Answering the Midnight Howl

Jesus reminds us that when we pray, the door will open because we already have an intimate love relationship with God—that of a child to its beloved mother or father. There's one problem. Many times, we don't feel like the children of the Divine One; maybe we feel disconnected, numb, or too small, hurt, guilty, or unworthy even to ask God for something in prayer. But as they say in Marriage Encounter, "Feelings are neither right nor wrong—they just 'are'." When it comes to prayer, it is so much like mother's milk—the life-line which keeps our love flowing—that we need to lay aside any feelings like fear or guilt, and simply listen to Jesus. St. Paul today says that even when we were dead in our sins, Jesus nailed all of our debts and failings to the cross. So, listen when Jesus says, "Whoever you are, not only is it OK to pray--I'm telling you—will you listen to me?—Knock, and the door will be opened. Seek, and you will find. Ask, and you *will* receive…" But as they say in Marriage Encounter, "Feelings are neither right nor wrong—they just 'are'." When it comes to prayer, it is so much like mother's milk—the life-line which keeps our love flowing—that we need to lay aside any feelings like fear or guilt, and simply listen to Jesus. St. Paul today says that even when we were dead in our sins, Jesus nailed all of our debts and failings to the cross. So, listen when Jesus says, "Whoever you are, not only is it OK to pray--I'm telling you—will you listen to me?—Knock, and the door will be opened. Seek, and you will find. Ask, and you *will* receive…" Persistence is the key. If it is a real love relationship, then it's going to be a process. It will have its hot-and-cold spots—sometimes it will feel like hell—but God is in it with us, and we are both in it for the long haul. The great joy of prayer is that we never have to be afraid to ask, seek, doubt, or try. Even when we don't feel anything happening, genuine prayer can rise up from the painful and dark places in our lives. This is the very time we *should* be coming to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist—when we feel like we're not passing the course on love—because that is when we need the prayer of others around us most. We need to believe that our community *will* "supply faith" and strength, when our voice alone is too weak to cry out for bread at midnight.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. July 27	9:00 am	RIP John Bertone	Dora & Family
	9:00 am	RIP Terry Gibney	Bruce, Jackie & Brendan
Wed. July 28	7:30 am	Brendan Miles	Michael Dubois Family
	9:00 am	RIP Gus Gilarski	Joey & Family
Thurs. July 29	9:00 am	RIP Leo Demers	Pat O'Sullivan
Fairview Home	10:30 am	RIP Emily Potvin	Her Brother
Fri. Jul y 30	9:00 am	RIP Doug Fisher	Ken, Karen & Steven
	12:15 pm	RIP Wilma Kichak	Bill and Family
Sat. July 31	10:00 am	RIP George Dinsdale	Pat and Family
	10:00 am	RIP Katie Cole	Burdeniuk Family
	7:30 pm	RIP Morris De Roo	Mary and Family
Sun. Aug. 01	9:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. James
	11:00 am	Demers Family	Velma Beaudette
	11:00 am	RIP Rita Ruckle	Barbara Hamm
Souris Aug. 01	11:00 am	Rita Forest	St. Mary's Parish
Tues. Aug. 03	9:00 am	RIP Terry Gibney	Lawrence & Noreen Dubois
	9:00 am	RIP Leo Demers	Ken, Karen & Steven
	9:00 am	RIP Nick Auriti	Dina & Family
Wed. Aug. 04	7:30 am	Sr. Therma Ajoc	Michael Dubois Family
	9:00 am	RIP Mary Gobeil	Andre & Family
Thurs. Aug. 05	9:00 am	RIP Wilma Kichak	Bill & Family
	9:00 am	RIP Bruce Harris	Marg & Maurice Major
Fairview Home	10:30 am	Nathan & Sarah Gallant	Friends
Fri. Aug. 06	9:00 am	Sr. Therma Ajoc	Melina & Jeannette
	12:15 pm	RIP Ignazio Scaletta	Ken & Josie Bessant
Sat. Aug. 07	10:00 am	RIP Armand Bourassa	Ray Bourassa
	10:00 am	Margaret Gal	Burdeniuk Family
	7:30 pm	Special Intentions	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	Linda Seitz	Secret Prayer Partner
Sun. Aug. 08	9:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. James
	11:00 am	RIP Alex Suski	Eileen & Family

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catechism of the Catholic Church
2598-2619: The Prayer of Jesus and Mary
2734-2741: Child-like confidence in prayer

Mon. **St. Anne & St. Joachim**
(Sirach 44.1,8,10-15)(Matthew 13.16-17)

Tues. (Jeremiah 14.17-22)(Matthew 13.36-43)

Wed. (Jeremiah 15.10, 16-21)(Matthew 13.44-46)

Thurs. **St. Martha**
(Jeremiah 18.1-6)(Luke 10.38-42)

Fri. **St. Peter Chrysologus**
(Jeremiah 26.1-9)(Matthew 13.54-58)

Sat. **St. Ignatius of Loyola**
(Jeremiah 26.11-16,24)(Matthew14.1-12)

Sun. **18th Sunday In Ordinary Time**
(Ecclesiastes 1.2; 2.21-23)
(Colossians 3.1-5,9-11)(Luke 12.13-21)

Mon. **St. Eusebius of Vercelli/St. Peter Julian Eymard**
(Jeremiah 28.1-17)(Matthew 14.13-21)

Tues. (Jeremiah 30.1-2, 12-15, 18-22) (Matthew 14.22-36)

Wed. **St. John Vianney**
(Jeremiah 31.1-7)(Matthew 15.21-28)

Thurs. **Blessed Frédéric Janssoone/Dedication of St. Mary Major**
(Jeremiah 31.31-34)(Matthew 16.13-23)

Fri. **Transfiguration of the Lord**
(Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14)(Luke 9.28-36)

Sat. **Our Lady's Saturday**
(Habakkuk 1.12-2.4)(Matthew 17.14-20)

Sun. **19th Sunday In Ordinary Time**
(Wisdom 18.6-9)(Hebrews 11.1-2,8-19)
(Luke 12.32-48)

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	26	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	27	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
Fri.	30	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	30	Holy Hour	4:00 pm
	30	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	30	Benediction	5:00 pm
Mon.	02	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	03	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
Fri.	06	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	06	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	06	Benediction	5:00 pm

FINANCES: **RECEIPTS:**

Collection for July 11 & July 18, 2010

Offertory Collection	$ 11,971.00
School Fund Collection	$ 30.00
Restoration Collection	$ 8120.00

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in Memory of
All Deceased Parishioners week of July 26, 2010
Jim MacKay week of Aug. 02, 2010

Stewardship Reflections

Virtues of the Disciple & Christian Steward

Patience

Be patient with God. God's plan for each of us is revealed only in the unraveling of our lives. The Christian disciple seeks to understand others more than to be understood. Understanding leads to love, and one fruit of love is patience. Being a disciple and steward is not easy today. Being patient with ourselves means we get back up when we fall, believing and trusting in God's never ending compassion and forgiveness.

Catechism Registration: The registration for Catechism/Quest for Christ next fall 2010/2011 will be available at both entrances of the church and also on the St. Augustine website. For more information please contact Sr. Therma at 727-4728 or the Parish Office.

The **Brandon and Area League for Life** is pleased to announce the placement of their 5th pro-life bus bench at 26th St. and Park Ave. in front of Hillcrest Place Personal Care Home. Thank you to our members and supporters who made all our rentals possible.

St. Vincent de Paul ***is now accepting donations of all household articles and furniture for distribution to newcomers who have immigrated to Brandon. Please call the Parish Office for more information.***

CWL: "Reasons why I belong to the CWL."

The CWL provides an opportunity for leadership development and education on issues of concern.

From Father Dominic's Desk:

Summer Mass Schedule: Masses will be at 9 am and 11 am each Sunday until September 26.

Update on purchase of 336 Fourth St. - We have now taken possession of the property at 336 Fourth St. It is the parish's intention to put the home up for tender and have it removed. We will be holding an open house for all the interested parties at a future date. We will keep you updated as to when this will take place.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, will begin in September. You may have been the one, who in the past, has invited an adult enquiring about the Roman Catholic faith to contact the parish. The RCIA, as it is commonly called, is a formation process whereby adults enter the Catholic Church. They learn about the Catholic Christian faith, and also discover how God has always been part of their life, though they may have been unaware of how closely God has been walking with the, guiding them, seeking a relationship with them. Each year we have had adults participate in the RCIA process. Some people have been coming to church for some time, yet did not feel called to become a full participating member of the Body of Christ within the Catholic tradition. After a simple invitation to attend RCIA, they discovered God's desire for them to become members of the Church. This year reach out and invite someone to come and enquire about our faith. Have them phone the church at 727-4728, and ask for Deacon John.

Ste. Rose De Lima Parish, Ste. Rose, Manitoba

50th Anniversary - Building of the Catholic Church. Join us in celebrating this happy occasion on August 22, 2010. Rosary at 3:00 pm, Reconciliation at 3:30 pm, Mass at 4:00 pm to be celebrated by The Most Reverend James Weisgerber, Reverend Father Vincent de Paul Tchaoule and attending priests. Event to held at the Grotto Ste. Rose du lac. Potluck gathering, music and fellowship to follow.

Welcome to Our Christian Community: Sawyer Orlando George Bradley, Talan Patrick Orville Morrisseau, Caden Adeloar James Morrisseau, Harley Beverly Donna Morrisseau, Austin Jason Hargreaves, and Cyril Kurt Jr. Genaille

You're Invited to Fun Sunday for Young Adults 18-35 on Sunday, July 25, 1-3 p.m. at St. Augustine's Parish grounds. Expect fun, games and food. Please bring snacks to share.

VOCATION VIEW: God knows what we want before we ask. God knows who we are before we discern. God invites us to pray: to ask and to discern.

Thank You - The family of Paul Dunn wish to express their gratitude to Father Dominic and the parish St. Augustine's. For visits to Fairview, for encouragement and prayers, for cards, masses and charitable donations, for the organ music and choir, for the lunch and time of fellowship, we are sincerely grateful.