



A Career with Real Authority

Have you ever pounded the pavement trying to find a job? Most of us have, or soon will. Our readings today say God is getting ready to post the grand-daddy of all job descriptions, that only one person throughout all of history will be able to fill. And, not to spoil the ending, but I think you know I'm talking about the boss' son—Jesus. So Jesus starts his job, but it's a mystery that, even after he begins to do exactly the work God called him to do, people still do not recognize him as the Son of God. Instead, Jesus causes scandal in the synagogue by teaching new interpretations of the Jewish law. One day, a man in the synagogue is possessed by a demon or "unclean spirit." When Jesus orders out the demons, the bystanders wonder, "Who is this Jesus who gives order to demons—he teaches with authority!"—an authority the Jews felt belonged to God alone. The Jews taught that by touching someone unclean, you yourself became defiled. So, to be holy, you had to avoid all who were unholy. Jesus boldly entered into the unholy, touching those with disease, in order to bring wholeness and healing. But did the Jews rejoice at this miraculous turn of events? No--By breaking through the old order, Jesus scandalized many. Here is some good news: we can all stop being scandalized by unclean behavior. When *we're* faced with evil, if we gossip, or merely react with outrage, anger, and revulsion, we are not giving Jesus full authority. Our personal job description should be "Repent, and believe the good news." Add one prayer to your day, that God would strengthen your faith in Jesus' authority over your life. *Go in peace, to love and serve our God!* (Fourth Sunday in Ord. Time – Feb. 1, 2009)

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. Feb. 03	9:00 am	RIP Charlie Baron	The Family
	7:00 pm	Respect Life	CWL
Wed. Feb. 04	7:30 am	RIP David Serle	Dora Boschman & Family
	9:00 am	RIP Emidio Buccini	Kehler Family
Thurs. Feb. 05	9:00 am	RIP Andre Usunier	Judy Cancade
Fairview Home	10:30 am	Special Intention	Paggao Family
Fri. Feb. 06	9:00 am	RIP Alice & Joseph Richard	Bernice & Victor Kuz
	12:15 pm	RIP Michael Sturko	Walter & Stella Sturko
Sat. Feb. 07	10:00 am	RIP Helen Vooch	Grant & Joanne Allan
	7:30 pm	Thanksgiving	Garry & Diane
Sun. Feb. 08	9:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
	10:30 am	RIP Andre Usunier	Ken & Suzanne Anderson
	12:30 pm	Respect & Protection of Human Life	League for Life
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	Feb. 08 11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
	Feb. 10 11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph

Knights of Columbus St. Valentine's Supper and Dance, on Saturday, February 14, 2009 in St. Augustine's Square. Live Band The Reflections. Cocktails at 6:15 pm, Supper at 7:00 p.m. Silent Auction. Tickets \$25.00 per person. **Tickets available at Parish Office.**

League for Life - Respect Life Week - Feb. 1-8, 2009 This week has been set aside as a time to reflect on the value of human life. In our society which now tolerates abortion without qualification, the need for a continuing strong voice on behalf of babies in the womb is more important than ever. At the same time, years of killing pre-born babies has set the stage for the next assault on human life - euthanasia. Today you will find Respect Life Week offering envelopes. Please bring them home with you. Your donation will help pro-life education.

Former RCIA participants are invited to "Revisit The Journey" in an 8 session Faith Enrichment Gathering Tuesday evenings 7-9 p.m. starting Feb. 3, 2009 in Room 108. For information or to register call Sharon 726-0408 (evening).

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Catechism of the Catholic Church

391-395: Fall of the Angels

1042-1050: The new heaven and the new earth

Mon. **Presentation of the Lord**
(Malachi 3.1-4)
(Luke 2.22-40)

Tues. **St. Ansgar/St. Blaise**
(Hebrews 12.1-4)
(Mark 5.21-43)

Wed. (Hebrews 12.4-7, 11-15)
(Mark 6.1-6)

Thurs. **St. Agatha**
(Hebrews 12.18-19, 21-24)
(Mark 6.7-13)

Fri. **St. Paul Miki and companions**
(Hebrews 13.1-8)
(Mark 6.14-29)

Sat. **Our Lady's Saturday**
(Hebrews 13.15-17, 20-21)
(Mark 6.30-34)

Sun. **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Job 7.1-4, 6-7)
(1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23)
(Mark 1.29-39)

VOCATION VIEW: Like Simeon and the prophetess Anna, who served God day and night in His temple, will you dare bear radical witness to Christ Jesus as His priest, consecrated brother or sister?



THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	02	Canterbury Senior Social Club	2:00 pm
	02	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
	02	Confirmation	7:00 pm
Tues.	03	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	03	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
	03	Revisit the Journey	7:00 pm
	03	CWL Mass and Meeting to follow	7:00 pm
Wed.	04	Quest for Christ	4:30 pm
	04	RCIA	7:00 pm
	04	First Communion Parent Meeting	7:00 pm
Thurs.	05	Bible Study	1:15 pm
	05	Bereavement Group	1:30 pm
	05	Quest for Christ	6:30 pm
	05	The Summons Info Session	7:00 pm
	05	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	06	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	06	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	06	Benediction	5:00 pm
Sat.	07	Youth Night	6:00 pm

NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

“**THE SUMMONS**” is a new adult faith formation program offered by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and is designed for any adult who desires to grow both personally and spiritually in our Catholic faith. Formerly called *Nathanael*, “**THE SUMMONS**” has been restructured, and redesigned to better meet the needs of adult Catholics in our Archdiocese. **THE SUMMONS** is a 2 year program and sessions are held one weekend per month, for 10 weekends, each year at St. Dominic’s Parish in Neepawa.

There seems to be a lot of diversity in what people believe today, not only in other religions but also in our Catholic faith. What do Catholics believe in? What is the correct Catholic teaching on the issues of today? Is there a Catholic way of reading the bible? What is the meaning of all we do in our Mass? How do I know what God is wanting of me? What are my values and beliefs that affect my personal choices in life? How do I cope with life experiences in light of my faith? If these questions speak to you, THE SUMMONS is calling you.

There will be an information session at St. Augustine’s in Brandon for all who are interested and finding out more about THE SUMMONS on Thursday, February 5th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. In the meantime, for more information and a brochure, please see your pastor or contact Fr. Eric Giddins, Director of THE SUMMONS, at 204-857-5172.

Bereavement Support Group - St. Augustine’s Parish is going to present an eight week program for the bereaved of the parish. These sessions are for anyone suffering the loss of a loved one, whether spouse, child, parent, relative or friend. The program will begin on Thursday afternoon, February 5 to March 26, from 1:30 - 3:00 in the Knights of Columbus Room and lasts approximately 1 1/2 hours. Facilitators are Carol MacKenzie and Sharon Monaghan. Please call the parish office to register.

OPPORTUNITY - The Rural Development Institute of Brandon University is looking for participants in a Welcoming Community Survey. The purpose of the project is to understand changing community dynamics related to immigration. Newcomers and long time residents’ perspectives and experiences are welcomed.

What are we asking?

- Approximately 90 minutes of your time
- In person meeting centrally located
- Flexible scheduling (Jan. 15-Feb. 20)

What will we provide?

- \$25 gift certificate
- Confidentiality
- Interview in Spanish, Mandarin or English

For more information or to arrange an interview please call Bev at 571-8515 or email rdi@brandonu.ca

First Communion Parent Meeting will be on Wed. Feb. 4, 2009 at the church square at 7:00 p.m.

Come to the **Cana Wedding Family Social** on Sunday, Feb. 15th at 5:00 p.m. Renew your wedding vows, potluck supper and family dance will follow. Tickets are available at “Wing and a Prayer”, Parish Office or call Lea at 726-1613. All are invited, young, old, married or single.

St. Augustine School Waiting list -St. Augustine School will be taking names for the 2009-2010 school year on Feb. 2, 2009 starting at 8:00 a.m. You can call the school (729-3285) or come into the office to fill out a waiting list form. We will be taking names for the new students entering Kindergarten and also for other grades as spaces are available. If you require more information about the school, please call 729-3285 and we would be pleased to answer your questions.

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday January 25, 2009
 Offertory Collection (Brandon)\$6177.50
 School Fund Collection \$ 20.00
 Restoration Collection Jan. 18, 2009 - \$2221.33

Stewardship Reflection of the Week

St. Paul speaks to us today about our vocations. Paul stresses living a life that is Christ-centered not self-centered in whatever vocation God has called us. The US Bishops in their pastoral letter on stewardship remind us that we are all called to be disciples of Jesus and this is our common Christian vocation, be it single or married. *“Christians are called to be good stewards of the vocations they receive. Each of us must discern, accept, and live out joyfully and generously the commitments, responsibilities, and roles to which God calls him or her.”*
 USCCB – Stewardship – A Disciple’s Response © 2002

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of
 Ralph Jaffray

Brandon Area League For Life Information Alert

One expert who spoke at the United Nations estimates that up to 200 million women and girls are missing worldwide because of sex-selective abortion and female infanticide. Some experts put the figure as low as 60 million. All agree it gets bigger every day.

http://www.nswrtl.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=7&Itemid=29

CWL News: General Meeting, Tues. Feb. 3, 2009

Guest speaker will be Linda Chegwin who will talk about her recent, 3 month, experience in Uganda. All parishioners are welcome to attend the presentation which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

CWL brunch will be held after 10:30 am mass on Sunday, February 8 at Gulliver’s Grill, 1630 Park Avenue. All CWL members welcome as well as any interested women from the parish.