participants will receive a <u>free</u> directory. Anyone booking for the first sitting (November 12 & 13) will be guaranteed to have any additionally ordered photos ready in time for Christmas. **The easiest way to book** your photography session in online. Please go to www.stvincentdepaul.ca and follow the instructions you will find there. **The online booking is very** straight forward and easy for anyone to do!

Although we would prefer for people to book online, if you are unable to, there will be volunteers in the church foyer after each weekend Mass that can sign you up for a photography session. You can also call the parish office during their regular office hours to book a session.

The dates for the November photography sessions are November 12-13, and November 21-24. We would like to have as many families as possible be a part of this, to make our new directory as complete as we can!

Our condolences, prayers, and sympathy go out to the friends of family of **Ken Milatz** who passed away recently, especially to his wife, Nel.

Matt Nelson Apologetics Workshop Nov. 17-18

Matt Nelson, Catholic speaker, blogger, author, writer for *Catholic Answers* and Assistant Director of the *Word on Fire Institute*, will be leading an apologetics workshop at St. Vincent's. On **Saturday**, Nov. 17th from 7-9pm, Matt's topic will be "A New Apologetics for an Age of Religious Indifference". On **Sunday**,



Nov. 18th from 2-4pm, Matt will guide us through the nature of God, Bible interpretation, religion and violence, and the science/religion debate. Both sessions will include a lecture, practical tips and instruction

on doing your own apologetics, open Q&A, followed by snacks and fellowship. There is no cost, and everyone is invited. Matt will also have copies of his book for sale, *Just Whatever: How to help the spiritually indifferent find beliefs that really matter*. This is sure to be a high caliber event, so we hope to see you there! Presented by the Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation Committee.

<u>On Saturday, October 27th</u>, the 5pm Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Donald. Everyone is also welcome to join the Lyric Choir in singing at this special Mass.

Stewardship of Time & Talent - October 27 / 28					
	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM		
Readers	Holy Family Board Members	Claire Kuhn	Val Wing		
		Lynn Colquhoun	Jennifer Woodard		
Eucharistic	Holy Family Board Members	Chris Marcotte	Judy Van Betuw		
Ministers		Jean Woodard	Val Wing		
First 3 serve bread		Susan Kot	Helene Gordon		
Last 4 serve cup		Shannon Tuchscherer	Danette Tracey		
Acolytes	Holy Family Board	Don Bohn	Bonnie Sidloski		
·	Members	Frank Port	Camille Goski		
Children's	Karla Ernst	Nataliya Mantei	Dawn Purdue		
Liturgy		Rosanne Mantei			
Power Point	Fingler Family	Carole Milo	Jennifer Woodard		
Hospitality	Holy Family Board Members	Yvonne Kerr	Terry Lonoway		
		Omer & Chris Marcotte	Emily Stadler		
		John & Shannon	Ron Miller		
		Tuchscherer	Charlene Keen		
Counters	Harry Plemel, Nick Coroluick, Te	rry Biss			
	Stewardship of Time	& Talent - November 3	6/4		
	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM		
Readers	Ingri Roman	Stafford Nimegeers	Ron Wormsbecker		
		Cecile Sellinger	Ingri Roman		
	Joanne Miller	Theresa Istace	Marga Cugnet		
Eucharistic	Chris Masniuk Mary Jeneczko	Audrey Rydzik	Gordon Rutten		
Ministers	Camille Goski Lynne Garner	Helen Fossenier	Aime Isabey		
	Betty Van Staveren	Pat Wolensky	Dorothy Rist		
	Rhonda Renz				
Acolytes	VACANT	Bruno Tuchscherer	Mel VanBetuw		
		Richard Wick	Ken LeBlanc		
Children's	Soles Family	Christie McKenzie	Mia Vilcu		
Liturgy					
Power Point	Randy Schiller	Barry Briltz	Roberto Roman		
Uganitality	Bruno & Margaret Tuchscherer	Jerry & Janie Jordens	Norm Mondor Roberto		
	Yvonne Dzuba Jim Wanner	Ken & Susan Kot	Roman		
Hospitality	Denis Tremblay Delois Sunde		Al Pitre Joe Glab		
	-		Sheldon LeBlanc		
Counters:	Mary Ann & Jeff Flaaten, Verna &	& Kevin O'Neill			

Members of the Holy Family Board of Education will be taking over some of the ministries for the Saturday at 5pm Mass on October 27th. Thank you in advance for your understanding. If you have any questions regarding this change, please call the parish office during the regular office hours.

Parish Council Members: Pat Wolensky, Sarah Ayeri, Joseph Ball, Brenda Kosior, John Tuchscherer, Val Wing, Vic Messer, Jim Wanner Parish Finance Chairperson – Dave Creurer

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