



John answered them saying
**THERE IS ONE
 TO COME THAT IS
 MIGHTIER THAN I.
 HE WILL BAPTIZE
 YOU IN THE SPIRIT
 AND IN FIRE.**

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Laughter and Joy

Have you heard about this great new idea of “laughter clubs”? In 1995, a doctor in India learned that intentionally laughing—even when the joke isn’t funny—actually relaxes you, boosts the immune system, relieves anxiety and depression, and improves heart conditions. There are now more than 5,000 laughter clubs around the world, where people gather to do some breathing exercises and then create gales of laughter. What is remarkable is that the immune system can’t distinguish between this created laughter, and laughter that is brought on by something you naturally find funny. Today, every reading says, “Shout for joy, cry out with gladness, rejoice in the Lord!” You might think, “The world’s a mess; my life is a disaster, and God is nowhere. How am I supposed to rejoice?” The Scriptures can tell us: “Be glad and exult with all our hearts...Fear not, don’t be discouraged!” because there is a much deeper reality ruling in our lives that we must acknowledge in order to be set free from fear. Just because we don’t always personally feel God’s presence doesn’t mean there is not a reason to hope. While we wait, we don’t always feel like laughing, because we living in the midst of a world destroyed by sin and death. Yes, it can be hard to trust God’s “other plans”. But it’s a bit like laughing until we realize we really do have something to laugh about! While we wait Jesus tells us how to live in peace: share your food and clothing; don’t be a bully, or a gossip; be honest and peaceful, person and deal fairly with others. In the midst of the chaos, keep your eyes fixed upon Jesus, until you can say, like the Psalmist, “I am confident and unafraid.”

Go forth to love and serve our God! Third Sunday of Advent Dec. 13, 2009

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. Dec. 15	9:00 am	RIP Anne Safain	Kindle Family
	9:00 am	RIP Jack Stacy	Ken, Karen, & Steven
	9:00 am	RIP Wilma Kichak	Bill & Family
Wed. Dec. 16	7:30 am	Danielle Dubois	Bruce, Jackie & Brendan
	7:30 am	Special Intention	Rolande Foster
	9:00 am	RIP Blanche Senez	Greg & Yvonne Skura
	9:00 am	RIP Jim Quinn	Lloyd & Maureen Lee
Thurs. Dec. 17	9:00 am	RIP Paul Cancade	Sean & Jean Kavanagh
	Fairview Home 10:30 am	Sr. Anne Morton	Gayle & Gloria
Fri. Dec. 18	9:00 am	Expectant Parents & Parental Love	League for Life
	12:15 pm	RIP Wilfred Lepine	Gerry & Gary Walker
	12:15 pm	RIP Wilma Kichak	Henry & Marlene Matskiw
Sat. Dec. 19	10:00 am	RIP Edwin Olson	Ella & Family
	10:00 am	RIP Mary de Fazio	Geoff & Lorraine Kindle
	7:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. James
Sun. Dec. 20	9:00 am	RIP Dennis & Yvonne De Roo	Ken & Julie De Roo
	9:00 am	RIP James & Kelly Turtle	Tony & Linda DeVliegere Family
	10:30 am	RIP Mario Adamo	Maria & Family
	12:30 pm	RIP Clarence & Evelyn	Merckx Family

3rd Sunday of Advent

Catechism of the Catholic Church

2822-2827: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Mon. **St. John of the Cross**
 (Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17)
 (Matthew 21.23-27)

Tues. (Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13)
 (Matthew 21.28-32)

Wed. (Isaiah 45.6-8, 18, 21-25)
 (Luke 7.19-23)

Thurs. (Genesis 49.2, 8-10)
 (Matthew 1.1-17)

Fri. (Jeremiah 23. 5-8)
 (Matthew 1.18-24)

Sat. (Judges 13.2-7, 24-25)
 (Luke 1.5-25)

Sun. **4th Sunday of Advent**
 (Micah 5.2-5)
 (Hebrews 10.5-10)
 (Luke 1.39-45)

CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPT UPDATE: As per Revenue Canada information please be informed that donations received after DECEMBER 31, 2009 CANNOT be added to the year 2009 receipts. Therefore it is advisable to make sure your 2009 donations are given in the current year. This information was received from Revenue Canada.

St. Augustine School and Weekly Catechism children interested in participating in the children’s mass on Christmas eve at 4:00 pm are asked to call the Parish Office and leave their names. There will be practices on Dec. 21, 22 & 23 5:00-6:30 pm.

Bereavement Support Group, beginning on Thursday, February 25, 2010, running for eight weeks, with the exception of Holy Week. For more information, call the parish office and leave your name and phone number.



VOCATION VIEW: Who, today, is willing to make ready the way of the Lord, to clear Him a straight path? Good, I prayed you would.

Donation Envelopes 2010

This year we have reassigned the envelope numbers for our collection envelopes. Therefore, you should not use any old envelopes that you have from previous years after December 31, 2009. If you should use old envelopes your collection could possibly be recorded in someone else’s account which would make them very happy.

MIDNIGHT MASS: If you would like to sing in the choir for midnight Mass at Christmas you are invited to attend choir practice on Thursday at 7:00 pm in the church.

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	14	Charismatic Prayer Group(Life in the Spirit Seminar)	7:00 pm
Tues.	15	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	15	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
	15	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
	15	Brandon Catholic School Board Mtg.	7:30 pm
Wed.	16	Reconciliation Services 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm	
	16	Weekly Catechism	4:00 pm
	16	RCIA	7:00 pm
Thurs.	17	NO Weekly Catechism	
	17	Catechist Gathering	6:30 pm
	17	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Fri.	18	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	18	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	18	Benediction	5:00 pm
Sun.	20	Youth Band Practice	4:00-6:00 pm
	20	St. Augustine's Community Choir Practice	7:00-8:00 pm

FINANCES:	RECEIPTS:
Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Dec. 6, 2009	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)	\$8413.95
School Fund Collection	\$ 20.00
Restoration Collection Dec. 6, 2009 -	\$2106.00

NEW TO OUR PARISH? CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?
PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND PLACE IT IN THE SUNDAY COLLECTION BASKET

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE: _____

NEW PARISHIONER REQUESTS ENVELOPE
 MOVING OUT OF PARISH CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Vigil Lamp
 The light burns in memory of
Paul Cancade
 week of Dec. 14, 2009

Stewardship Reflection

Trust... in our increasingly secular society it is not fashionable to trust God. Stewardship means that we are grateful for our many blessings, and we are generous with our lives and our possessions. In living this way we learn to **trust more in God and less in ourselves**. Trust is the cornerstone of any relationship, and our relationship with God is no different. God trusts us to do our part and we must trust explicitly in God. Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca

Homebaked and homemade goodies, fresh coffee, tea and juice with games& icebreakers awaits you during our Advent Family Get Together on the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 20th, starting at 1:30 p.m. A special Advent prayer service will be led by the families. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Coloring Contest** for Children please check all bulletin boards for details and entry deadline.

From Father Dominic's Desk:

Some Advent & Christmas Dates & Times:

Advent Confessions will take place at St. Augustine's on Wednesday, December 16. As usual, there will be three separate times: 1pm, 4pm, & 7pm.

Confessions at 1pm are primarily for the students and teachers of St. Augustine's School. Added to these, we invite any seniors who may feel safer attending in the day light. Also, anyone else who may not be able to attend with the rest of the parish in the evening.

Confessions at 4pm are for the children who attend public school and their parents who may wish to attend.

Confessions at 7pm are for the parish at large.

All the priests from the Westman deanery will be here to listen to your confessions.

Confessions at Souris will take place following Sunday mass on December 13 & 20.

Christmas Masses at St. Augustine's are on Thursday, Dec. 24 at 4pm, 6pm, 8pm and 12 midnight. Mass on Christmas Day, Dec. 25 will be at 10:30 am.

Christmas Mass in Souris will be on December 24 at 8pm.

Mary, Mother of God is a holy day of obligation in Canada. Masses at St. Augustine's will be on Thursday, December 31 at 7:30 pm. Mass on January 1, 2010 will be at 10:30 am.

In Souris, mass will be on January 1, 2010 at 11 am.

Thank you: The trouble with "thank you" is that often someone gets inadvertently gets left out. Such is the case when I forgot to mention those who led us with music on Nov. 30 when Archbishop James was here. Those individuals were: Mel Welsh, Jennifer Shinton, and Marc Potvin. An extra big "thank you" to the three of you. Unfortunately I discovered my mistake an hour after the bulletin went for printing.

Attention to Walkways: In particular during the winter months, please do not park in front of the walk ways for the obvious reason that the walk ways are then obstructed.

Wet, salt & dirt laden footwear is not welcome in the sanctuary. Our custodians Julie and Ken De Roo work extra hard during the winter months to keep the floors presentable. If you have reason to be in the sanctuary: readers, extra ordinary communion ministers, altar servers or someone switching on lights etc., please remove your wet footwear prior to stepping onto the hardwood.

Getting Married in 2010: St. Augustine's now have wedding planners. Diane & Garry Gillis have most graciously volunteered to oversee this important and delicate ministry. Anyone requesting to get married at St. Augustine's will be directed to them after a brief telephone conversation with the pastor. Priority is given to registered parishioners.

Christmas Flowers and Decorations: Thank you to all who contributed to the loose change collection which we had on the first and second Sundays of Advent. We collected \$ 1655.69 . Lucinda Carels tells us that this will cover the cost of poinsettias and decorations.