



Focused Living

One problem that many of us encounter when we think about our lives is the problem of being scattered. Often our lives seem to be going in a thousand different directions. The small and large details of life can overwhelm us - details such as what I have to do, when, where and with whom. Many of us seem to be running from one thing to another. Even retired people complain that they are busier now than they were when they were working. When we get caught up in just keeping up, then we can easily lose our focus. Scattered is not a good place to be. In our Gospel reading, Jesus points us in a certain direction by giving us two short parables to think about - the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great value. In both of these parables, Jesus is telling us that we need to be centering our life around one thing and one thing only - the kingdom of God. Sell everything you have so that you can buy that treasure, so that you can have that pearl! But what is this kingdom of God? It's not a place or a thing. It's an attitude--a way of living in the world knowing that God is our Creator and Lover. It's seeing all other men and women as coming from God, and as being our sisters and brothers. It's knowing that the created earth is not ours to do with as we want, but rather a treasure given to us, to cherish and enjoy. The kingdom of God is all around us and within us. We need the eyes of faith to recognize it, and to live in this kingdom with respect and love for its Creator, and for all that has come from the hands of this Creator. Peace, Fr. John Vella (July 27th, 2008)

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. July 29	9:00 am	RIP Al Taddo	Dora Bertone and Family
	9:00 am	RIP Hilda Reid	Ken, Karen & Steven
Wed. July 30	9:00 am	Monica Seitz	Sally Scaletta
	9:00 am	RIP Vital Usunier	Teresa
Thurs. July 31	9:00 am	RIP George Dinsdale	Pat & Family
Fairview Home	10:30 am	RIP Maurice Chicoine	Last Will
Fri. Aug. 01	9:00 am	David Serle	Knights of Columbus
	12:15 pm	RIP Lenore & Leonard Kennedy	Irene MacInnis & Family
Sat. Aug. 02	10:00 am	RIP Lucia Meu-Chin Pun	Cecilia & Family
	7:30 pm	RIP Morris De Roo	Mary & Family
Sun. Aug. 03	9:00 am	RIP Nick Auriti	Dina & Family
	9:00 am	RIP Maureen Golding	Golding Family 11:00 am For All Parishioners Fr. Dominic
Tues. Aug. 05	9:00 am	RIP Mary Gobeil	Andy & Family
	9:00 am	RIP Emidio Buccini	Kehler Family
Wed. Aug. 06	9:00 am	RIP Reg Plante	Vasilarakis Family
	9:00 am	RIP Pauline Hayde	Deacon John & Carol MacKenzie
Thurs. Aug. 07	9:00 am	Fr. Tony Van Hee	Ken, Karen & Steven
Fairview Home	10:30 am	RIP Ralph Jaffray	Emily & Family
Fri. Aug. 08	9:00 am	Terminally III	League for Life
	12:15 pm	Fr. Dominic	Geoff & Lorraine Kindle
Sat. Aug. 09	10:00 am	Colin White	Grandma
	7:30 pm	RIP Arnold Matthys	Luc & Anita Vanwynsberghe
Sun. Aug. 10	9:00 am	RIP Jim MacKay	Gayle & Family
	9:00 am	RIP Alex Suski	Eileen & Family
	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Grant Allan, Francsica Arishande, Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Jeanne Boutillier, Margaret Buckmire, Irene Copet, Ann Delgaty, Jared Dryden, Justin Enns, Bob Fleming, Mervin Fleury, Nora Fleury, Colleen Fowell, Mary Gaab, Megan Gardham, Marcelle Granger-Gentes, Kay Gray, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Alisa Moran, Joan Napper, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Minnie Plaseski, Emily Potvin, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Dave Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Marion Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, Debbie Williams and all our shut-ins.

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Catechism of the Catholic Church

2822-2827: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Mon. (Jeremiah 13:1-11)(Matthew 13:31-35)

Tues. **St. Martha**
(Jeremiah 14:17-22)(Luke 10:38-42)

Wed. **St. Peter Chrysologus**
(Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21)(Matthew 13:44-46)

Thurs. **St. Ignatius of Loyola**
(Jeremiah 18:1-6)(Matthew 13:47-52)

Fri. **St. Alphonsus Liguori**
(Jeremiah 26:1-9)(Matthew 13:54-58)

Sat. **Our Lady's Saturday**
(Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24)(Matthew 14:1-12)

Sun. **18th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
(Isaiah 55:1-3)(Romans 8:35, 37-39)
(Matthew 14:13-21)

Mon. **St. John Vianney**
(Jeremiah 28:1-17)(Matthew 14:22-36)

Tues. **Dedication of Saint Mary Major**
(Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22)
(Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14)

Wed. **Transfiguration of the Lord**
(Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14)(Matthew 17:1-9)

Thurs. **St. Sixtus II & Companions**
(Jeremiah 31: 31-34)
(Matthew 16:13-23)

Fri. **St. Dominic**
(Nahum 1:15; 2:2; 3:1-3, 6-7)
(Matthew 16:24-28)

Sat. **Our Lady's Saturday**
(Habakkuk 1:12-2:4)(Matthew 17:14-20)

Sun. **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(1 Kings 19:9, 11-13)(Romans 9:1-5)
(Matthew 14:22-33)

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Tues. 29	Legion of Mary	7:00 pm
Fri. 01	Mass	12:15 pm
01	NO ADORATION due to wedding	
Mon. 04	Office Closed	
Tues. 05	Legion of Mary	7:00 pm
Fri. 08	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
08	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
08	Benediction	5:00 pm

FINANCES:	RECEIPTS:
Collection for the Weekend for Sunday July 13 & July 20, 2008	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)\$6945.25	
	\$7582.00
School	\$ 20.00

**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
 "Truly I love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold," says the Psalmist today. Does your stewardship of your finances suggest that you can honestly say the same? Stewardship of treasure is not just about what you give – how do you steward that which you keep for you own needs?

Vigil Lamp
The light burns in memory of
 Morris De Roo (week of July 28)
 Jim MacKay (week of Aug. 04)

Brandon Area League For Life Information Alert
 "Many people are concerned with children of India, with the children of Africa where quite a few die of hunger, and so on. These concerns are very good. But often these same people are not concerned with the millions being killed by the deliberate decision of their own mothers. -- Mother Teresa <http://www.iol.ie/~hlii/theresa.html>

FRESH FLOWERS: If you have a garden filled with beautiful flowers that could be placed in the church, we ask that they be brought to the church on Friday mornings all through the summer season. Wherever possible please leave the stems as long as possible. Thank you.

Summer Mass Schedule :
 Saturday Evening: 7:30 pm
 Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

The **RCIA** is a journey of faith for those who desire to be baptized; make a profession of faith. If that is you, you are invited to call the Office for info and speak to Deacon John.

Welcome to Our Christian Community: Cole Robert Argue

All Parishioners: Anyone that is a trades person wishing to bid on several contracts within the restoration of the church please contact Ray Cancade 761-5592.

Ignite 2008 Face to Face Ministries Catholic Youth Camp August 18-23, 2008 in Bruno, Saskatchewan. For Teens in Grade 9-12 who are serious about growing in their faith. Registration forms can be found in the east vestibule or visit www.facetofaceretreats.com for more information.

Ste. Rose de Lima Parish, Ste. Rose, Manitoba will be holding a Grotto Mass in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Apparition of Mary to Bernadette on Sunday August 17, 2008 starting at 2:00 pm with blessing at the Ste. Rose Cemetery, 3:00 pm - Confessions, 3:30 pm - Rosary and 4:00 pm Mass with celebrant Archbishop Weisgerber followed by Potluck supper. Everyone attending is asked to bring enough food for themselves plus one more person. Please bring your own lawn chair and umbrella (for sun protection).

You are called to share your Faith: September 2008 weekly catechism classes need your talent and faith as a catechist Wednesday 4:00-5:00 pm or Thursday 6:30-7:30 pm. Call the Parish Office and ask for Linda.

Pilgrimage to the St. Laurent Grotto: In order to mark the 150th anniversary of the apparitions of the Holy Virgin Mary, at Lourdes, in France, the Combined Parishes of the St. Laurent district have decided to give a greater scope to the Annual Pilgrimage to the St. Laurent Grotto. This year, the pilgrimage will take place on Aug. 17. The Mass of the Assumption, which will be presided by the Most Reverend V. James Weisgerber, Archbishop of Winnipeg, will begin at 11:00 a.m. It will be preceded by the recitation of the Rosary at 10:30 a.m. and followed by the anointing of the sick. Priests will also be available to hear confessions. Also, hamburgers, hot dogs, and refreshments will be available on site. Come and gather together and spend a pleasant day on the shores of beautiful Lake Manitoba.

Did you know:
 An order was placed with the Canadian Organ Co. at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec on May 13, 1911 for an organ to cost \$4,000.

Did you know:
 The North West Review reported Sept. 12, 1899 "The new home of the Redemptorists is already completed up to the road and will be ready for inmates November. It is a three story solid brick structure built under the supervision of Fr. Pierre Girard, CSSR who is an excellent architect. Some of the wrinkles in this building astonish the local builders.

Bible Camp with The Little Sisters! Come join us at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Souris for a wonderful, fun filled week with the Miriam Sisters. This camp is open for children ages 5 - 14, and runs from 9 am to 4 pm, from Monday, August 11 'till Thursday, August 14. The cost is \$20 per child, with a family max. of \$40. If interested, or for more details, feel free to contact Barb at 483-2502.

St. Mary's in Souris: As most of us know, the priests of St. Augustine's are now presiding at the Sunday Mass in Souris. We welcome the parishioners of St. Mary's as our "companions on pilgrimage" to our eternal destiny. In the months ahead we expect to have a strong association with them.