

Content With Discontentment



Our needs, wants and desires play a major role in our lives. They demand that we pay proper attention to them. A central idea which comes out of today's Scripture readings is the notion of contentment and discontentment. To be content is to be satisfied with what is, not to want more, to be comfortable with our lives just the way they are. Discontentment, is, of course, the opposite. When we are discontent, we feel that something is missing in our lives, and we want to find that missing something. May I suggest that we should try to become discontented with our contentment, and contented with our discontentment? What am I trying to say with this little riddle? Briefly, it means that there are some areas of our life where it is not spiritually healthy to remain content, and also that there are some areas of our lives where we should actually nourish or encourage the feeling of discontentment. When should we be discontent with our contentment? If we have settled down into a comfortable routine of comfort and satisfaction that excludes going out in love to others in need, then perhaps we are too satisfied. It's so easy to establish a routine that is basically a selfish one - a routine which only considers our own pleasure and security, our own little comfort and convenience. On the other hand, when should we be content with our discontentment? Perhaps, we should change this sentence by saying, we need to be discontent with a false contentment. I'm talking about our relationship to the Lord. Our friendship with the Lord

Jesus is one that needs to be nurtured and sustained. It's not enough to just be a kind of buddy with Jesus. If we are keeping him on the outside of our lives, sort of at arm's length, then chances are we don't let him into the most important places in our lives.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Mon.	Feb. 25	9:00 am	Sean Kavanagh	Patty & Family
		7:00 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Raju
Tues.	Feb. 26	9:00 am	RIP Jackie Chudy	Mom & Family
		7:00 pm	Special Intention	Joan Britton
Wed.	Feb. 27	9:00 am	Jocelyn Potvin & Net Ministries	Carl & Carol Hartman
		9:00 am	RIP Frank Porco	Ken & Josie Bessant
Thurs.	Feb. 28	9:00 am	Emily Potvin	Melina
Fairview Home		10:30 am	RIP Ralph Jaffray	Terry & Pam Szmon
Fri.	Feb. 29	9:00 am	RIP Gladys Solon	Dora Boschman
		12:15 pm	RIP Walter Adamski	Amelia & Family
Sat.	Mar. 01	10:00 am	RIP Suzanne Cancade	Bea Gross
		5:00 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Raju
		7:30 pm	RIP Morris De Roo	Mary & Family
Sun.	Mar. 02	9:00 am	Irene Nuytten	Rodrigue Family
		10:30 am	RIP John Clinton	Dorene & Family
		12:30 pm	Eddie Heffes	Eric & Kay
Rivers	Mar. 02	11:00 am	Janusz Gnitecki	Your brother
	Mar. 09	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	

3rd Sunday of Lent

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1262-1274: The grace and effects of baptism

Mon.	(2 Kings 5:1-15) (Luke 4:24-30)
Tues.	(Daniel 3:25, 34-43) (Matthew 18:21-35)
Wed.	(Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9) (Matthew 5:17-19)
Thurs.	(Jeremiah 7:23-28) (Luke 11:14-23)
Fri.	(Hosea 14:1-9) (Mark 12:28-34)
Sat.	(Hosea 5:15-6:6) (Luke 18:9-14)
Sun.	4th Sunday of Lent (1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13) (Ephesians 5:8-14) (John 9:1-41)

A Wing & A Prayer YOUTH LENTEN ESSAY-WRITING CONTEST. Open to youth ages 15 – 25 years. A great opportunity to write an essay on the comparative analysis of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) about the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Besides a trophy and prizes, the winning essay will be published on our website. Contest duration: February 11 – March 15. Deadline for entries is on March 16, Palm Sunday. For contest mechanics, please go to www.saintaugustines.ca

Parish Mission Change: The Parish Mission will not start on Sunday as previously mentioned due to circumstances beyond our control. The Mission will start on Monday and Tuesday at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm with leader Fr. Shane McKee. **Some of our youth preparing for confirmation have offered to baby sit children on Monday and Tuesday night - call Linda in advance of bringing your children.**



VOCATION VIEW: Only the Lord can give true living water, fullness of life. Our body cannot survive without water; our spirit cannot survive without living water. Now is the time to renew our lives in the waters and Spirit of Baptism.

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	25	Parish Mission	9:00 am
	25	NO Charismatic Prayer Group	
	25	Confirmation	7:00 pm
	25	Parish Mission	7:00 pm
Tues.	26	Parish Mission	9:00 am
	26	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	26	Finance Meeting	12 Noon
	26	Legion of Mary	6:00 pm
	26	Parish Mission	7:00 pm
	26	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed.	27	Quest for Christ	4:00 pm
	27	RCIA	7:00 pm
Thurs.	28	Serra Meeting	11:30 am
	28	Quest for Christ	6:30 pm
	28	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	29	Mass followed by Adoration	1 2:15 pm
	29	Holy Hour	4:00 pm
	29	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	29	Benediction	5:00 pm
	29	Vocational Discerners	7:00 pm
	29	Stations of the Cross - RCIA	7:00 pm
Sun.	02	K of C Pancake Breakfast after 9:00 & 10:30 Masses	
	02	Spanish Community of St. Augustine's	1:00 pm
	02	Youth Lead Concert Rehearsal	4:00 - 6:00 pm
Wed.	05	Parish Confessions	1:00, 4:00 & 7:00 pm

AFRICAN BEAT concert is coming on March 13th at 7:30 PM at Central United Church. The concert features many local performers. These include; One Body, the Praise Singers from St. Augustine's Church. Prairie Grannies, the local Grandmothers to Grandmothers group is organizing this event. For tickets to this event call Carol MacKenzie. All proceeds are donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign, helping to care for orphans in Africa.

CWL NEWS:

CWL brunch will be held on February 24 after 9:00 a.m. mass for members and all other ladies of the parish who would like to attend. The Brunch will be at Huggie's. Mark your calendars!

General Meeting will be held Tuesday March 4th. Mass will be at 7:00 pm with meeting to follow.

World Day of Prayer - Friday March 7th at 7:30 pm Trinity United Church at the corner of 6th Street and Richmond Avenue.

CWL is collecting **Health Kits** for Ten Thousand Villages to help aid needy people around the world. For more information contact Joyce Shewan 728-6598.

Eucharistic Congress June 15-27. It is still open for registration for \$200. You can stay with a family at minimal cost. www.cei2008.ca for further info.

FINANCES:

RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Feb. 17, 2008

Offertory Collection (Brandon)	\$7145.00
School Fund Collection	\$ 15.00
Rivers Collection	\$ NA

YOUTH NEWS

For more information call Sr. Maybelle at the Parish Office or email srmaybelle_staug@yahoo.com

For youth aged 13-35 years:

For more info on Youth Contests, go to www.saintaugustines.ca or to our Youth Bulletin Board:

Stewardship Reflection of the Week

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, he opened the door for a life-changing relationship with him. Stewardship likewise can be life-changing. When we open our hearts to Christ's call in our lives – when we use our gifts in the service of others – we like the Samaritan woman will draw many others to Christ through our witness.

Youth Photo Contest. Are you good at photography? Come and join this exciting contest. Winning shots (of the church interior) will be made into collage souvenir postcards for our parish's 125th Anniversary. Contest date: March 23, Sunday, after 12.30 PM Mass. Bring your camera with you! Open to young adults ages 13-29 years. Submission date March 28.

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of
Theresa Connor

Youth Elderly Visitation (on March 1, Saturday, from 3-5 PM) in Fairview Homes. We all meet at the church at 3 PM for spiritual orientation. Thank you and God bless!

Brandon Area League For Life Information Alert

Pro-Choice Statement: "You would force women to bring unwanted children into the world?"

Pro-Life Response: "The homeless are largely unwanted, may we kill them?"

<http://www.ncln.ca/content/pdf/Right%20to%20Know.pdf>

49th International Eucharistic Congress. Youth ages 18-35 years old are encouraged to come for a pilgrimage to Quebec City on June 13-24. Let Jesus in the Eucharist transform us! To join, please contact Sr. Maybelle.

Youth News & Updates. Would you like to receive updates on our youth activities? If so, e-mail srmaybelle_staug@yahoo.com.

Many thanks to Jason Cross for giving his time, talent and treasure for building our youth website.

"Keeping a Mellow Heart In a Better Time" - If we don't transform our pain we transmit it to others with Fr. Ron Rolheiser on Vision TV at 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm March 3 & 4.

Thank you so much to Ed & Jeannie Burgess for their great help during the Movie night and to our parents/youth who came to participate in this first activity for our Youth Lenten Journey.