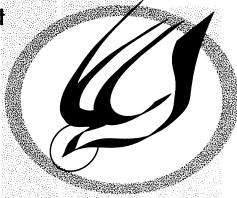


Becoming a "New Age" Catholic

Here is my servant
whom I uphold,
my chosen
one
with whom
I am pleased,
upon whom



I have put my spirit;
he shall bring forth justice
to the nations.

I have set you as a light
for the nations.



If you are a churchgoer, I am sure over the years you have heard plenty of people say, "I don't go to church—it's just too full of hypocrites." "Hypocrisy" was also the reason given by 1,000's of "New Age Christians" who left their traditional churches to explore other religions on their own. "New Age" is not, in itself, a religion. It is a wide variety of different practices used by people who refer to themselves more as "seekers" of spiritual truth and fulfillment. Today, some Catholics simply condemn outright anything they label as "New Age." These well-meaning Christians see the "New Agers" as the enemy, to be rooted out or avoided. But this simplistic approach is dangerous. You may be condemning sacred prayer forms which have been revered and used by Christians for thousands of years, including meditation, chanting, certain bodywork such as massage, yoga, and Tai Chi. But, worse, you may be treating with hostility children of God who are genuinely seeking Christ. Perhaps we have not understood Jesus' Baptism by John as the beginning of the real "New Age." Once Jesus is claimed by God as "beloved Son", Jesus is sent out to be "the light of nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon." This is clearly the opening of the New Age, if ever there was one! And yet, Jesus "does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame." Do we also respect even the smallest attempts by others to seek and find God? Do we imitate Jesus and extend mercy to all seekers? *Go in peace to love and serve our God!* (The Baptism of the Lord - January 11, 2009)

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

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| Tues. | Jan. 13 | 9:00 am | Deceased Members of Kobarynka Family | Vivian Ferenc |
| | | 9:00 am | RIP David Serle | Anne Malazdrewich |
| Wed. | Jan. 14 | 7:30 am | Anna Marie Carrol | Gordon Phillips |
| | | 7:00 pm | Deceased K of C | Knights of Columbus |
| Thurs. | Jan. 15 | 9:00 am | RIP Leo Madden | Russell & Joan Lawrence |
| Fairview Home | | 10:30 am | Mary De Roo | Martens Family |
| Fri. | Jan. 16 | 9:00 am | RIP Helen Vooch | Tom & Anne Matthew |
| | | 12:15 pm | Fr. Leo Fernandes | Rick & Patti Anderson |
| Sat. | Jan. 17 | 10:00 am | RIP Martin & Lena Victor | Golding Family |
| | | 7:30 pm | RIP Leo Chagnon | Doug & Lorraine Hosea |
| Sun. | Jan. 18 | 9:00 am | RIP Lois Bourassa | Ray & Family |
| | | 10:30 am | RIP Wilma York | Frances McDougall |
| | | 12:30 pm | For All Parishioners | Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph |
| Souris | Jan. 11 | 11:00 am | For All Parishioners | Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph |
| | Jan. 18 | 11:00 am | For All Parishioners | Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Francsica Arishande, Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Jeanne Boutillier, Jim Bradford, Alice Brown, Margaret Buckmire, Irene Copet, Jules Declercq, Ann Delgaty, Juliette Desroches, Jared Dryden, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Mervin Fleury, Nora Fleury, Mary Gaab, Megan Gardham, Marcelle Granger-Gentes, Kay Gray, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Paul Malabar, Alisa Moran, Joan Napper, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Phillipott, Minnie Plaseski, Emily Potvin, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Marion Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, Debbie Williams and all our shut-ins.

CWL:

2009 CWL membership is now due. Fees are \$20 and can be given to Rose Hercun or Jacquie DeCorby. CWL Executive Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00 pm at the home of Rose Hercun.

We ask that you refrain from chewing gum in the church. We have a new carpet and have already had to remove gum from the carpet. Thank you for your co-operation.

Baptism of the Lord

Catechism of the Catholic Church

535-537: The baptism of Jesus

1223-1225: The baptism of Jesus in the economy of salvation

1226-1228: Baptism of the church

Mon. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

(Hebrews 1.1-6)

(Mark 1.14-20)

Tues. St. Hilary

(Hebrews 2.5-12)

(Mark 1.21-28)

Wed. (Hebrews 2.14-18)

(Mark 1.29-39)

Thurs. (Hebrews 3.7-14)

(Mark 1.40-45)

Fri. (Hebrews 4.1-5,11)

(Mark 2.1-12)

Sat. St. Anthony

(Hebrews 4.12-16)

(Mark 2.13-17)

Sun. 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(1 Samuel 3.3-10, 19)

(1 Corinthians 6.13-15, 17-20)

(John 1.35-42)

Please Remember: Use NEW current (2009) donation envelopes in 2009, as your old number could be assigned to someone else.

Liturgy Meeting will be on the regular date, on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009 beginning at 7 p.m.

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

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| Mon. | 12 | Confirmation | 7:00 pm |
| Tues. | 13 | St. Vincent du Paul Meeting | 9:30 am |
| | 13 | Legion of Mary | 5:30 pm |
| | 13 | Liturgy Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Wed. | 14 | Quest for Christ | 4:00 pm |
| | 14 | RCIA | 7:00 pm |
| | 14 | Knights of Columbus Mass & Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Thurs. | 15 | Quest for Christ | 6:30 pm |
| | 15 | Choir Practice | 7:30 pm |
| Fri. | 16 | Mass followed by Adoration | 12:15 pm |
| | 16 | Confession | 4:00-4:45 pm |
| | 16 | Benediction | 5:00 pm |
| Sat. | 17 | Deanery Pastoral Council Mtg. | 10:30 am |
| | 17 | English Class | 5:00 pm |

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH GATHERING on Friday, January 30, 7-9 pm. Come out for an evening of prayer and community with other youth and young adults. At this gathering we will do Taize Prayer, which will be followed by a social. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Created and Redeemed

(The Universal Message of John Paul II's Theology of the Body)

St. Augustine's Adult Faith Program

February 12 to April 02 in Al's Hall

Drawing on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, author and video host Christopher West shares God's original plan for marriage and sexuality and how an understanding of this plan gives profound meaning to all our lives - married, single and consecrated celibates. The Theology of the Body has been called "one of the boldest reconfigurations of Catholic theology in centuries, "according to the pope's biographer, George Weigel. It addresses some of the most fundamental and important questions of human existence, including:

- *Why were we created male and female?
- *Where do we come from and why?
- *What is the meaning of life? How do we experience it?
- *Why is there evil in the world and how do we overcome it?

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE - PHONE THE OFFICE AT 727-4728. Booklets cost \$15.00.

NEW TO OUR PARISH? CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS? PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND PLACE IT IN THE SUNDAY COLLECTION BASKET

NAME: _____
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 NEW PARISHIONER REQUIRES ENVELOPE
 MOVING OUT OF PARISH CHANGE OF ADDRESS

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

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| Collection for New Years Eve & New Years Day | \$4408.66 |
| Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Jan. 4, 2009 | |
| Offertory Collection (Brandon)\$ NA | |
| School | \$ NA |
| Renovation Collection Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 - \$5540.00 | |

Stewardship Reflection of the Week

From Doing Stewardship to Being a Steward

Stewardship is so much more than sharing our time, talent and treasure in the Church. It's easy to give a bit of our time, or write a cheque to the Church and be done with it, thinking we have fulfilled our stewardship obligations. However this is but one way we can *do stewardship*, **being a steward** involves a deeper commitment. The real challenge for us, the baptized, is to grow in our understanding of stewardship. It is not limited to what we do on Sunday. When stewardship crosses over into our day-to-day living then we can honestly say we are *being* a good steward.

From Father Dominic's Desk:

Sanctuary Hardwood: People keep asking us who laid the hardwood in the sanctuary. Yes it is hardwood and not laminated flooring. Paul Turner and Jeremy Plett are the two men who did such an excellent job of the oak floor. To highlight the Eucharistic altar, side altars and pulpit, Paul used Brazilian Cherry wood. There is an inlaid star on the floor directly in front of the tabernacle. The star is a gift to the Parish from Paul Turner and Jozef Reibesteijn. The Eucharistic altar has been bolted to the floor as altars are to be fixed and not moveable.

Jozef Reibesteijn & paint brushes: Those who attended the 10:30 Mass on "opening" morning became aware that Jozef sent some of his most used paint brushes forward with the gifts at the offertory. Attached to the brushes was a one hundred dollar bill; another gift to St. Augustine's. Jozef was so busy trying to complete tasks in the church that he only left Monday, Dec. 22. He encountered the snow storm which plagued Ontario during the Christmas holidays. Besides the snow storm he was cut off by a semi truck which sent Jozef into the ditch on Christmas Eve. Providentially neither Jozef or his truck were damaged. However, a belt was broken and the belt could not be replaced until the following day. So, Jozef spent Christmas alone in some motel in Wawa. I believe that he only arrived home on Sat. Dec. 27, quite a Christmas for Jozef.

Carpet: When we first began considering flooring for the main body of the church we contacted our parishioner Woody King from Jenkins Flooring. Woody was most gracious and accommodating through the entire process as we considered various types of flooring. Although hardwood would have been an option, it would have been an expensive option, which along with all other costs, we were not prepared to add to our campaign. Carpet seemed to be the least expensive and most practical. Woody made sure that the parish received the very best.

Brandon Area League For Life Information Alert

An annual United Nations report noted that sex-selective abortion continues to kill almost 7,000 of India's unborn baby girls every day. <http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2006/dec/06121401.html>

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of
 Joe Broda (Jan. 12, 2009)

Christian Unity Week: You are invited to join us in "Prayer for Christian Unity" on Jan. 25 at 7:00 pm at Bethel Christian Assembly. Sponsored by Brandon Ministerial.



Vocation View: A good Vocation prayer to say everyday, from the time we are ten years old till we are ninety years old, is found in today's first Scripture Reading: 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.' Just try it with sincerity starting today.