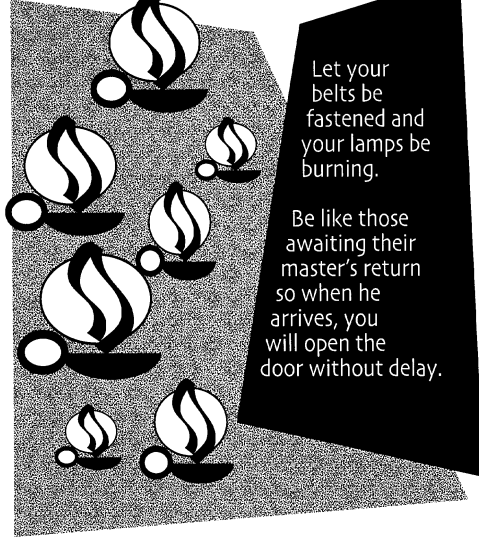


Aliens in a Strange Land



Let your belts be fastened and your lamps be burning.

Be like those awaiting their master's return so when he arrives, you will open the door without delay.

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"Star Trek" was an amazingly popular TV series, with all its spin-offs and movies. Often they'd send the crew back in time, and Captain Picard or Counsellor Troi would end with a wise statement about how we must know our history in order to prepare for our future. Our Christian future emerged out of the strong faith of our Hebrew ancestors, starting with Abraham and Sarah. We should pay attention to them if we want to know how to go into the future. Because Abraham and Sarah listened when God spoke and did what God asked them to do. Instead of maps and a GPS, they fixed their eyes on the future God promised them. Even when God's promises seemed impossible, Sarah and Abraham kept their faith. Our Hebrew ancestors died before they saw the promised future in full—but as St. Paul says, they "saw (the future) and greeted it from afar and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth." Wait a minute: *we* are the strangers and aliens? I hope that's not a scary thought, *because it means that this is not our real home*. St. Paul says we need to "desire a better homeland, a heavenly one," as our ancestors did. We are not owners on this earth—we are merely renters. God calls us to get up each day and "boldly go where no one has gone before"—on a mission into the unknown future with Jesus. "Do not be afraid—but stay awake—remember your duty—and be ready the hour the master returns." That could be the hour of critical decision-making, the hour of death, or the hour of the Lord's return—just fix your eyes on God's promises, and believe in God's faithfulness. Go in peace to love and serve our God! (Nineteenth Sun. in Ord. – Aug. 8, 2010)

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. Aug. 10	9:00 am	RIP Jim MacKay	Gayle and Family
	9:00 am	RIP Rusty Weisgerber	Michael Dubois Family
Wed. Aug. 11	7:30 am	Sr. Therma Ajoc	Harold & Jeanette Tripp
	9:00 am	RIP Chase Cordes	Ken, Karen & Steven
Thurs. Aug. 12	9:00 am	Fr. James Ahaneku	Secret Prayer Partner
Fairview Home	10:30 am	RIP Wilma Kichak	Bill and Family
Fri. Aug. 13	9:00 am	RIP Mary Rochelle	Pam, Terry and Family
	12:15 pm	Thanksgiving	Josie Bessant
Sat. Aug. 14	10:00 am	Sr. Therma Ajoc	Emily Jaffray
	10:00 am	RIP Paul Dunn	St. Vincent de Paul
	7:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. James
Sun. Aug. 15	9:00 am	RIP Rusty Weisgerber	Richard & Marion Wilson
	11:00 am	RIP Monica O'Donohoe	Mom and Dad
Tues. Aug. 17	9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory	Ken, Karen & Steven
	9:00 am	RIP Eleuteria Inciong	Rolly & Dori Yorobe
Wed. Aug. 18	7:30 am	For Vocations	Serra Club
	9:00 am	Sally Scaletta	Clark
Thurs. Aug. 19	9:00 am	Fr. James Ahaneku	CWL Members
Fairview Home	10:30 am	RIP Mrs. Davidson	Emily Jaffray
Fri. Aug. 20	9:00 am	Sr. Therma Ajoc	Greg & Yvonne Skura
	12:15 pm	RIP Peter and Maria Klim	Amelia Adamski & Family
Sat. Aug. 21	10:00 am	RIP Helen Vooch	Geoff and Lorraine Kindle
	7:30 pm	RIP Wilma Kichak	Bill and Family
	7:30 pm	RIP Matthew Skura	Greg & Yvonne Skura Family
Sun. Aug. 22	9:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. James
	11:00 am	Chris & Leann McCannel	Mom & Dad
	11:00 am	Anna LeLay	Anne Simms & Family

CWL: "Reasons why I belong to the CWL."

I am part of the largest national organization of Catholic Women.

Attention Lectors: If any of you are not able to go on the list for October please call the Parish Office at 727-4728.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catechism of the Catholic Church

27-35: Desire for God; approaches to the knowledge of God

- Mon. **St. Edith Stein**
(Ezekiel 1.2-5, 24-28)(Matthew 17:22-27)
- Tues. **St. Lawrence**
(2 Corinthians 9.6-10)(John 12.24-26)
- Wed. **St. Clare**
(Ezekiel 9.1-7; 10:18-22)(Matthew 18.15-20)
- Thurs. **St. Jane Frances de Chantal**
(Ezekiel 12.1-16)(Matthew 18.21-19.1)
- Fri. **St. Pontian and Hippolytus**
(Ezekiel 16.1-15, 60, 63)(Ezekiel 16.59-63)
(Matthew 19.3-12)
- Sat. **St. Maximilian Kolbe**
(Ezekiel 18.1-10, 13, 30-32)(Matthew 19.13-15)
- Sun. **Assumption of Mary**
(Revelation 11.19; 12.1-6, 10)
(1 Corinthians 15.20-26)(Luke 1.39-56)
- Mon. **St. Stephen of Hungary**
(Ezekiel 24.15-24)(Matthew 19.16-22)
- Tues. (Ezekiel 28.1-10)(Matthew 19.23-30)
- Wed. (Ezekiel 34.1-11)(Matthew 20.1-16)
- Thurs. **St. John Eudes**
(Ezekiel 36.23-28)(Matthew 22.1-14)
- Fri. **St. Bernard**
(Ezekiel 37.1-14)(Matthew 22.34-40)
- Sat. **St. Pius X**
(Ezekiel 43.1-7)(Matthew 23.1-12)
- Sun. **21st Sunday In Ordinary Time**
(Isaiah 66.18-21)(Hebrews 12.5-7, 11-13)
(Luke 13.22-30)

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	09	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	10	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
Fri.	13	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	13	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	13	Benediction	5:00 pm
Mon.	16	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	17	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
Fri.	20	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	20	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	20	Benediction	5:00 pm

FINANCES:**Collection for July 25 & Aug. 1, 2010**

Offertory Collection	\$ 13,666.11
School Fund Collection	\$ 45.00
Restoration Collection	\$ 957.50

RECEIPTS:**Vigil Lamp**

The light burns in Memory of
Isabel Janz week of Aug. 09, 2010
Mary Rochelle week of Aug. 16, 2010

Stewardship Reflections*Virtues of the Disciple & Christian Steward - Gratitude*

"A grateful heart silences a complaining voice", Bishop Eugene Gerber. Being a Christian steward means living each day in gratitude, not envy. It is hard to always be wanting more when you have a grateful heart. The secret to happiness is not found in having what you want, but is found by wanting what you have. Good stewards count their blessings while everyone else is adding up their problems.

Catechism Registration: The registration for Catechism/Quest for Christ next fall 2010/2011 will be available at both entrances of the church and also on the St. Augustine website. For more information please contact Sr. Therma at 727-4728 or the Parish Office.

St. Vincent de Paul is now accepting donations of all household articles and furniture for distribution to newcomers who have immigrated to Brandon. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Ste. Rose De Lima Parish, Ste. Rose, Manitoba

50th Anniversary - Building of the Catholic Church. Join us in celebrating this happy occasion on August 22, 2010. Rosary at 3:00 pm, Reconciliation at 3:30 pm, Mass at 4:00 pm to be celebrated by The Most Reverend James Weisgerber, Reverend Father Vincent de Paul Tchaoule and attending priests. Event to held at the Grotto Ste. Rose du lac. Potluck gathering, music and fellowship to follow.



VOCATION VIEW: Where is your treasure? There is your heart! Have you considered that God's will is your treasure for you? Come, follow Him!

From Father Dominic's Desk:

Summer Mass Schedule: Masses will be at 9 am and 11 am each Sunday until September 26.

Update on purchase of 336 Fourth St. - We have now taken possession of the property at 336 Fourth St. It is the parish's intention to put the home up for tender and have it removed. We will be holding an open house for all the interested parties at a future date. We will keep you updated as to when this will take place.

Brandon Doors Open Heritage Tours 2010 - Once again St. Augustine's participated in the Heritage Tours on Saturday, July 24. Thank you to the following for donating your time and talent as tour guides: Ed Burgess, Chris Pugh, Scott Hayward, Sisters Therma & Maybelle, Velma Beaudette, Robert Parisien and Deacon John MacKenzie.[]

Marian Eucharistic Conference - As in former years, the Marian Eucharistic Conference will be held in the Fairmont Hotel in Winnipeg on the Labor Day long weekend. A line up of excellent speakers including Father Wolfgang Seitz from Detroit, Fr. Michael Lightner who is the director of campus ministry at the University of Wisconsin, Fr. John Tino from Brooklyn, New York, Fr. John Sianchuk, a Redemptorist priest who was instrumental in founding the shrine for Blessed Vasy Velychkovsky in Winnipeg, Father Joseph Iannuzzi, author of a number of books in mystical & dogmatic theology and several other speakers. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

*******Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, will begin in September. You may have been the one, who in the past, has invited an adult enquiring about the Roman Catholic faith to contact the parish. The RCIA, as it is commonly called, is a formation process whereby adults enter the Catholic Church. They learn about the Catholic Christian faith, and also discover how God has always been part of their life, though they may have been unaware of how closely God has been walking with the, guiding them, seeking a relationship with them. Each year we have had adults participate in the RCIA process. Some people have been coming to church for some time, yet did not feel called to become a full participating member of the Body of Christ within the Catholic tradition. After a simple invitation to attend RCIA, they discovered God's desire for them to become members of the Church. This year reach out and invite someone to come and enquire about our faith. Have them phone the church at 727-4728, and ask for Deacon John.

Thank You: We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their cards, mass cards, flowers, food, calls and prayers we received when our dear Mom passed away. Thank you to Fr. Dominic, Fr. James, Deacon John and all the parish staff for their care and concern at this time. Thank you to the CWL for the lovely lunch, the choir, the organist Joan Britton, Carol MacKenzie for reading and the altar servers. Special thanks to Sally, Donna, Diane, Sr. Therma, and Gwen for helping us get the fruit and veggies ready for the funeral. We appreciate each and everyone of you for all you have done for our family during this time, what a wonderful Parish Family we have. God Bless you all! Pam & Terry Szmon and Family