



Self-Deception

A key question that comes out of this Gospel reading is this: Why were people surprised when Jesus rejected them? It's clear that their surprise was genuine. They somehow thought that they were close to the Lord, that they were part of the "in crowd"; they thought that life was going along just fine. And then the words of Jesus tore through them like a hurricane and destroyed their self-satisfied way of looking at their lives. If we believe the words of the Gospel, then we have to admit that self-deception is a huge problem, and a problem that we can't afford to neglect. The consequences are disastrous. Often, it is our desires, not our thinking, which leads to self-deception. We want something which we know we shouldn't have, and we want it so badly that we twist our thinking to suit ourselves. And then we end up telling ourselves that this thing that we want is acceptable in our particular situation. In his Confessions, St. Augustine says that the solution to this thorny problem of self-deception will not come from his own ability to reflect upon himself, but from God revealing to St. Augustine what the truth of his own life really is. He says, "what I know of myself I know through the shining of your light; and what I do not know of myself, I continue not to know until my darkness shall be made as noonday in Your countenance." This is not to say that we should abandon using our mind when it comes to self-understanding, but if we believe what St. Augustine is saying, it points us in the direction of a closer union with God. The implication is that if we open ourselves to God's love and try to consciously live in God's presence, then God will help us to see the truth of who we are and what we are doing. Peace, Fr. John Vella (June 1st, 2008)

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues.	June 03	9:00 am	Celebrities	Faith Sharing Group
		5:30 pm	Fathers	CWL
Wed.	June 04	9:00 am	Mike D'Attolico	Rolande & Glen Foster
		9:00 am	RIP Harold Stone	Adam, Laura & Samuel
Thurs.	June 05	9:00 am	RIP Bruno Rachypka	Geoff & Lorraine Kindle
Fairview Home		10:30 am	RIP Maurice Chicoine	Last Will
Fri.	June 06	9:00 am	RIP Archie McDonald	Ray & Mary Lou Simms
		12:15 pm	RIP Marcela Vaskor	Barry & Carolyn
Sat.	June 07	10:00 am	RIP Ralph Jaffray	Bea Gross
		7:30 pm	Serge LeGal	Kim, Claudette and Pam
Sun.	June 08	9:00 am	RIP Fr. Jim Whalen	Bob & Marlene Makalski
		10:30 am	RIP Frank Kaskiw	Lynn & Robert Parr Family
		12:30 pm	Adam Pastershank	Anne & Family
Rivers	June 08	11:00 am	Fr. Leo (20 th Anniversary)	Marlene & Frank Hayhurst
	June 15	11:00 am	Fr. Dominic (13 th Anniversary)	Marlene & Frank Hayhurst

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Grant Allan, Francsica Arishande, Ann Babiak, Melissa Bakker, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen 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, Patricia Kallusky, Sean Kavanagh, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Alisa Moran, Joan Napper, Moses Peech, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Minnie Plaseski, Emily Potvin, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Marion Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, David White and all our shut-ins.

What's Your Mission?? Is God calling you to share your faith? September 2008 weekly catechism classes need your talent and faith as a catechist. Wednesday 4:00-5:00 p.m. or Thursday 6:30- 7:30 p.m. Call Linda or the Parish office and leave your name and phone number.

Wanted - Project Manager - St. Augustine's Church Restoration

- Paid position (June 2008-December 2008)
- Job description sheets available at Parish Office.
- Bids close June 6, 2008 at 4 p.m.

9th Sunday of Ordinary Time Catechism of the Catholic Church 2012-2016: Christian Holiness

- Mon. **St. Marcellinus & Peter**
(2 Peter 1:1-7)
(Mark 12:1-12)
- Tues. **St. Charles Lwanga & Companions**
(2 Peter 3:12-15, 17-18)
(Mark 12:13-17)
- Wed. (2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12)
(Mark 12:18-27)
- Thurs. **St. Boniface**
(2 Timothy 2:8-15)
(Mark 12:28-34)
- Fri. **St. Norbert**
(2 Timothy 3:10-17)
(Mark 12:35-37)
- Sat. **Our Lady's Saturday**
(2 Timothy 4:1-8)
(Mark 12:38-44)
- Sun. **10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Hosea 6:3-6)
(Romans 4:18-25)
(Matthew 9:9-13)

Farewell for Fr. Raju: On Wednesday, June 25th, at 7:00 p.m. There will be refreshments & cake in honor of Fr. Raju who will be moving to Virden. Everyone is invited to attend.



VOCATION VIEW: We listen more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if we do listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.

