



Dry Bones To Promises Of Life

The raising of Lazarus is a very powerful symbol of the fact that the Lord can raise us up from anything, no matter what it may be. But we often ask ourselves the question: Can things change? Is there any real reason for hope that a world filled with wars, poverty, AIDS, and severe environmental problems will ever find a way out? Many would give a resounding NO as the answer to those questions. Many of us here would probably give the same answer. When we look closely at what much of the world has become, our response is usually as far away from hope as one can get. What we are asked to do today is to bring all that is dark and deathly and to face it with the Word of God, which is filled with the unimaginable and improbable promise of newness. God is always inviting us to newness. God's invitations are to be found at all times and everywhere. God can use a television evangelist, a newborn baby or a papal encyclical to bring you an invitation to maturity in your faith and your love. We have been blessed with so many people of hope. That is what keeps us going. Don't surround yourselves with those who always see the negative side of things. They'll just drag you into the mud. Find the hopeful people and try to spend some time with them. They'll feed your soul just by their presence to you. We come together around the Eucharistic table to bring our hope to one another. Our presence is a sign that we believe and want to support one another through the darkness that life so often sends our way. And we come together in God's presence so that we might receive once again the promise of newness - newness for our lives now and newness for all eternity. Peace, Fr. John Vella (March 9th, 2008)

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues.	Mar. 11	9:00 am	Deceased Relatives	Melina
		9:00 am	RIP Gladys Solon	Pat O'Sullivan
Wed.	Mar. 12	9:00 am	Matt & Marion Antoniw	Joann & Ben
		7:00 pm	CFB Shilo Deployed Troups	Carl & Carol Hartman
Thurs.	Mar. 13	9:00 am	RIP Bill & Nellie Wolski	Amelia Adamski
Fairview Home		10:30 am	Rosa Weiss	Eric & Kay De Pass
Fri.	Mar. 14	9:00 am	RIP Edwin Olson	Ella & Family
		12:15 pm	RIP Ralph Jaffray	Dora Boschman
Sat.	Mar. 15	10:00 am	RIP Suzanne Cancade	Pat & Barb Golding Family
		5:00 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Raju
		7:30 pm	RIP Rose Stevenson	Craig & Wanda Hosea
Sun.	Mar. 16	9:00 am	RIP Frank Porco	Anna Maria & boys
		10:30 am	Ella Olson	Dora, Kelly Jo & Shayla
		12:30 pm	RIP Lily Gudz	Gudz Family
Rivers	Mar. 16	11:00 am	RIP Janusz Gnitecki	Your brother
	Mar. 23	11:00 am	RIP Yves Guillas	Parishioners of Immaculate Conception

5th Sunday of Lent

Catechism of the Catholic Church

651-655: The meaning and salvific import of the resurrection

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.	(Genesis 17:3-9) (John 8:51-59)
Fri.	(Jeremiah 20:7, 10-13) (John 10:31-42)
Sat.	St. Joseph (2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16) (Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22) (Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24)
Sun.	Passion Sunday (Matthew 21:1-11) (Isaiah 50:4-7) (Philippians 2:6-11)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Francsica Arishande, Ann Babiak, Melissa Bakker, Marguerite Bicknell, Jeanne Boutilier, Margaret Buckmire, Irene Copet, David Deis, Ann Delgaty, Noah Dheilily, Jared Dryden, Justin Enns, Mervin Fleury, Nora Fleury, Mary Gaab, Megan Gardham, Marcelle Granger-Gentes, Kay Gray, Pauline Hayde, Patricia Kallusky, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Alisa Moran, Joan Napper, Moses Peech, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Minnie Plaseski, Emily Potvin, Vanessa Sanko, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Marion Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, and all our shut-ins.

A Wing & A Prayer YOUTH LENTEN ESSAY-WRITING CONTEST. Open to youth ages 15 – 25 years. A great opportunity to write an essay on the comparative analysis of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) about the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Besides a trophy and prizes, the winning essay will be published on our website. Contest duration: February 11 – March 15. Deadline for entries is on March 16, Palm Sunday. For contest mechanics, please go to www.saintaugustines.ca



VOCATION VIEW: Seeing physically dead people return to life is not a common event. But Christians, serious about their vocation, are eager to help the "down and out" find new meaning in Christ and live a full life.

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.	10	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
	10	Confirmation	7:00 pm
Tues.	11	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	11	Liturgy Meeting	1:00 pm
	11	Legion of Mary	7:00 pm
Wed.	12	NO Quest for Christ	
	12	RCIA	7:00 pm
	12	K of C Meeting	7:30 pm
Thurs.	13	Serra Meeting	11:30 am
	13	No Quest for Christ	
	13	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	14	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	14	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	14	Benediction	5:00 pm
	14	Stations of the Cross - Legion of Mary	7:00 pm
Sun.	15	Youth Lenten Recollection	9:00 am -2:00 pm
	15	Spanish Community of St. Augustine's	1:00 pm
	15	Youth Lead Concert Rehearsal	4:00-6:00 pm

FINANCES:	RECEIPTS:
Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Mar. 2, 2008	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)\$8920.00	
School Fund Collection	\$ 20.00
Rivers Collection	\$ 266.25

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

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, *"This illness does not lead to death, rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."* Every aspect of our lives – our gifts, as well as our sufferings – can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessings for us and others. When we steward all of our gifts, even our sufferings, we create opportunities to grow in our relationship with God and one another.

***Joy shared is joy multiplied!
 Suffering shared is suffering lessened!***

Vigil Lamp
 The light burns in memory of
 Ron Van Achte

Brandon Area League For Life Information Alert

"If we can accept that a mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"
–Mother Theresa <http://www.iol.ie/~hlii/theresa.html>

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.

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:

Youth Lenten Journey. March 14, Friday, 7 p.m. is our **DEVOTIONALS & FELLOWSHIP.** Let's pray in union with our brothers and sisters in the Lord!

For more info on Youth Contests, go to www.saintaugustines.ca or to our Youth Bulletin Board:

Youth Photo Contest. Are you good at photography? Come and join this exciting contest. Winning shots (of the church interior) will be made into collage souvenir postcards for our parish's 125th Anniversary. Contest date: March 23, Sunday, after 12.30 PM Mass. Bring your camera with you! Open to young adults ages 13-29 years. Submission date March 28.

49th International Eucharistic Congress. Youth ages 18-35 years old are encouraged to come for a pilgrimage to Quebec City on June 13-24. Let Jesus in the Eucharist transform us! To join, please contact Sr. Maybelle.

The **R.C.I.A.** elect in our Parish, **Steven Klassen, Gloria Parkolub, Bob Whittingham,** now come forward for the Third Scrutiny during this Lenten season. We are all called to scrutinize our lives. The Candidates (those already baptized), **Gwen Gumienny, Jeff Kasprick and Sheila Perrin** journey with them to be fully received at our Easter Vigil. Let us continue to pray for them that they may truly seek to live by a Christian vision.

Did you know that the relics of St. Zeno & companions are sealed in the high altar of St. Augustine's? During the reign of Julian the Apostate (362 A.D.), Zeno and two Christian brothers named Eusebius and Nestabus who were involved in the destruction of a heathen temple at Gaza, were locked in prison where they were scourged. Later, a mob in the amphitheatre worked themselves into a frenzy and demanded that the three be punished. They went to the prison, took the three, dragged them through the streets and brutalized them. Even the women stopped their work and ran their spindles into the three men. Others threw scalding water over them and pierced them with spits. After the martyrs were killed and their skulls broken, they were dragged outside the city to the place where dead animals were thrown. It was hoped that their remains might not be distinguished from the animals so that the Christians could not collect and bury them. However, a woman came by night and was able to pick out some of the remains, which she conveyed to a relative of the martyrs. He kept the relics carefully until in the reign of Theodosius, he was made bishop. He then built a church and buried them therein. With these three brothers, there was another young man by the name of Nestor, who also suffered imprisonment and scourging. But as the rioters were dragging him through the street, some took compassion on him on account of his personal beauty and they left him lying outside the gate. He died of his wounds soon after and his body was buried with the other three. (Taken from Butler's Lives of the Saints)