



Harmony

Our feast of the Epiphany is the joyful proclamation that the kingdom of God is a kingdom where all people are meant to live in harmony with one another, and with the creation. There is to be no division among the so-called chosen people and the rest of the world. All are God's children. All "are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel." (Second reading from today). As God's people, we need to create and encourage experiences of harmony. People love to sing together. In a way, all of life is to sing a cosmic song. Isolation and loneliness come from disharmony. When we're out of touch with God, with one another, with creation itself, then we feel distressed, pulled apart. This is dissonance. When things don't sound right together, we instinctively know and feel it in our bones. We need to pay more attention to this feeling of disharmony. It is a call from God to start getting things back into place. All hurtful divisions have been created by ourselves and should be discarded. We need to get rid of them all. We all belong to the same earth and to the same God. We all belong together. We have a deep and radical need to constantly increase our connection with all that is. The need to relate in a respectful and loving manner is at the very basis of what it means to be human. We are not isolated individuals, but radically connected human beings. Isolation and division are basic sins. It was Mozart who said: If only the whole world could feel the power of harmony. A good spiritual exercise would be to reflect on how we felt during experiences of being at one with other people and with creation. Trust those feelings as faithful guides that tell us how God wants all of life to be experienced. Peace and Harmony, Fr. John Vella (January 6, 2008)

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues.	Jan. 08	9:00 am	Angele Charpentier	Ken, Karen & Steven
		7:00 pm	CWL Members	CWL
Wed.	Jan. 09	9:00 am	RIP John Druwe	Lawrence & Noreen Dubois
		7:00 pm	RIP Emidio Buccini	Michelle Kehler
Thurs.	Jan. 10	9:00 am	RIP Maurice Chicoine	Last Will
Fairview Home		10:30 am	RIP Ralph Jaffray	Len & Yvonne Lewandoski
Fri.	Jan. 11	9:00 am	Non Practicing Catholics	Karen
		12:15 pm	RIP Suzanne Cancade	Louise Begyn
Sat.	Jan. 12	10:00 am	Brian Kehler	Linda & Carter
		5:00 pm	For all Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Raju
		7:30 pm	RIP Charles & Anne Baron	Ron & Jeannette Ediger
Sun.	Jan. 13	9:00 am	RIP Suzanne Cancade	Ken & Suzanne Anderson
		10:30 am	RIP Peg McMillan	Leo, Laura & Beth
		12:30 pm	Legion of Mary Members	Joanne
Rivers	Jan. 13	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	
	Jan. 20	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Jeanne Boutilier, Margaret Buckmire, Irene Copet, David Deis, Ann Delgaty, 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, Derek Manshanden, Alisa Moran, Joan Napper, Moses Peech, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Minnie Plaseski, Vanessa Sanko, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Rosa Weiss, and all our shut-ins.

Brandon Area League for Life Annual Dinner will be held on January 20, 2008 in St. Augustine's Square at 5:00 pm. A roast beef dinner will be served. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Larry Rados. Tickets: \$10.00. Tickets are available at the Parish Office, Wing & A Prayer, Gerry Kennedy, Karen Fitzpatrick, Christopher Dubois, Jackie Miles or Wendy McComb.

Epiphany

Catechism of the Catholic Church

528: Epiphany

587-591: Jesus and the faith of Israel in One God and Saviour

Mon. **St. Raymond of Peñafort**
(1 John 3:22-4:6)
(Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25)

Tues. (1 John 4:7-10)
(Mark 6:34-44)

Wed. (1 John 4:11-18)
(Mark 6:45-52)

Thurs. (1 John 4:19-5:4)
(Luke 4:14-22)

Fri. (1 John 5:5-13)
(Luke 5:12-16)

Sat. **St. Marguerite Bourgeoys**
(1 John 5:14-21)
(John 3:22-30)

Sun. **Baptism of the Lord**
(Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7)
(Acts 10:34-38)
(Matthew 3:13-17)

CWL: Annual General Meeting Jan. 8, 2008, Mass at 7:00 pm, meeting to follow (installation of new executive to take place during Mass).

VOCATION VIEW: More valuable than material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, is the invaluable gift of our lives. There is no greater gift than to lay down one's life for one's friends.



THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	07	Canterbury Senior Social Club	2:00 pm
	07	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
	07	Confirmation	7:00 pm
Tues.	08	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	9:30 am
	08	CWL Mass followed by meeting	7:00 pm
	08	Legion of Mary Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed.	09	Quest for Christ	4:00 pm
	09	RCIA	7:00 pm
	09	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:30 pm
Thurs.	10	Serra Club Meeting	11:30 am
	10	Bible Study	1:15 pm
	10	Quest for Christ	6:30 pm
	10	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	11	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	11	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	11	Benediction	5:00 pm
Sun.	12	Spanish Community of St. Augustine's	1:00 pm

From the pastor's desk:

Liturgical Renewal & Faith Formation

Most of you who are mathematically inclined have already determined that the parish of St. Augustine which celebrates its 125th anniversary this year is older than the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. As we journey toward our 100th birthday as a diocese in 2015 the first phase of the Archdiocesan vision centered on liturgical renewal. That phase officially ended in 2007 but unofficially we, as an Archdiocese and as a parish continue to implement liturgical changes. For the most part the changes or renewal thus far, have been quite subtle and inviting.

Father Darrin Gurr, pastor of the new St. Gianna's parish in Winnipeg is responsible for presenting the liturgical renewal throughout the Archdiocese. I do not envy his task because whenever it comes to liturgy, one confronts personal opinion, opposition and resistance. As difficult as Fr. Darrin's job may be, the person who implements the changes becomes the real target of everyone's scorn. Some of you have heard the pun asked: "What is the difference between a liturgist and a terrorist?" The answer: "You can negotiate with a terrorist but not with a liturgist."

Joking aside, the priest who is the presider during the mass learns very early in his vocation that it is imperative that he, first and foremost understands and makes sense of the rubrics, gestures and movements used in each liturgy. If these do not make sense to the presider then it is difficult for him to transmit their meaning to others. For the on looker, what occurs in the sanctuary may appear simple, and sometimes it is. However, for the presider the simple is frequently the result of an arduous process.

St. Augustine's in Brandon is composed of people who appreciate liturgy varying from traditional to contemporary and everything in between. For us to focus on any particular liturgical expression would result in polarization. Since we are the only Roman Catholic parish in Brandon it is imperative that we "put our best foot forward" in our attempt to not only get along with each other, but to love one-another as Christ commanded us in John 15:12. There may be some who wish to push their personal agenda under the guise of liturgical renewal by squashing the small, less vocal person. I am trying to avoid being a part of this category. As pastor, top on my priority list is the salvation of souls here at St. Augustine's. I want to do my level best to make certain that each parishioner gets into heaven where we will enjoy perfect liturgy with no disappointments.

With these thoughts in mind, the liturgical renewal process may take some time to complete. The new sacramentary for Canada is suppose to be completed by the end of 2008, but I am not holding my breath. In any case, we will be proceeding to the next phase of our vision, namely Faith Formation.

Knights of Columbus

Basketball Free Throw Championship for Boys and Girls ages 10-14 on Saturday, January 13, 2008 at St. Augustine's Gym. Call Nolan Adam at 745-8933 for more information & registration forms are available at the church office.

Knights of Columbus - St. Valentine's Supper and Dance on Saturday, January 26, 2008 in St. Augustine's Square. There will be a live band "The Reflections." Supper is at 7:00 pm, tickets are \$22.50 and are available at the Parish Office.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Use **NEW** current year (2008) donation envelopes only in 2008, as your old number could be assigned to someone else. Envelopes are in the East vestibule.

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Dec. 23, 2007			
Offeratory Collection (Brandon)	\$12,144.00		
School Fund Collection	\$ 60.00		
Offeratory Collection (Brandon)	\$11,609.50	Dec. 24 & 25	
	\$ 8,094.50	Dec. 30	
	\$ 4,161.00	Dec. 31 & Jan. 1	
Rivers Collection	\$ 316.00	Dec. 23	
	\$ 365.75	Dec. 24	
	\$ NA	Dec. 30	

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
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Stewardship Reflection of the Week

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts you bring – your time, your talents and your financial resources – are equally as precious in His sight.

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of
 Ignazio Scaletta

Family Face to Face Retreat Coming Up at St. Joseph the Worker in Russell on Saturday, January 19th and Sunday, January 20th, 2008! Registration forms available in the office.