



Recognizing the Truth

Have you ever had trouble recognizing someone on the street whom you actually know very well? Well, today is about recognizing the authentic Son of God. We can't imagine how eagerly, anxiously, the many generations the Chosen People, the Jews, had been waiting for their Messiah to make his appearance. "When is Messiah coming? Who will he be? How long must we wait, O Lord?" Today, John tells us (twice!) that he didn't recognize Jesus! God had to tell him, "When you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, it is he who is to baptize with the Holy Spirit." Once John saw the dove descending on Jesus' head, he could say with conviction, "Now I have seen for myself and have testified, 'This is God's chosen One.'" It is crucial that we imitate John, because if we are really Christians, we will want to show the authentic Jesus to the world—not some imitation that comes from our own ego or desire to be appreciated. It is easy to call ourselves Christian. But authenticity is what makes a relationship real. We must also guard against treating religion as our private club, as the Pharisees did. Sadly, many Christians act as if faith in Jesus Christ takes away their sins only. But the Lamb of God "takes away the sin OF THE WORLD." That is why the revelation of Jesus shocked the Jews: God says, "It's not enough for Jesus to restore Israel; I'm giving Jesus 'as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'" Let us have pure humility and a quiet spirit of service, so that the light that shines from us is not our own, but is the authentic light of Jesus to all the nations!

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. Jan. 18	9:00 am	RIP Elsie Panchuk	Gwen Gumieny
	9:00 am	RIP Gordon Phillips	Pat O'Sullivan
	9:00 am	Venice Escalera	Mom & Dad
Wed. Jan. 19	7:30 am	RIP Alexander Cross	Deacons of Manitoba
	9:00 am	RIP Angie Wedge	Ken, Karen & Steven
	9:00 am	Barry Aimoe	Knights of Columbus
Thurs. Jan. 20	9:00 am	RIP Anna Buss	Deacon John & Carol MacKenzie
	Fairview Home	10:30 am	Len Lewandowski
Fri. Jan. 21	9:00 am	Brett Boschman	Grandma
	12:15 pm	RIP Bob Sali	Fred & Dora Craig
Sat. Jan. 22	10:00 am	RIP Mary Osinski	Amelia Adamski
	4:00 pm	Respect & Protection of Human Life	League for Life
Sun. Jan. 23	9:00 am	RIP Flora Fleury	Michael Dubois Family
	10:30 am	Greg, Grace, Tyler & Scott Crayston	Ken, Karen & Steven
	12:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. James

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catechism of the Catholic Church

386-389: Where sin has abounded, grace has abounded more

Mon. St. Anthony
(Hebrews 5.1-10)
(Mark 2.18-22)

Tues. (Hebrews 6.10-20)
(Mark 2.23-28)

Wed. (Hebrews 7.1-3, 15-17)
(Mark 3.1-6)

Thurs. St. Fabian/St. Sebastian
(Hebrews 7.25-8.6)
(Mark 3.7-12)

Fri. St. Agnes
(Hebrews 8.6-13)
(Mark 3.13-19)

Sat. Our Lady's Saturday
(Hebrews 9.2-3, 11-14)
(Mark 3.20-21)

Sun. 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Isaiah 9.1-4)
(1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18)
(Matthew 4.12-23)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Irene Copet, Janina Cwiertnia, Jules Declercq, Ann Delgaty, Ron Ediger, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Mervin Fleury, Connie Gudz, Matthew Hrankowski, Brett Lawrence, Kathleen MacDougall, Paul Malabar, Millicent Mychasiw, Alisa Moran, Tony Petrucci, Minnie Plaseski, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Irene Toma, Ashely Kostecki Truax, Marian Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, Debbie Williams and all our shut-ins.

The **Brandon and Area League for Life** will be selling tickets to their 4th annual fundraising banquet after all masses on the weekend of January 15th and 16th and at the Parish Office. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. The banquet date is January 22, 2011 and will be held at Bethel Christian Assembly. The guest speaker is Michael Coren, Toronto journalist for life.

Come and join us "**Prayer for Christian Unity Service**", Sun. Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. at McDiarmid Drive Alliance Church (635 McDiarmid Dr.)

VOCATION VIEW: Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries - lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call!



THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon.	17	Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	18	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 pm
	18	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
	18	Confirmation Classes	7:00 pm
Wed.	19	Catechism Classes	4:00 pm
	19	RCIA	7:00 pm
	19	12:30 Choir Practice	7:00 pm
	19	Catholic School Board Mtg.	7:30 pm
	19	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:30 pm
Thurs.	20	Catechism Classes	6:30 pm
	20	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	21	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	21	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	21	Benediction	5:00 pm
Sat.	22	Pro Life Dinner at Bethel	5:30 pm
Sun.	23	St. Augustine Community Choir	7:00 pm

FINANCES:

Collection for January 8 & 9, 2011

Offertory Collection	\$7243.50
School Fund Collection	\$ 40.00
Restoration Collection	\$ 60.00

RECEIPTS:**Stewardship, Faith on Fire, Hearts & Minds Transformed**

Roots – Cultivate the Virtues – Fruits The vision of stewardship in our Archdiocese is clear. It is rooted in scripture, Church teaching, and the sacraments, particularly our baptism. We grow as Christian stewards by cultivating the virtues of prayer, humility, gratitude, simplicity, generosity, responsibility, trust, patience, perseverance, and mercy in our lives. The fruits of a greater commitment to stewardship are thriving, growing, communities whose members are passionate about their baptismal call: where all are seen as gifted and chosen by God to be a light to the world. Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca

Donation Envelopes: Donation envelopes for 2011 are in the east vestibule ready for pick up. Please do not use your 2010 envelopes.

Notice to all who purchased an angel Christmas tree decoration from the Brandon Area League for Life: The in memoriam mass for Mary's Angels will be February 6, 2011 at 12:30 pm.

Development & Peace invites you to read the brochure "Bottled Water Free Zone" which is inserted into this week's church bulletin. As well, after each Mass **next week**, Development & Peace encourages you to sign a "Bottled Water Pledge Card" supporting publicly owned and operated water systems.

St. Augustine School will be taking names for the 2011-2012 school year on Feb 1st, 2011, starting at 8:00 am. You can call the school (729-3285) or come into the office to fill out a form. Last year's waiting list will be replaced with these new names. Students currently enrolled at St. Augustine do not need to re-register.

From Father Dominic's Desk:**Christmas Ministries---Thank You!**

Without mentioning names, I want to thank everyone who was involved in ministry in anyway during the Christmas Liturgies. We estimate that some 2,500 people attended mass at St. Augustine's on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Father James and I also want to thank everyone who gave us Christmas cards, baking and gifts at Christmas. Thank you to the **Catholic Women's League** for your card and enclosure. Your support every Christmas and throughout the year is encouraging.

Annual Reports: Although it is not yet time for our annual parish meeting, nonetheless I want to remind those who are in charge of Parish Pastoral Council, Finance, Knights of Columbus, Youth, etc. that you may submit your annual report anytime now. The Catholic Women's League has already given me their report. Thank you!

Summer Endeavour in a Redemptorist Volunteer Experience April 30 – June 4, 2011 (5 weeks) **Toronto, Ontario**

SERVE is an opportunity for 6 young men and women (age 18-30) to deepen their Christian Faith through fostering a sense of mission, service, prayer and spirituality in a Christian Community rooted in the Spirituality of St. Alphonsus Liguori and the Redemptorist Charism. Through common prayer, community living, spiritual formation, opportunities for service in social agencies in Toronto, Eucharist, discussion and social activities, participants will discover Christ in themselves and learn how to bring Christ to others. Bursary available upon completion of the program. Applications and information can be found online at www.plugintochrist.ca. Deadline for Applications and References to be received is MARCH 1, 2011.

League for Life Banquet:

As mentioned in the bulletin last week the Brandon Area League for Life invited Michael Coren as guest speaker on Saturday, January 22, 2011. Michael Coren is a columnist for several newspapers and magazines. He also hosts a television talk show out of Toronto. Michael has published 12 books. Michael is a practicing Catholic. He will be speaking during the banquet which is being held at the Bethel Christian Assembly beginning with refreshments at 5 p.m. Phone Gerry Kennedy for tickets or the parish office.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be hosting their 10th Annual Valentine Social on Sat. Feb. 11 which will be held at the Ukrainian Reading Hall. This year it will be held in conjunction with "Celebrate Marriage Week". Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office.

CWL Members and Prospective Members Brunch will be held after the 10:30 am Mass on January 30, 2011 at Gulliver's Restaurant. Please notify Leona Smithson if you will be attending.

Volunteering: We will need many volunteers for a successful youth ministry, with talents in many areas and various commitment levels (weekly, monthly, single event, once a year, every so often, etc). Please pray about volunteering with youth ministry and watch for a call for volunteers in the near future. If you are interested in volunteering now, please contact Sr Maybelle at the parish office, 727-4728.