

# BLESSED

are the POOR in SPIRIT

✠ the PEACEMAKERS

the MEEK they who are PERSECUTED

✠ the MERCIFUL ✠

those who MOURN the CLEAN of HEART

they who HUNGER

for JUSTICE ✠

For theirs is the KINGDOM of HEAVEN



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## Not God

We could summarize all of the beatitudes by saying that blessed are those who know that they are not God, and who live out of that knowledge. Now I know that none of us would ever claim to be God. But when we find ourselves living only out of our own wit and wisdom, and never really seriously bringing God into all of our decisions and actions, then we may not say we are God, but we act that way. But the truth is that we are not the masters of our own fate, nor are we the captains of our own souls. We belong to God and totally depend on God for everything. That is the ultimate and final truth of life. It is in the light of that profound truth that we are asked to live our lives in all of their flesh and blood detail. As well as belonging to God, we also belong to all those others who belong to God. Those who are poor in spirit know that they live in a world where they must be open to entering into the lives of others. They are gentle with others, mourn with them, want what is just and right for them, are merciful towards those who need mercy, work for peace and are not afraid to stand up for what is right. The poor in spirit know they are not complete in themselves. They need God and they need others, and they live their lives being open to new possibilities. I would like you to listen to the words of a recovering addict. "As I become increasingly willing to accept mystery and uncertainty in my walk with God, I find that I am more and more amazed by (God). Even in the face of my continued foolish defiance, the Triune God is relentlessly, but lovingly, taking away the satisfaction which comes from lesser gods. He is leading me to live in the intersection of my own imperfection and His awesome mercy, grace, and love." (Gary, a recovering addict.) Peace, Fr. John Vella (February 3rd, 2008)

## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. Feb. 05	9:00 am	RIP Maurice Chicoine	Last Will	
	7:00 pm	Respect Life	CWL	
Wed. Feb. 06	9:00 am	RIP Lucien Peloquin	Marie- Anne & Family	
	9:00 am	RIP Ralph Jaffray	Joan Britton	
	4:00 pm	Catechism Children	Catechism Teachers	
Thurs. Feb. 07	7:00 pm	Lorne Gallant	Frank & Ann Gallant & Family	
	9:00 am	Respect & Protection of Human Life	League for Life	
Fairview Home	10:30 am	Marilyn Holland	Kehler Family	
Fri. Feb. 08	9:00 am	RIP Mike & Sophie Gumienny	The Family	
	12:15 pm	Ken Fitzpatrick	Karen & Steven	
Sat. Feb. 09	10:00 am	RIP Suzanne Cancade	Anita Armstrong	
	5:00 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Raju	
	7:30 pm	RIP John Toma	Irene & Family	
Sun. Feb. 10	9:00 am	RIP Colin Roberge	Bridget Overby	
	10:30 am	Fr. Dominic	Jeannette & Melina	
	12:30 pm	RIP Curtis Haliuk	Rhea Chudy & Family	
Rivers	Feb. 10	11:00 am	RIP Rena Schwalm	Rivers Catholic Church Ladies
	Feb. 17	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Ann Babiak, Melissa Bakker, Marguerite Bicknell, Jeanne Boutilier, Margaret Buckmire, Irene Copet, David Deis, Ann Delgaty, Noah Dheilily, Jared Dryden, Justin Enns, Mervin Fleury, Nora Fleury, Mary Gaab, Megan Gardham, Marcelle Granger-Gentes, Kay Gray, Pauline Hayde, Patricia Kallusky, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Alisa Moran, Joan Napper, Moses Peech, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Minnie Plaseski, Vanessa Sanko, Logan Scott, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Rosa Weiss, and all our shut-ins.

**Waiting List Time Again:** The waiting list starting date for **new** students (not currently attending St. Augustine School) will be **Monday, February 4, 2008**. The school will accept names for the 2008-2009 school year starting at 8:00 a.m. You may contact the school in person or by phone (729-3285). Please pass this information along to people you know who might be interested. Also, please note that the previous waiting list will be replaced with a new list started at this time. Those who have previously placed a child on the waiting list must call or come in to have their child placed on the new list.

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechism of the Catholic Church 1716-1724: Christian Happiness

- Mon. (2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13)  
(Mark 5:1-20)
- Tues. **St. Agatha**  
(2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14, 24-26, 30-19:3)  
(Mark 5:21-43)
- Wed. **Ash Wednesday**  
(Joel 2:12-18)  
(2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2)  
(Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18)
- Thurs. (Deuteronomy 30:15-20)  
(Luke 9:22-25)
- Fri. **St. Jerome Emiliani**  
**St. Josephine Bakhita**  
(Isaiah 58:1-9)  
(Matthew 9:14-15)
- Sat. (Isaiah 58:9-14)  
(Luke 5:27-32)
- Sun. **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
(Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25, 3:1-7)  
(Romans 5:12-19)  
(Matthew 4:1-11)

**Parish Mission:** This year our Parish Mission will be from Sunday, Feb. 24 to Tuesday, Feb. 26. The director and speaker will be Fr. Shane McKee, who is a newly ordained priest belonging to the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity. Fr. Shane will also be presiding at the masses on the weekend of Feb. 16 & 17.

**VOCATION VIEW:** A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?



**THE WEEK AHEAD.....**

Mon.	04	Canterbury Senior Social Club	2:00 pm
	04	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
	04	Confirmation	7:00 pm
Tues.	05	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	05	Legion of Mary	7:00 pm
	05	CWL Mass followed by Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed.	06	Quest for Christ	4:00 pm
	06	RCIA	7:00 pm
Thurs.	07	Bible Study	1:15 pm
	07	Quest for Christ	6:30 pm
	07	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	08	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	08	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	08	Benediction	5:00 pm
Sat.	09	Nathanaelites on Retreat	
Sun.	10	Spanish Community of St. Augustine's	1:00 pm
	10	K of C Pancake Breakfast after 9:00 & 10:30 Masses	

**Sharing's God's Gifts:** The new Sharing God's Gifts video will be shown here at St. Augustine's on the weekend of March 29 & 30.

On Monday evening, Feb. 4 at 7:30 pm, Archbishop Weisgerber will preside at a **Service of the Word**, honoring the men and women religious of the Archdiocese. The service will be followed by a reception in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. This is an important opportunity to acknowledge the religious and to thank them for their witness and prayer. Let us make this a joyful affirming celebration.

**Wedding at Cana Family Social** will be held on Sunday, Feb. 17 in the Parish Square start time to follow. There will be a renewal of wedding vows, potluck supper, dance, games and prizes. All ages from infants to seniors are welcome to attend. Potluck sign up sheet will be in the East vestibule. Tickets are \$5.00 single or \$10 for a family. Tickets will be sold after all masses or at Wing and Prayer in the Shoppers Mall and at the Parish Office.

**League for Life - Respect Life Week - February 3-10, 2008**

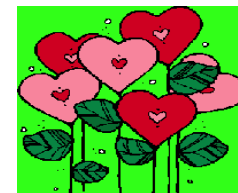
This week has been set aside as a time to reflect on the value of human life. In our society which now tolerates abortion without qualification, the need for a continuing strong voice on behalf of babies in the womb is more important than ever. At the same time, years of killing pre-born babies has set 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.

**Brandon Area League for Life** will be selling and renewing memberships after all masses Sat. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is an excellent way to support your local pro-life.

**Renovations:** Approximately 50 parishioners gathered in the parish square last Sunday afternoon. Questions were asked, opinions were expressed and ideas were shared. Mr. Jozef Reibesteijn, consultant/artist presented his plan and answered questions. The finance committee will be meeting this week to look at the finances required for such a project. I was asked before the meeting if the \$300,000 which was mentioned in last week's bulletin came from St. Hedwig's. The answer is definitely "No". The majority of it came from an increase in the Sunday collections, a large contribution from an estate and a contribution from someone who asked to remain anonymous. In the last year we have also cut back our operating budget in various ways, we have had minimal youth ministry expenses for the past 18 months and the religious education co-ordinator position was vacant for a couple of months. We no longer have a housekeeper for the rectory, we walk more to save on mileage, we have cut back on unnecessary literature, and on photocopier use, and discontinued the cell phone. When all is said and done, you the parishioners of St. Augustine's are the main reason why our assets show an increase. May God bless you!

**Vision TV Televised Mission on March 3-4, 6 pm. Fr. Ron Rolheiser will be the guest preacher for this year's national televised mission. His topic: Keeping a Mellow Heart in a Bitter Time.**

**CWL Senior's Valentine's Party** 1:00-3:30 pm on Thursday, Feb. 14 at St. Augustine Square.



Come and enjoy some food, fun and fellowship. If you need a ride call 728-1077 and ask for Donna Young.

**FINANCES: RECEIPTS:**

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Jan. 27, 2008	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)	\$8417.21
School Fund Collection	\$ 25.00
Rivers Collection	\$ 512.00

**NEW TO OUR PARISH? CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?**

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND PLACE IT IN THE SUNDAY COLLECTION BASKET

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEW PARISHIONER       REQUIRES ENVELOPE  
 MOVING OUT OF PARISH       CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**Stewardship Reflection of the Week**

This week we begin the Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. For forty days, Jesus took stock of his life; what was God's plan for him? Christians are called in Lent to a special period of taking stock, of setting priorities, of rethinking what it means to be a steward of God's gifts. A good question to ask ourselves during Lent might be, "*What do I own, and what owns me?*" What is it about our culture that owns you? May this holy season be a time for you to contemplate anew the many blessings you have received from a good and gracious God, and to respond to God with generous giving of your very self.

**Vigil Lamp**

The light burns in memory of  
John Toma

**Brandon Area League For Life Information Alert**

**Stem Cell Research Fact:** Stem cells from ethical sources (such as umbilical cord blood and adult tissue) have resulted in over 70 successful treatments and cures for various diseases to date  
*League For Life News Summer 2007*

**CWL Membership Fees** are due. Members can pay at CWL meetings, at the Valentine's Party, by marking an envelope 'CWL Membership' and putting it in the collection at church, paying directly to the treasurer - Rose Hercun or paying at the church office.