



Doing the Dance of Joy

Today should be a day of primordial joy for Catholics. But by the time we've celebrated 30 or more Easters, the corrosion of life can wear away our "alleluias". Children, however, never tire of hearing incredible, unbelievable stories, the more outrageous the better, such as how a man rose from the dead, and fixed it so that all of us are going to rise up, too. Are you falling down with sheer happiness at this thought?! If not, you know we adults *need* Easter, to remind us that we are partners with God on the stage of the age-old struggle between Good and Evil. Evil can so easily oppress and overwhelm us, especially when "I do the things I don't want to do, and I don't do the things I want to do!" (St. Paul) We are joyful because finally, the heroic conclusion to the epic battle has been revealed. Jesus has triumphed for all eternity! This is the good news that your heart has listened for: "Keep hopeful! Death is not the end!" How to react to this miracle? Take "Snoopy" from "Peanuts" as your model. You know Snoopy's "happy dance", where his ears spin around like helicopter blades? Well, what does *your* "happy dance" look like? Hold on to the joy God had in creating you. May Jesus give you the courage today to continue YOUR dance of joy--not just on Easter, but every day of every year. Go forth to love and serve our God! Easter Sunday April 12, 2009

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. Apr. 14	9:00 am	RIP Lionel Bohemier	Fabiola Bohemier
	9:00 am	RIP Jessie Sebastian	Brent Munroe
Wed. Apr. 15	7:30 am	RIP David Serle	Lawrence & Noreen Dubois
	9:00 am	Lorraine & Henri Bouvier	Liliane Dupuis
Thurs. Apr. 16	9:00 am	RIP Wanda Wilk	Craig & Rachele Wilk Family
Fairview Home	10:30 am	RIP Bill Smigelski	Leo Leblanc
Fri. Apr. 17	9:00 am	RIP Helen Vooch	Anne Safian
	12:15 pm	RIP Joseph Piastow & Stefana Szatanski	Janina Makuc
Sat. Apr. 18	10:00 am	RIP Annie & John Baraniuk	Eileen & Family
	7:30 pm	RIP Ellen Goucher	Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions
Sun. Apr. 19	9:00 am	RIP Dallas Nay	Linda & Girls
	10:30 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
	12:30 pm	RIP Newell Manly	Ken, Karen, & Steven
	4:00 pm	RIP Henriette Rocan	Louise & Bernie Rodrigue
Souris: Apr. 12	11:00 am	RIP Louise Murphy	Ted Murphy & Family
	Apr. 19	11:00 am	For All Parishioners Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph

CWL Day of Peace and Hope will be held on Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26. The CWL will be holding a food drive for St. Vincent de Paul. This event is open to all parishioners. Each hamper given out by St. Vincent de Paul contains the following: healthy cereal, pasta and pasta sauce, pork and beans, canned creamed corn, canned salmon and/or tuna and a small jar of peanut butter. Donations of any of these items or a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated.

St. Augustine's CWL is offering a \$500 scholarship to a Catholic, female student graduating from Senior IV in 2009. The application form and criteria are available at the St. Augustine's Parish office or contact Dianne Fox 727-1209 to have an application mailed to you. **Please note that applications received after the deadline of June 2, 2009 will not be considered.**

New Priests to the Archdiocese

We are expecting five new priests to join our ranks in the near future. They are: Fr. Francis Xavier Susai Raj and Fr. Gna Arockiyam Bastin Jesu Raj, who are both Heralds of the Good News and are from India. Father Dindo Villarmia Pepito from the Philippines. Fr. Ahaneku Chimezie James from Nigeria and Fr. Wladimir Porreca from Brazil. These will help to take the place of those retiring from ministry.

Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday) Catechism of the Catholic Church

Mon. (Acts 2:14, 22-33)
(Matthew 28:8-15)

Tues. (Acts 2:36-41)
(John 20:11-18)

Wed. (Acts 3:1-10)
(Luke 24:13-35)

Thurs. (Acts 3:11-26)
(Luke 24:35-48)

Fri. (Acts 4:1-12)
(John 21:1-14)

Sat. (Acts 4:13-21)
(Mark 16:9-15)

Sun. **2nd Sunday of Easter**
(Acts 4:32-35)
(1 John 5:1-6)
(John 20:9-31)

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION: Your baby is making progress developing all of his external features and internal organs. His brain is functioning at 40 days. His mother can hear his heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. His milk-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. And it has been reported that a two-month old baby can suck his thumb. From this moment onward, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his body. But everything he needs to survive once he is born is already present by the end of the eighth week.

Rosaries and Crucifixes: If you have either rosaries or crucifixes please bring them to the church. We are always in need of them for those who don't have them.



VOCATION VIEW: Christ has become our Paschal Sacrifice. Your ultimate purpose, to live and to breathe, is the eternal Jesus. Go forth to announce to the world - Christ, our hope, has risen, Alleluia!

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon. 13	Office Closed	
Tues. 14	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
Wed. 15	Deanery Meeting	1:00 pm
	Quest for Christ	4:00 pm
	RCIA	7:00 pm
	Baptism Prep.	7:00 pm
Thurs. 16	Quest for Christ	4:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri. 17	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	Benediction	5:00 pm
Sat. 18	English Class	4:30 pm
	K of C Fun Night	6:00 pm
Sun. 19	Restoration Thanksgiving Reception	2:00 pm

FINANCES:

RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Apr. 5, 2009	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)	\$8353.00
School Fund Collection	\$ 20.00
Restoration Collection Apr. 5, 2009 -	\$3416.00

Stewardship Reflection of the Week

All are Invited to Attend the 3rd Bi-annual
Western Canadian Catholic Stewardship Conference
Delta Regina, June 12 to 14, 2009
Opening Keynote Speaker: Archbishop V. James Weisgerber
Early bird registration: \$75 by April 30
(Includes: All sessions, Friday Evening Reception,
Saturday Lunch, & Sunday Breakfast)
After April 30, the fee will be \$100
Hotel: \$151 per night (taxes incl.)
Bus Transportation (optional): \$65 per person
(Bus departing Winnipeg with pickups in Portage la Prairie and Brandon)
For more information contact: Dan Potvin
Director of Stewardship
Archdiocese of Winnipeg
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Online brochure at www.archwinnipeg.ca

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of
Ignazio Scaletta

Brandon Area League For Life Information Alert

Euthanasia activists exploit the natural fear people have of suffering. They claim that without euthanasia or assisted suicide people will be forced to endure unbearable pain. Such irresponsible claims fail to recognize that virtually all pain can be eliminated or that – in those rare cases where it can't be totally eliminated – it can be reduced significantly if proper treatment is provided.

<http://www.internationaltaskforce.org/faq.htm>

Dear parishioners,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

I take this tremendous opportunity to wish each of you a really Happy Easter in the risen Christ. Because Jesus rose from the tomb we are given the assurance that we too will rise from our bed of death at the end of earthly time. Our body will be reunited with our souls on that great and final day when the Lord returns to usher in the New Jerusalem. What a day, glorious day that will be when we look on the face of Jesus with our own eyes. For the following fifty days the Church rejoices in the resurrection and we sing the "alleluia". May we all experience a new awakening in our spiritual lives and our life with Christ risen. Again, Happy Easter! *Father Dominic*

Statues relocate

Since we moved the Blessed Sacrament back to its place of dignity and honour in the high altar it only seems reasonable that we do some moving of the statues. I spoke to Fr. Barry Schoonbaert who originally moved our patron St. Augustine of Canterbury to the centre of the high altar. I asked him if he would mind if we were to move the statue of St. Augustine, especially given the fact that we now have a roundel of him near the sanctuary. He had no objections and, in fact, thought this to be a good idea. So, when the Lenten shrouds are removed, we will have the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the centre of the high altar. St. Joseph will reside on the east side altar and St. Augustine will return to the main entrance of the church. I might add that several parishioners have asked about the pulpit and when it will be beautified. At a finance council meeting and parish council meeting held at the end of February, it was agreed that we should pursue this. Ecclesiastical artist Jozef Reibesteijn will return to do this portion of the restoration in June. At that time he will also finish a few smaller details. Ray Cancade has arranged for the repointing of the bricks to commence this summer. It will take two summers to complete. Roger Boulet will also return to finish the steeple which was not completed prior to freeze-up last fall. Ray Cancade is also assembling information on the property just south of the parish centre where the house that burned last summer was formerly located. If we were able to purchase the lot, it would nicely complete the entire church property.

Welcome to those received into the Church

I read on the Vatican website that 150,000 new Catholics are to be welcomed into the Church this Easter. We also anticipate 500,000 members from the Anglican church in England to become Catholics in the very near future. Added to these numbers we welcome into full communion with the Catholic Church and our parish family those members of the RCIA who were either baptized or who made a profession of faith at the Easter Vigil: Wilma Jean Foster, Wanda Lucielle Hosea, Craig Douglas Hosea, Christopher William Gerry, Jerri Monica Adamski, Kenneth George Scott, Michael Jason Sigurdson and Jane Alano Hutchison. We are blest to have you in our midst. *Father Dominic*

Welcome to Our Christian Community:

Evan Craig Hosea, Mikayla Lorraine Hosea and Aiden Douglas Hosea