



## The Church - Human And Divine

We all know that, as a Church, we're in a mess these days. Yes, we all know it, but some of us don't want to admit it or think about it. Those of us who are older somehow think that we are being unfaithful to Holy Mother Church if we admit that things are not as they should be. We grew up with a sense of the holiness of the Church. The sinfulness and imperfection of the Church was never mentioned. We thought that it was a sign of unfaithfulness if we admitted that things were less than perfect. But when have things been perfect within an institution made up of imperfect human beings? I know that there is a divine aspect to our Church, but there is also a human aspect. Today we celebrate both sides of our Catholic Church. Because the Church is human as well as divine, we will have leaders who are proud, stubborn, self-seeking as well as leaders who are humble, open, unselfish and very loving. Why are we so surprised when we see weakness in those who are sent to serve us? And what is true of the shepherds is also true of the sheep. Jesus told us that the gates of hell would never prevail. Now that's a promise that we have to hang onto. No matter how bad things might get, we have the assurance of Jesus himself that the Church will not crumble around us, dry up and disappear. That's just not going to happen. And that's exactly why we have to nourish the virtue of perseverance. Here are some words from a homily given by Pope Benedict: "The Church is not holy by herself; in fact, she is made up of sinners - we all know this and it is plain for all to see. Rather, she is made holy ever anew by the Holy One of God, by the purifying love of Christ. God did not only speak but... he loved us to the point of the death of his own Son." (HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI. St Peter's Basilica, Wednesday, 29 June 2005). Peace, Fr. John Vella (June 29th, 2008)

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### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. July 01	9:00 am	RIP Wally & Albert Malazdrewich	Anne Malazdrewich
Wed. July 02	9:00 am	Our Country	League for Life
	9:00 am	RIP Rose Tetreault	Joe & Suzanne Kiazzyk
Thurs. July 03	9:00 am	RIP Hugh Miller	Barbara Hamm
Fairview Home	10:30 am	Thanksgiving	Emily Potvin
Fri. July 04	9:00 am	RIP Lenore Kennedy	Barbara Mackalski
	12:15 pm	RIP Ralph Jaffray	Judy Cancade
Sat. July 05	10:00 am	RIP Maria Da Rosa	Friends
	10:00 am	RIP Vital Usunier	Teresa
	7:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic
Sun. July 06	9:00 am	RIP Anne & Charlie Baron	The Family
	11:00 am	RIP Gertrude Veitch	Simms Family
Tues. July 08	9:00 am	RIP Alex Suski	Eileen & Family
	9:00 am	Mario Aloe	A Friend
Wed. July 09	9:00 am	Youth	League for Life
	9:00 am	Thanksgiving	Deacon John & Carol MacKenzie
Thurs. July 10	9:00 am	RIP Norbert Potvin	Emily & Family
Fairview Home	10:30 am	RIP Lorna Hallemans	Mary De Roo
Fri. July 11	9:00 am	RIP Margaret Gingras	Joe & Suzanne Kiazzyk
	12:15 pm	RIP Bethe Moreau	Cecile Chicoine
Sat. July 12	10:00 am	RIP Ralph Jaffray	Fred & Florence Bowering
	10:00 am	RIP Lorraine & Darryl Marshall	Anne Malazdrewich
	7:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic
Sun. July 13	9:00 am	RIP Marcela Vaskor	Adam, Laura & Samuel
	11:00 am	RIP Mario Adamo	Maria & Family

**St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church** has an Echo organ that they would like to give away. If you are interested call Roy Stevenson at 571-6928.

### 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### Catechism of the Catholic Church

**897-913: Laity: their participation in Christ's threefold mission**

Mon.	(Amos 2:6-10, 13-16)(Matthew 8:18-22)
Tues.	(Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12)(Matthew 8:23-27)
Wed.	(Amos 5:14-15, 21-24)(Matthew 8:28-34)
Thurs.	<b>St. Thomas</b> (Ephesians 2:19-22)(John 20:24-29)
Fri.	<b>St. Elizabeth of Portugal</b> (Amos 8:4-6, 9-12)(Matthew 9:9-13)
Sat.	<b>Our Lady's Saturday</b> (Amos 9:11-15)(Matthew 9:14-17)
Sun.	<b>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (Zechariah 9:9-10)(Romans 8:9, 11-13) (Matthew 11:25-30)
Mon.	(Hosea 2:14, 15-16, 19-20)(Matthew 9:18-26)
Tues.	(Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13)(Matthew 9:32-38)
Wed.	<b>St. Augustine Zhao Rong &amp; companions</b> (Hosea 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12)(Matthew 10:1-7)
Thurs.	(Hosea 11:1, 3-5, 8-9)(Matthew 10:7-15)
Fri.	<b>St. Benedict</b> (Hosea 14:1-9)(Matthew 10:16-23)
Sat.	<b>Our Lady's Saturday</b> (Isaiah 6:1-8)(Matthew 10:24-33)
Sun.	<b>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (Isaiah 55:10-11)(Romans 8:18-23) (Matthew 13:1-23)

**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.

THE WEEK AHEAD.....			
Mon.	30	NO Charismatic Prayer Group	
Tues.	01	Office Closed	
	01	Legion of Mary	7:00 pm
Fri.	04	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	04	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	04	Benediction	5:00 pm
Fri.	11	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	11	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	11	Benediction	5:00 pm

FINANCES:	RECEIPTS:
<b>Collection for the Weekend for Sunday June 22, 2008</b>	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)	\$6951.90
School	\$ 25.00
Rivers Collection	\$

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**  
Saints Peter and Paul worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel. Not all can be Apostles, but we, too, must be good stewards of our vocations, using the gifts we have been given in the service of, and for the glory of God.

**Vigil Lamp**  
The light burns in memory of  
Chartier, Fouillard & Snyder Families (week of June 30)

Martha Chastko (week of July 07)

**Brandon Area League For Life Information Alert**  
**Pro-Choice Statement:** "If abortion is restricted, women will die from back alley abortions."  
**Pro-Life Response:** "If the unborn are human, why should the law be faulted for making it more risky for someone to kill an innocent person?" <http://www.ncln.ca/content/pdf/Right%20to%20Know.pdf>

**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.

**Attention: Summer Mass Schedule : Beginning Now**  
Saturday Evening: 7:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

**Manitoba's Passion Play - The Carpenter 2008** at Oak Valley Outdoor Theatre, La Riviere, Manitoba, July 10, 11, 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>. Call

204-242-3160 or [www.passionplay.ca](http://www.passionplay.ca)

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.

**Souvenir T-shirts** are still available from Big Bear Cresting at 1321 Rosser Ave. Cost: \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for youth. Part of the proceeds will be returned to St Augustine's. Souvenir pins and post cards are also available from the parish office or Carol at 729-0852.

**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.

**Welcome to Our Christian Community:** Roberto Alejandro Pineda Henriquez

**We ask that you please be mindful of those who have allergies to perfume and aftershave when you are getting ready to come to church.**

**NEEDED DISHES, FURNITURE, WINTER CLOTHES:** On June 6th, 7 women and 15 men arrived from Mauritius to work at Maple Leaf. They are desperately in need of dishes, pots and pans, towels, tables, chairs, couches, etc. ( They were provided with a bed and 2 pairs of sheets). If you can help out with donations of any household items or with an occasional pick-up and delivery of goods and furniture, please call Pam at the church office ( 727-4728). LETS HAVE THE GOAL OF HELPING THEM OUT BEFORE WE GO ON SUMMER HOLIDAYS !

Dear loving Friends,  
There is a word that is very popular in our culture, a word everybody likes, the word is "Choice". When we go to the grocery store, we have a choice to buy. When a child complains about the menu for dinner, parents sweetly remind the kid that, there is a choice, "take it or leave it."

And for me the CALL of Christ, there is no choice. I really wonder, how God has been working through me, to serve His people in different countries. When I recall the two years of my life, spent among you, I really feel that I will miss your encouragement and love. All these two years, your relationship with me has been great, and I have no words to express how I feel. I request your prayers, that I may be a worthy and humble servant of God, to serve His people. I am not going far away, you can come to Virden at any time.

I especially thank Fr. Dominic for his brotherly love during my stay here. And with the sentiments of love and gratitude, I thank the staff members for their loving approach and their intimate care for me. When I came to Brandon, I thought I would be alone, but you included me in your families. Thank you for everything.

With love and blessings, Fr. Raju.

**VOCATION VIEW:** Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me."

