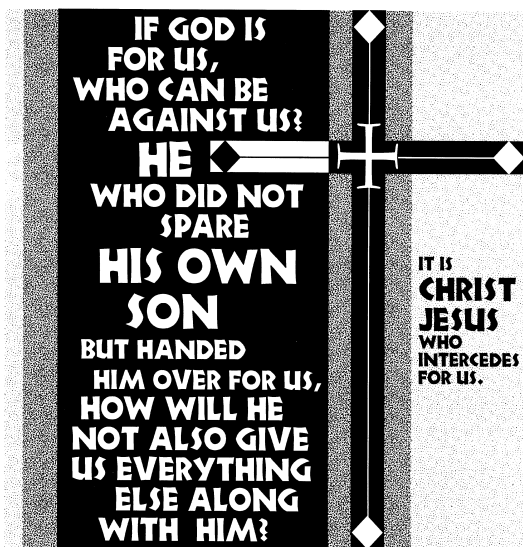


**Laughing in the Dark**



Death, and taxes, and many things in between terrify us every day of our lives. All of us live with some degree of anxiety, fatigue, or depression. This makes trusting God very difficult—too much can go wrong! But even those closest to Jesus weren't quick to trust. In the gospel today, Jesus frightens the apostles with quite an other-worldly experience. First, they see Jesus blindingly transformed by light. Then they see Jesus talking with two ancient prophets, who had been dead for over 1000 years! Peter was speechless, and it says "They were terrified." But Jesus doesn't rush to comfort or reassure them, because he knows that they don't yet see the whole picture—they are terrified only because they do not yet believe they can trust the unknown to God. The answer to all of our stress and worry lies in God's own words today: "This is My Beloved Son—*listen to him!*" First, we might have to add "Stop" and "Look." *Stop* the inner chatter, and the outer noise, just for a while. *Look*, really look with time and focus and attention, at the person talking to you, the task at hand, the cat in your lap. Now, you can *Listen*: Listening is a decision to receive with open hands whatever God is giving you. Jesus did not explain every detail to the apostles, because *he* knew that the God of all life was trustworthy—and that is enough, for them, and for us. Yes, we will have fears, because there is evil in the world. But Jesus trusted God with the deepest and most vulnerable places of his heart. If we listen, Jesus will teach us how to trust that way. Go in peace, to love and serve our God! (Second Sunday of Lent March 8, 2009)

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**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

Tues.	Mar. 10	9:00 am	Claude Chartier	Melina & Jeannette
		9:00 am	Sharon Monaghan	Carol MacKenzie
Wed.	Mar. 11	No 7:30 am. Mass		
		9:00 am	Beaupre Family	Mike & Mary Issigonis
		7:00 pm	Deceased Knights	K of C
Thurs.	Mar. 12	9:00 am	RIP Rev. Anthony Korewa	Janina Makuc
Fairview Home		10:30 am	RIP Ellen Goucher	Bea Gross
Fri.	Mar. 13	9:00 am	RIP Helen Vooch	Frank & Margaret Bojarski
		12:15 pm	RIP Walter Adamski	Amelia & Family
Sat.	Mar. 14	10:00 am	RIP Larry Marshall	Ed & Muriel Malazdrewich
		7:30 pm	RIP David Serle	Kay Dixon
Sun.	Mar. 15	9:00 am	RIP Tina Henderson	Deacon John & Carol MacKenzie
		10:30 am	RIP Edwin Olson	Ella Family
		12:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
		4:00 pm	Msrgr. Cooney	St. Augustine Parishioners
Souris:	Mar. 15	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
	Mar. 22	11:00 am	RIP Louise Murphy	Ted Murphy & Family

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Francsica Arishande, Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Jeanne Boutilier, 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, Marcelle Granger-Gentes, Kay Gray, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Paul Malabar, Alisa Moran, Joan Napper, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Minnie Plaseski, Emily Potvin, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Marion Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, Debbie Williams and all our shut-ins.

On International Women's Day, **Development and Peace** calls your attention to the extraordinary work of its partners. They are all dedicated to building a more just world, especially for the most marginalized, many of whom are women. To learn more about the work of Development and Peace partners, pick up a copy of this year's Share Lent Mini Magazine. Enjoy reading the Mini Magazine today with a cup of Fair Trade coffee.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**101-108: Christ, the unique word, the inspiration and truth of Scripture**

**131-133: Scripture in the life of the church**

- Mon. **St. Frances of Rome**  
(Daniel 9.3, 4-10)  
(Luke 6.36-38)
- Tues. (Isaiah 1.10, 16-20, 27-28, 31)  
(Matthew 23.1-12)
- Wed. (Jeremiah 18.18-20)  
(Matthew 20.17-28)
- Thurs. (Jeremiah 17.5-10)  
(Luke 16.19-31)
- Fri. (Genesis 37.3-4,12-13,17-28)  
(Matthew 21.33-43,45-46)
- Sat. (Micah 7.14-15,18-20)  
(Luke 15.1-3,11-32)
- Sun. **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
(Exodus 20.1-17)  
(1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25)  
(John 2.13-25)

**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:**



If you need an example of a person responding to a vocational call, look at Abraham - called in old age to leave his country, father a child, then asked to sacrifice the child. What faith! Vocation is a risky response to a unique call from God.

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

Mon.	09	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
	09	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	10	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	10	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
	10	Revisit the Journey	7:00 pm
Wed.	11	Lenten Reconciliation	1:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm
	11	RCIA	7:00 pm
	11	Knights of Columbus Mass & Meeting	7:00 pm
Thurs.	12	Serra Meeting	11:30 am
	12	Bible Study	1:15 pm
	12	Bereavement Group	1:30 pm
	12	Quest for Christ	6:30 pm
	12	Theology of the Body	7:00 pm
	12	League for Life Meeting	7:00 pm
	12	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	13	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	13	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	13	Benediction	5:00 pm
	13	T4J Youth Night (Grade 5 - 8)	6:30 pm
	13	Stations of the Cross - K of C	7:00 pm
Sat.	14	Youth Night (Grade 9 - 12)	6:00 pm
Sun.	15	Youth Advisory Meeting	6:00 pm

**From the Pastor's Desk:**

**Congratulations to Jack Stacy** who made his profession of faith and received the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Augustine's Church on Tuesday, 24 February 2009. We welcome Jack to the "one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church".

**No Parking:** Several people have mentioned that, far too often someone parks in front of the walk way into the church both on Lorne Ave. and Fourth Street. Please refrain from this practice for the obvious reason that it prevents access to the sidewalk.

**In honour of Anne Malazdrewich** you are cordially invited to attend the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House/Come 'n' Go - Sat., March 21, 2009 @ 1:30-4:30 pm., Parish Square. RSVP no later than March 17, 2009. Please contact Rochelle Marshall (granddaughter) email to [rochelle.marshall@shaw.ca](mailto:rochelle.marshall@shaw.ca) Or phone # 780.990.6585

**Children's Collection Jar:** A number of parents have expressed the desire that there be a collection jar placed at the front of the church where the children could deposit their money gifts. It is the parent's hope that the notion of sharing what the children have received from God with others be installed at an early age. Carol MacKenzie decorated a jar which is now located at the east pillar in the sanctuary. Children are invited to bring their monetary gifts and drop it in the jar during the offertory or when they return to the church from children's liturgy.

**Youth & Young Adult 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 @ 727.4728 or [srmaybelle\\_staug@yahoo.com](mailto:srmaybelle_staug@yahoo.com)

**25-Hour ThinkFast! April 3 & 4** An opportunity for our youth this Lent to learn about social justice & poverty issues and how they can make a difference in our community & our world.

**Youth Stations of the Cross, April 10** For youth who are interested to join the play through acting, dancing or as crew, please contact Sister Maybelle.

**FacellFace Retreat, April 25 & 26** led by Ken Yasinski and his team. A retreat for the family which aims to deepen our life's purpose by connecting with the source – Jesus Christ. Registration.

**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

**FINANCES: RECEIPTS:**

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Mar. 1, 2009	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)	\$ 7558.85
School Fund Collection	\$ 20.00
Restoration Collection Mar. 1, 2009 -	\$6766.00

**Stewardship Reflection of the Week**

Today we are invited to reflect on just how much hope and trust we are willing to place in God; a God who richly blesses us with all that is needed. Abraham trusted in God so much that he did not withhold his only son. We too, as disciples and stewards, are called to hold nothing back in our walk with Jesus. Being a disciple is not easy in today's culture of consumerism, materialism, and individualism. However, in 'holding nothing back' the Christian steward discovers a life that is full of *endless hope*... hoping and trusting in a good and generous God who blesses us even when all hope seems lost. Placing our trust in the things of this world leads only to a *hopeless end*.

**Vigil Lamp**

The light burns in memory of  
**Father A. Ruest**

**Brandon Area League For Life Information Alert  
Spiritual Adoption Program**

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20<sup>th</sup> day. His heart began to beat on the 21<sup>st</sup> day and is pumping blood through his own circulatory system. The blood type can be different from his mother's. Your bay is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his mother to give him the most precious gift—the gift of life.