

**UNLESS  
THE GRAIN  
OF WHEAT  
FALLS TO  
THE GROUND  
AND DIES  
IT REMAINS JUST  
A GRAIN  
OF WHEAT.  
BUT  
IF IT DIES  
IT PRODUCES  
MUCH  
FRUIT.**



## Seeing Jesus with New Eyes

“Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” So often in our lives, pain, fear, and suffering causes the need for Jesus to rise up in our hearts. But like the Greek men who came to see Jesus, this requires more from us than merely looking at Jesus’ miracles and power. Jesus said he must be “lifted up,” as on the cross, crucified, in order to be seen, really seen, with the eyes of faith. Today Jesus announces the destruction of Satan, that false “ruler of this world.” But it is Jesus’ own crucifixion that looks like destruction. Poets and artists still try to describe this profound paradox of how Jesus’ death leads to our eternal life. Jesus transforms the entire meaning of death. No longer do animals, plants, and people die, disintegrate, disappear forever. Death now means a rising back up from the ground—transformed and re-joined into a renewed community of life in Christ. But if we wish to be Christ to others while we live on earth, we must let go of the life and the individual identity we may love too much, in order to die to self-interest and comfort. If we die to self now to create a community of hope and love, we will keep our lives into eternity. By letting go of ourselves, Jesus promises we will really see him. Go forth to love and serve our God! Fifth Sun. of Lent March 29, 2009

### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. Mar. 31	7:30 am	Deceased Parents	Fabiola Bohemier
	7:30 pm	RIP Arthur Chartier	Rhea Chudy & Roberta Huberdeau
Wed. Apr. 01	7:30 am	RIP Martin & Lena Victor	Pat & Barb Golding Family
	9:00 am	RIP Katherine Henderson	Yvonne & Richard & Family
Thurs. Apr. 02	9:00 am	RIP Alice & Joseph Richard	Bernice & Victor Kuz
Fairview Home	10:30 am	RIP Maurice Chicoine	Last Will
Fri. Apr. 03	9:00 am	RIP Edwin Olson	Ella & Family
	12:15 pm	RIP David Serle	Harold & Jeanette Tripp
Sat. Apr. 04	10:00 am	RIP Helen Vooch	Anne Safian
	7:30 pm	Special Intention	Greg & Yvonne Skura
Sun. Apr. 05	9:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
	10:30 am	Dr. Egan	Henderson Family
	12:30 pm	RIP Joe Plaseski	Immaculate Conception Parishioners
	4:00 pm	NO MASS	
<b>No 4 p.m. Mass of Sunday April 5 or 12. Will resume on April 19</b>			

Souris:	Apr. 05	11:00 am	RIP Louise Murphy	Ted Murphy & Family
	Apr. 12	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Francisca Arishande, Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Jeanne Boutillier, Alice Brown, Margaret Buckmire, Irene Copet, Jules Declercq, Ann Delgaty, Juliette Desroches, Diane Dougall, Jared Dryden, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Mervin Fleury, Nora Fleury, Mary Gaab, Megan Gardham, Kay Gray, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Paul Malabar, Alisa Moran, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Minnie Plaseski, Emily Potvin, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Marian Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, Debbie Williams and all our shut-ins.

### ST. AUGUSTINE’S WEEKEND RETREAT FOR ADULTS

**Beginning:** 6:00 PM - Friday, April 17, 2009

**Returning:** 2:00 PM - Sunday, April 19, 2009

Carpooling available

**Topic: “Faith, Hope & Fullness of Life”**

Located at the beautiful International Peace Garden Music Camp

**Cost:** Early Bird Registration - \$75.00 – Deadline, March 31, 2009

Registration after March 31, 2009 - \$85.00 – Deadline, April 10, 2009

**Registration Forms:** Can be picked up at either entrance of the Church

**Contact:** Tim Silversides – Phone: 728-0334; Mary Anne Schoonbaert – Phone: 725-3174.

**Director:** Fr. David McLeod

### 5th Sunday of Lent

#### Catechism of the Catholic Church

**606-618: Jesus offers himself to the Father for our sins**

Mon. (Daniel 13)  
(John 8.1-11)

Tues. (Numbers 21.4-9)  
(John 8.21-30)

Wed. (Daniel 3.13-20,24,49-50,91-95)  
(John 8.31-42)

Thurs. **St. Francis of Paola**  
(Genesis 17.3-9)  
(John 8.51-59)

Fri. (Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13)  
(John 10.31-42)

Sat. **St. Isadore of Seville**  
(Ezekiel 37.21-28)  
(John 11.45-57)

Sun. **Passion Sunday**  
(Mark 11.1-10)  
(Isaiah 50.4-7)  
(Philippians 2.6-11)  
(Mark 14.1-15.47)

**CWL Executive meeting** will be held Tuesday March 31st at 7 pm at Lorraine Kindle’s home.

**CWL General meeting** will be held on Tuesday April 7th. Mass at 7 pm with meeting to follow

**VOCATION VIEW:** Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will ‘lay down their lives for their friends.’



On this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, the Elect, and all of us are called to experience the story of the raising of Lazarus, a story of power of life over death. Let us recall our feelings of death, loss, powerlessness, emptiness, evil. Let us open our lives to the transformative power of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

**THE WEEK AHEAD.....**

Mon.	30	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
	30	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	31	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	31	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
Wed.	01	RCIA	7:00 pm
	01	No Quest for Christ	
	01	Taste and See Uganda	6:00-9:30 pm
Thurs.	02	Bereavement Support Group	1:30 pm
	02	NO Quest for Christ	
	02	Theology of the Body	7:00 pm
	02	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	03	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	03	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	03	Benediction	5:00 pm
	03	T4J (Grade 5 -8)	6:30 pm
	03	ThinkFast (ending Saturday at 7:30 pm)	6:30 pm
	03	Station of the Cross - Legion of Mary	7:00 pm
Sat.	04	Youth Night (Grade 9- 12)	5:00 pm
Sun.	05	K of C Pancake Breakfast after 9:00 & 10:30 Masses	

**Youth Ministry:**

Lenten Youth Activities: To join or to volunteer, pls. sign-up on the sheets found at the east vestibule or at the parish office. For further information, pls. contact the: Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry c/o Sr. Maybelle, M.A.C.E. @ 727.4728 or at [srmaybelle\\_staug@yahoo.com](mailto:srmaybelle_staug@yahoo.com)

**25-Hour THINKfast Challenge! Starts Friday, April 3, 6:30 pm till Saturday, April 4, 7:30 PM at St. Augustine's Church & School.** An opportunity for youth this Lent to learn in a fun and engaging way about social justice issues and how they can make a difference in our community & our world. To join, please get a pledge form at the parish office or at the east vestibule.

**Youth Stations of the Cross and Portrayal of Jesus' Passion, Friday, April 10, 8 pm.** Come out for a night of prayer and reflection, as we pray together the stations of the cross and youth reenacts the passion of Christ.

**FACE II FACE Family Retreat on April 25th & 26th, Saturday, 12 noon till Sunday, 2:30 pm** at Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church & School. Led by Ken Yasinski and his team, is a retreat for the family which aims to deepen our life's purpose by connecting with the source - Jesus Christ. Registration forms are available at the parish office or east vestibule.

**Taste and See Uganda** - Linda Chegwin will be speaking on the 3 months she spent volunteering in Uganda. It will be in the parish square on April 1st. a typical Ugandan supper will be served African style at 6pm cost \$5. Presentation at 6:30 p.m., come to one or both. Get tickets for the supper from Deacon John at the office or from Linda Chegwin they will also be available after Mass. Net proceeds to St Mary's parish Busowa Uganda.

**FINANCES:**

**RECEIPTS:**

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Mar. 22, 2009	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)	\$6795.56
School Fund Collection	\$ 25.00
Restoration Collection Mar. 22, 2009 -	\$ 790.00

**Stewardship Reflection of the Week**

Jesus tells us today that the person who loves their life will lose it, but the person who is willing to set aside their own life in this world will keep it for eternal life. This teaching is found in the other Gospels as well (Matthew 16:25, Mark 8:35, Luke 9:24), and is obviously an important criteria for those who want to be disciples. What is Jesus telling us here? For the Christian disciple stewardship is not an option. Being a steward simply means that we live a life that is Christ-centered, setting aside our own desires and wants and replacing them with Jesus and His will as the governing power in our lives. Being a good steward is putting Christ first when it comes to using and sharing their gifts.

**Vigil Lamp**

The light burns in memory of  
**Joe Boschman**

**Brandon Area League For Life Information Alert**

From 1997 to 2005 Oregon has allowed 246 suicides using physician-prescription supplied drugs. The principle reasons for euthanasia were not pain but "decreasing ability to participate in activities that made life enjoyable" and "loss of autonomy."

<http://www.humanlife.org/eid.php>

The Lenten Mission for 2009 "Reflection for Lent" will be broadcast on VISIONTV on Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8 pm. And again at 10 pm. (Show #1) and April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8 pm. and again 10 pm. (Show #2)

**Good Friday Collection**

On Good Friday, as always, there will be a special collection for the Holy Land in support of Christians communities, the works of the Holy Land, the upkeep of the Holy Sites and the formation of future Priests. Let us give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

**Easter Flowers:** If you would like to purchase an Easter flower to remember a loved one you are asked to sign your name on the sign up sheet in the vestibule or call the Parish Office.

**The Journey Through Grief:** Presented by the Brandon Ministerial Association at Memories Chapel and Pre Planning Centre at 7:00 p m. - 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday in April.

Why God?	Pastor Mike Davis	Wed. April 8, 2009
The Journey of Forgiveness	Rev. Dr. Evert Busink	Wed. April 15, 2009
Self Work: The Road to Healing	Deacon John MacKenzie	Wed. April 22, 2009
Starting a New Relationship	Pastor Ted Jannuska	Wed. April 29, 2009

**Holy Week Schedule - Brandon**

**Holy Thursday:** 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper with the washing of the feet

**Good Friday:** 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer  
12 Noon & 3:00 p.m. The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Youth)

**Holy Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer  
2:00 p.m. Blessing of the Easter baskets in the parish centre  
9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday Masses:** 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

**Souris:** **Holy Thursday** - 7:00 p.m.  
**Good Friday** - 3:00 p.m.  
**Easter Sunday** - 11:00 a.m.