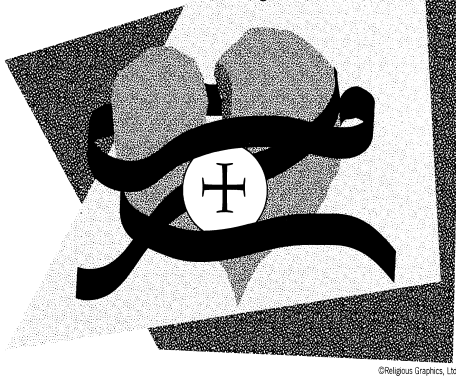


*Praise the Lord for he is good;
he heals the brokenhearted
and binds up
their wounds.
He sustains the lowly;
the wicked he casts
to the ground.*



At the Heart of Suffering

I'm sure every one of us here knows someone who says, "I don't go to church on Sunday, because I don't get anything out of it." Today might be different, because the readings from Job attempt the best answer I know to the burning question that every one of us has in life: "Why am I suffering?" Maybe your heart is aching because of a tragic loss or grief. If I said, "You must have done something pretty bad for God to punish you with all this suffering!"—would you agree? Hopefully not! But at the time of Job, the only explanation for suffering was "punishment for sin." So often we put God in the witness stand exactly as Job did: "Where are you, God? I've prayed until I'm blue in the face....I've played by all your rules. And still you don't answer. Where ARE you?" And God gives us and Job the same answer: "Where were YOU, when I laid the earth's foundations?....Can you guide the morning star?....Does the eagle soar at your command?" Humbled at last, Job replies: "I am the man who obscured your designs with my empty-headed words." But to complete God's answer to Job, we have to notice how Jesus enters into the suffering of people in the Scripture. Jesus feels pain, just as we do! Notice how he is constantly touching people before healing them—to show us that God does not stand helplessly at a distance, detached, watching without emotion as we suffer. Jesus is filled with God's love and concern for our lives. But you have to throw out the old idea of "an eye for an eye." Our God lifts up the fallen, feeds the hungry with good things, and heals the brokenhearted. *Go in peace, to love and serve our God!* (Fifth Sunday in Ord. Time – February 8, 2009)

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. Feb. 10	9:00 am	RIP Michael Sturko	Gayle MacKay
	9:00 am	RIP Ignazio Scaletta	Sally & Family
Wed. Feb. 11	9:00 am	RIP Suzette Prescott	Jeannette & Family
	7:00 pm	RIP Jim Bradford	Knights of Columbus
Thurs. Feb. 12	9:00 am	Deceased Relatives	Vic & Simone Desaulnier
Fairview Home	10:30 am	RIP Ralph Jaffray	Emily & Family
	2:00 pm	Memorial Mass at Valleyview PCH	
Fri. Feb. 13	9:00 am	RIP Helen Vooch	Bill & Linda Chester Paulette & Larry Flanigan
	12:15 pm	RIP Jessie Sebastian	Maria Adamo
Sat. Feb. 14	10:00 am	RIP Branka Woloschuk	Richard & Bonnie Wilson
	7:30 pm	RIP David Serle	Ron & Jeanette Ediger
Sun. Feb. 15	9:00 am	RIP Natasha Clark	Simms Family
	10:30 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
	12:30 pm	RIP Doug Sims	St. Vincent de Paul
Souris:	Feb. 10 11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
	Feb. 17 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.

Our **St. Augustine's Development and Peace and Social Justice** group is associated with the National Development and Peace, an association formed by the Council of Canadian Bishops. You can go to the National Development and Peace website to keep current at www.devpo.org The St. Augustine's group works on a variety of concerns relating to poverty and social justice. Our group meets about eight times a year. Come and join us at our next meeting, Feb. 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Square.

Ecumenical Men's Group of Brandon is meeting on Feb. 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the square. Come and join us and bring your favorite pot luck.

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1499-1523: Prayer and healing in the anointing of the sick

Mon. (Genesis 1.1-19)
(Mark 6.53-56)

Tues. **St. Scholastica**
(Genesis 1.20-2.4)
(Mark 7.1-13)

Wed. **Our Lady of Lourdes/World Day of the Sick**
(Genesis 2.4-9,15-17)
(Mark 7.14-23)

Thurs. (Genesis 2.18-25)
(Mark 7.24-30)

Fri. (Genesis 3.1-8)
(Mark 7.31-37)

Sat. **St. Cyril/St. Methodius**
(Genesis 3.9-24)
(Mark 8.1-10)

Sun. **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Leviticus 13.1-2,45-46)
(1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1)
(Mark 1.40-45)

VOCATION VIEW:

The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond?



THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	09	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
	09	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
Tues.	10	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	10	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
	10	Liturgy Meeting	7:00 pm
	10	Revisit the Journey	7:00 pm
	10	Development & Peace Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed.	11	Quest for Christ	4:30 pm
	11	RCIA	7:00 pm
	11	K of C Mass & Meeting	7:00 pm
Thurs.	12	Serra Meeting	11:30 am
	12	Bible Study	1:15 pm
	12	Bereavement Group	1:30 pm
	12	Quest for Christ	6:30 pm
	12	Theology of the Body	7:00 pm
	12	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	13	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	13	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	13	Benediction	5:00 pm
Sat.	14	K of C Valentine Social	5:00 pm
Sun.	15	Cana Social	5:30 pm

From the Pastor's Desk:

Project Manager: The church restoration project manager was our own good parishioner Ray Cancade. The obvious value in having an active parishioner oversee a church project is that of personal care and concern. Time and time again I was made aware that Ray was doing his very best because St. Augustine's is his home. There were so many various aspects to the project and they often occurred simultaneously, and yet Ray was able to keep on top of all of them. My association with Ray and his twin brother Arthur and their brother Ed goes back a long way when we were altar servers together. We salute Ray and thank him for his personal gift of self and attention to each detail of the church restoration project.

Hymn Board: Several parishioners have asked about the hymn boards being returned to their former spots. This issue was discussed by both the liturgy committee as well as the parish pastoral council. It was ultimately decided that Jason Cross would do some exploratory work and determine whether another alternative to the hymn boards could be found. In the interlude, we ask those who announce the hymn numbers to do so clearly, slowly and to repeat the hymn numbers three times.

Clergy and Staff Parking Spots

Even though we have signs indicating "clergy only" "staff only" people continue to park in those spots. This is just a friendly reminder to please refrain from parking in these spots during the weekend masses.

Classical Tridentine Mass: Since Pope Benedict introduced the Motu Proprio in July 2007, several people here at St. Augustine's have requested mass in the extraordinary form. Following consultation with Archbishop James Weisgerber, we will begin celebrating mass in this traditional form on Sunday, February 22 at 4 p.m. This will be the weekly time for this mass. The presider will be Father David McLeod, the chaplain from Shilo. We will review the progression of this mass at the end of six months. The ordinary form of the mass as we have it at the other four weekend masses continues to be the norm. The extraordinary form of the mass has several distinct differences in its format. It is therefore, not simply the mass which we have become accustomed to, in Latin.

Consequently, mass in the extraordinary form may not be everyone's ideal liturgy. If a person has an aversion to Latin, then they would be advised to continue attending one of the other four week end masses. So, with this in mind, everyone is most welcome to attend.

Celebrate Marriage Week Feb. 8-15. Couples who have stayed married have two things in common. They prioritize their time together as a couple and take a long term view of their marriage. You are invited to stop everything else and spend 10 minutes each day during marriage week having face to face discussions about any topical news story. Give thanks for the gift you have.

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.

WEDDING AT CANA FAMILY SOCIAL: Come to the Wedding at Cana Family Social on Sunday Feb. 15th. Celebrate marriage and family with renewal of wedding vows at 5 p.m. followed by potluck supper and dance. Tickets are \$5.00 single or \$10.00 per family and may be purchased at the parish office, Wing and a Prayer or by calling Lea at 726-1613.

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Feb. 1, 2009
 Offertory Collection (Brandon)\$ 7996.00
 School Fund Collection \$ 20.00
 Restoration Collection Jan. 18, 2009 -\$2751.00

Stewardship Reflection of the Week

In today's second reading St. Paul writes that he has been 'entrusted with a commission' and that he has an obligation to proclaim the Gospel! We too have been entrusted with sharing the gift of our faith. As Christian Stewards we share the good news not out of obligation but out of gratitude for having been given it. Paul also asks the question, 'What then is my reward?' People trying to live as stewards similarly may ask what reward they will receive. This is not to be confused with selfishness but is more an expression of Christian hope. Hope in a good and gracious God who provides for our every need.

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of
 Dorothy Leblanc

For youth Grades 9-12: **Youth for Jesus Nights** are for you! Held Saturdays, 6-7:30 P.M. ..Y4J Nights features great sessions, relevant issues, friends, faith, fun, fellowship and food...Check it out!

Spiritual Adoption: This weekend, our parish is beginning our spiritual adoption program. We will all have the opportunity to "adopt" a child who is newly conceived this month. You can adopt as a family or individually, and all you have to do is pray that that baby will be allowed to be born. You will receive monthly reports describing your child's development. So please fill out a pledge card, and consider adopting an unborn baby who desperately needs your help.