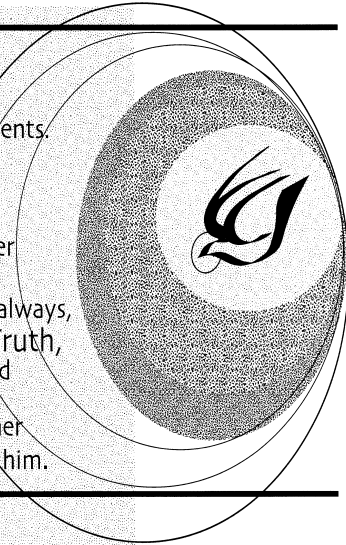


Rock Bottom Truth

If you love me,
you will keep
my commandments.
And I will ask
the Father,
and he will
give you another
Advocate
to be with you always,
the **Spirit of Truth**,
whom the world
cannot accept,
because it neither
sees nor knows him.



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Jesus tells us that we will not become orphaned; we won't be lost and alone, without anyone to take care of us. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you." Jesus is telling us that we are all children of God, loved by a God who will never leave us alone and lonely. But how do we experience this profound belonging to God? How do we get to feel in our bones that we all belong to the same human family under the parenthood of God? That is a very difficult question. I'm not sure that anyone has the final answer to that question. But there is one path that we can all take if we want to move towards an answer. If we want to experience this profound belonging to God as God's children, then we need to start seeing and treating others as God's children, that is, as our brothers and sisters. We can't wait until we all have a mystical experience of being united with every man, woman and child on the face of the earth. The first thing we need to do is to act on our beliefs. If we believe we are all God's children, then we need to live that way. This involves a radical shift in the way we see other people. Respect, kindness and compassion need to replace any negative attitudes we now hold in our heart. If we are constantly critical of others, always noticing what we think are faults and weaknesses, and reducing people to the lowest common denominator, then we need to pray for a changed vision. Some people say that feelings follow actions. As we continue to act towards others with respect, kindness and compassion, we will gradually experience a new closeness with them. There's no time schedule for this. It will happen sooner with some than with others. But as time goes by, our feelings and vision of people will match our behaviour towards them. Peace, Fr. John Vella (April 27th, 2008)

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues.	Apr. 29	9:00 am	RIP Leonard & Leonore Kennedy	Ken, Karen & Steven
		9:00 am	Alice Brown	Cecile Chicoine
Wed.	Apr. 30	9:00 am	Fred Neumeier	Yvonne Day
		9:00 am	Special Intention	Emily Jaffray
Thurs.	May 01	9:00 am	Parish Priests	Parishioners
Fairview Home		10:30 am	RIP Michael Sadowski	Jeanette & Family
Fri.	May 02	9:00 am	RIP Suzanne Cancade	Wanda March
		12:15 pm	RIP Edith O'Sullivan	Pat
Sat.	May 03	10:00 am	Beverley Ann Kehler	Corinne & Velma
		5:00 pm	For all Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Raju
		7:30 pm	RIP Francis & Ethel Deyoung	Scott, Mary, Colin & Jillian
Sun.	May 04	9:00 am	RIP Dale Kamann	Linda & Girls
		10:30 am	RIP Ralph Jaffray	Jeannette & Melina
		12:30 pm	Fr. Dominic Yuen	Kehler Family
		4:00 pm	First Communion	
Rivers	May 04	11:00 am	RIP Yves Guillas	Terry Bourne Guillas
	May 11	11:00 am	For all Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Raju

Hymns Books - We request that you please take special care of our hymn books. We have spent time repairing them to the best of our abilities, and have found that most are in very bad condition, they have been played with as a toy (please bring something from home for your child to play with), been written in, have food stains on the pages, have had pages torn, covers bent in half, the binding torn and they are in very bad shape. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

We ask that you please be mindful of those who have allergies to perfume and aftershave when you are getting ready to come to church.

Holy Childhood Association: Donation of \$501.07 by the Wednesday and Thursday "Quest for Christ" catechism children.



VOCATION VIEW: That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.

6th Sunday of Easter

Catechism of the Catholic Church

727-730: The Holy Spirit brings the work of Jesus to completion

1285-1314: Confirmation in the economy of salvation

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| Mon. | St. Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort
St. Peter Chanel
(Acts 16:11-15)
(John 15:26-16:4) |
| Tues. | St. Catherine of Siena
(Acts 16:22-34)
(John 16:5-11) |
| Wed. | Blessed Marie de l'Incarnation or St. Pius V
(Acts 17:15, 22-18:1)
(John 16:12-15) |
| Thurs. | St. Joseph the Worker
(Acts 18:1-8)
(John 16:16-20) |
| Fri. | St. Athanasius
(Acts 18:9-18)
(John 16:20-23) |
| Sat. | St. Philip & St. James
(1 Corinthians 15:1-8)
(John 14:6-14) |
| Sun. | Ascension of the Lord
(Acts 1:1-11)
(Ephesians 1:17-23)
(Matthew 28:16-20) |

CWL General Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 6.
Mass will be at 7 p.m. and the meeting will follow.

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	28	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
	28	Finance Meeting	7:00 pm
Tues.	29	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	29	Legion of Mary	7:00 pm
Wed.	30	RCIA	7:00 pm
	30	K of C Executive Mtg.	7:00 pm
Thurs.	01	League for Life Mtg.	7:00 pm
	01	Development and Peace Mtg.	7:00 pm
	01	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	02	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	02	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	02	Benediction	5:00 pm
Sun.	04	Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses	
	04	Spanish Community of St. Augustine's	1:00 pm
	04	1 st Communion Celebration	4:00 pm

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Apr.20, 2008	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)\$9345.50	
School Fund Collection	\$ 40.00
Rivers Collection	\$ 775.60

Stewardship Reflection of the Week

Today Jesus tells his disciples that he will *"ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever."* The Advocate is, of course, the gift of the Holy Spirit, which we celebrate on Pentecost Sunday. Jesus promises this gift *if you love him and keep his commandments.* Does the stewardship you provide in your day to day living show how much you love Jesus?

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of
Bob & Erna Ray

Brandon Area League For Life Information Alert

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion" ---Mother Teresa
<http://www.iol.ie/~hlili/theresa.html>

Meeting - Reaching out to our elderly of St. Augustine's who have special needs, **May 13, 7:00 p.m.** - come and join us.

Thank you to Fr. Dominic, choir members, friends and especially my family. For the many birthday greetings, masses, cards, flowers and flower arrangements. A sincere thank you for making my 90th birthday such a special occasion. May God Bless you all. Nellie Dunn

"Illuminating the Word: The Saint John's Bible." The first illuminated Bible commission since 500 years ago. The Winnipeg Art Gallery - on 300 Memorial Blvd. Winnipeg is showing this collection. This was commissioned by St. John's Abbey and St. John College. This only Canadian showing will be until June 8. For additional information phone 789-1760.

Knights of Columbus Brandon Council 1435 Scholarship Notice: Brandon Council is inviting applicants for this \$500 scholarship no later than June 13, 2008. For further information please contact the Parish Office.

From the Pastor's Desk:

Fire Proof filing cabinet: If you have fire proof filing cabinet, if that you aren't using please call the parish office.

Baskets for 125th Anniversary Collection: I'm preparing for the 125th Anniversary Mass on Saturday, May 31, 2008 at the Keystone Centre, the Anniversary Planning committee are in need of "bread baskets" for the collection. We need approximately 15 baskets. They should be approximately the size of our Sunday Collection baskets and of firm material. Place your name on the outside, bottom of the basket so we can return them and bring them to the parish office.

Wanted: We also are looking for a carpenter who could do small repairs in the parish centre and the church. Please call the Parish Office.

Sunday 12:30 p.m. Guest Service Ministry: We are looking for some individuals to assist to prepare juice and snacks etc., following the noon mass. The family who are presently joyfully doing this ministry, need some support. They have been doing this ministry for many months now. If you are willing to assist, please phone the parish office or speak to Jeff Kasprick.

Welcome to Our Christian Community: Simon Romanow Leckie, Reagan Bridget Porterfield, Richard William John Porterfield, Riley Patricia Olga Porterfield, Cole Anthony Dupuis, Cashe Riley McNabb, Spence Aidan Mott, Alphonso Lucas Spence, Gauge William Clyde Spence, Sydney Eliza Wiggins, Jaymee Calinda Christine Moran, Robert Vincenzo Barcellona, Graely Brooke Scholz-Streyko, Tatiana Yvonne Dupuis, Noah Ryley Baraniuk, Logan Trent Scott

Westman Hospice is a registered non-profit organization which provides an additional community resource to persons living with a terminal illness, and their families. We are the link to quality end-of-life care, providing access to comprehensive, coordinated and high quality palliative care and bereavement services. We are seeking volunteers to work with our clients. Please contact coordinator Tara Kindle at 727-1745 for more information.

RCIA: How does a person become a Catholic? People come to inquire for many many reasons. You may know someone who is spiritually searching for a deeper relationship with God in the Catholic Church. In talking to a person who has been coming to church for some time, I noticed he does not receive communion. When I asked him if he ever thought about being a Catholic, he said, "Yes many times but no one ever asked me". So please do not hesitate to ask, then give Deacon John's number, 727-4728 and invite them to go and meet with him.

CWL SCHOLARSHIP - Female students, graduating from Senior IV in 2008 and are members of a Catholic Church in Brandon or a mission of St. Augustine Parish are eligible to apply for a \$500 scholarship. Application forms and criteria are available from the parish office or contact Dianne Fox at 727-1209 to have an application mailed to you. Deadline for completed applications is June 3, 2008.

The **Latino (Spanish) community** of St. Augustine is inviting interested parishioners to join the Chess Tournament at the Parish Square starting on Sunday, May 11 at 2:00 p.m. to foster better community interaction and improve their English conversational skills. Please come and make friends and disciples in Jesus. Inquire from MACE Sisters.

125th Anniversary Committee: Perry Roque, Angela Cross, Vic Hercun Steve Malkowich, Betty Howell, Louise Lamont, Joseph Kiazky, Diane Fox, Lorraine Kindle, Jason Cross, Carol MacKenzie, Ken De Roo, Fr. Dominic, Sister Maybelle, Nolan Adam, Rose Marie Bidinosti.