



The Measure of Our Worth

"The figure of the Crucified invalidates all thought which takes success for its standard." These are the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor and theologian, who was hanged during the Second World War. So many people live so much of their lives trying to be successful. Success becomes not a means to an end, but the end in itself. It is obvious that people need to earn money so that they can support themselves and their families. That's not what I'm talking about. I'm referring to the fact that in our Western society, success has become the measure of worth. If we have achieved a certain position, or live in a certain neighbourhood or home, or have a certain amount of education, or all of the above, then we can falsely believe that we have made it in life. Nothing could be further from the truth. When we see Jesus crucified, what must we think about our little bit of so-called success? Our accomplishments in themselves mean nothing. They are no measure of what it means to be fully human. As we look at Jesus, crucified on the cross, what are we seeing? A criminal, a failure, a worthless human being, a defeated person? If, with the eyes and hearts of a believer, we look at Jesus crucified, then what we see is a lover. The death of Jesus on the cross was his greatest act of love. It was Jesus' way of saying, without words, that he loves us so much that he would give everything he could to show us that love. The only real measure of success is how we have loved. Nothing, absolutely nothing else, really matters when it comes down to it. At the end of our life, we only have to answer one question: did we love as fully and as strongly and as freely as we could have? Peace, Fr. John Vella -- March 16th, 2008

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues.	Mar. 18	9:00 am	Ben Neithercut	Mom
		9:00 am	Darrin Persaud	Carl & Carol Hartman
Wed.	Mar. 19	9:00 am	RIP Ignazio Scaletta	Sally & Family
		9:00 am	Cody Genaille/Ashley & Baby	Kim Genaille
Thurs.	Mar. 20	7:30 pm	RIP Suzanne Cancade	Velma Beaudette
			RIP Ralph Jaffray	Ray Bourassa
Fri.	Mar. 21	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	
		12:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
		3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
Sat.	Mar. 22	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	
		8:30 pm	The Elect	Parishioners of St. Augustine's
Sun.	Mar. 23	9:00 am	Pat Lamborn	Ken, Karen & Steven
		10:30 am	Colin White	Godparents
		12:30 pm	Fr. Leo Fernandes & Fr. Francis Andoh	Pentacostes & Fe Colina
Rivers	Mar. 21	3:00 pm	The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ	
	Mar. 23	11:00 am	RIP Yves Guillas	Parishioners of Immaculate Conception
	Mar. 30	11:00 am	RIP Janusz Gnitecki	Parishioners of Immaculate Conception

Holy Week Schedule

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
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

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

Passion Sunday

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Mon. (Isaiah 42:1-7)
(John 12:1-11)

Tues. (Isaiah 49:1-6)
(John 13:21-33, 36-38)

Wed. (Isaiah 50:4-9)
(Matthew 26:14-26)

Thurs. **Holy Thursday**
(Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14)
(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
(John 13:1-15)

Fri. **Good Friday**
(Isaiah 52:13-53:12)
(Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9)
(John 18:1-19:42)

Sat. **Easter Vigil**
(Genesis 1:1-2:2)
(Genesis 22:1-18)
(Exodus 14:15-31; 15:20, 1)
(Isaiah 54:5-14)
(Isaiah 55:1-11)
(Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4)
(Ezekiel 36:16-17, 18-28)
(Romans 6:3-11)
(Matthew 28:1-10)

Sun. (Acts 10:34, 36-43)
(Colossians 3:1-4)
(John 20:1-18)

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 WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	17	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
	17	Confirmation	7:00 pm
Tues.	18	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	18	Legion of Mary	7:00 pm
	18	Brandon Catholic School Board Mtg.	7:30 pm
Wed.	19	Quest for Christ	4:00 pm
	19	RCIA	7:00 pm
Thurs.	20	NO Quest for Christ	
Fri.	21	Office Closed	
Sat.	22	For Easter Schedule see page 1 of bulletin	
Sun.	23	Spanish Community of St. Augustine's	1:00 pm
Mon.	24	Office Closed	

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Mar. 9, 2008
 Offertory Collection (Brandon) \$7919.30
 School Fund Collection \$ 20.00
 Rivers Collection \$

Stewardship Reflection of the Week

Today we welcome into Jerusalem, Jesus our Lord and Savior. It is easy to be enthusiastic, even to be carried away briefly with that enthusiasm. It is much harder to sustain enthusiasm, because that means giving of ourselves. Is it any wonder that many who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem fell away in their enthusiasm or even turned against him? The Lord gave his all. In doing so, he invites us to be more generous, to give our very selves so that his ministry of love and reconciliation may spread throughout the world. At the beginning of this holiest week, let us pledge ourselves to be more generous, to be more giving, and to joyfully share our time, our talent, and our treasure.

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of
 Jessie Szmon

Brandon Area League For Life Information Alert

In Canada today abortion is available on-demand throughout all nine months of the pregnancy, up to the moment of delivery, for any reason or even no reason at all including sex selection, possible genetic defects and as a simple back up to failed contraception.
<http://www.ncln.ca/resources.php?id=4&q=1>

The death of Jesus: Jesus was crucified like a common criminal. This form of death was frequently chosen by the Romans during the time of Jesus. Victims of crucifixion were often tied to the cross by ropes. About half the time, they were affixed to the cross with nails. But even in the latter case, the nails were placed so they did not pierce an artery and cause a person to bleed to death. The cause of death from crucifixion was usually asphyxiation. When a person was hanging on a cross they had to pull themselves up in order to be able to breathe. Sooner or later, with no food or water, the person became exhausted and, unable to breathe, would suffocate. This form of death was long and torturous. Executioners sometimes prolonged the agony by placing a wooden support under the feet. This enabled the person to push upward until the time arrived when they were too weak to be able to do this. If the scourging beforehand were especially brutal, the victim would have less strength and death would be hastened. Perhaps, because Jerusalem was crowded with Passover pilgrims, Pilate ordered a more severe scourging and Jesus died more quickly than usual. All this for love of you and me!

CWL NEWS:

CWL is collecting **Health Kits** for Ten Thousand Villages to help aid needy people around the world. For more information contact Joyce Shewan 728-6598.

CWL General Meeting will be held Tuesday April 1. Mass at 7 pm and meeting to follow.



VOCATION VIEW: Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life.

St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish in Brandon, Manitoba is celebrating its 125 Anniversary on Saturday, May 31 beginning at 12 noon. St. Augustine's School is also commemorating 50 years since the oldest existing portion of the school was built. Tours of the church, the Redemptorist graves, the school, games for children, food and the Eucharist are all part of this milestone. All priests, former priests, Religious, parishioners, former parishioners and friends are invited to meet at St. Augustine's at 12 noon. Mass will be celebrated in the Manitoba Room at the Keystone Centre at 7 pm with Archbishop James Weisgerber presiding.

YOUTH NEWS

For more information and updates on activities call Sr. Maybelle at the Parish Office or email srmaybelle_staug@yahoo.com or go to the website at www.saintaugustines.ca

For youth aged 13-35 years:

HOLY THURSDAY CHURCH PILGRIMAGE will take place after the mass, youth and their families will go in procession from Saint Augustine's to Saint Hedwig's with Fr. Dominic, vigil prayers will be held at the altars of repose in both churches. We hope that you can join us in this pious exercise of our faith!

GOOD FRIDAY'S YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS takes place at the church, March 21st, starting at 8 PM. Come and join us in this devout expression of our faith.

YOUTH LENTEN ESSAY CONTEST DEADLINE. Please drop your essays in the boxes provided on the church foyer or at A Wing & A Prayer Catholic Bookstore. Deadline is on March 16, Palm Sunday.

YOUTH PHOTO CONTEST. On Easter Sunday, the youth photo contest begins after the 12:30 p.m. Mass and is open all through Easter Monday until Easter Saturday (March 23 thru 28). Photos can be dropped off in the boxes located at the church entrances. Winning shots will be made into collage souvenir postcards for our 125th parish anniversary.

SPECIAL THANKS: Our deep gratitude goes to Dr. Mary Egan and Marino's Pizza for sponsoring our 2 youth devotionals and fellowship on Friday Feb. 22 and March 7th. May the good Lord bless your generous hearts.

Youth Elderly visit: Many thanks to parents, adults and youth who volunteered for our youth elderly visit last March 1st. A special thank you to Pam Szmon who gave her personal testimony on the spiritual beauty of elderly visitation. May the Lord our God be your reward.

Development & Peace works with local partners in the third world on sustainable development programs to improve people's lives. D & P is also involved in peace building & in rebuilding communities devastated by natural disasters of water and earthquakes and conflicts. Last year because of donations from people like you, D & P provided \$15 million to support 238 long term development projects and 78 emergency relief projects in the Global south. Your donations to D & P enable this to happen. Please put your donation in the Sunday collection basket.