



Towards Greater Life

In some of the Southern US states, there has been a panic in the last few years as weird weather patterns have threatened the citrus crops. High winds and cold are the worst. The challenge is just to keep the fruit on the tree. Today Jesus is again reminding us that HE is the “true vine” that keeps us alive through freezes and droughts—like the marriage vow says, “in good times and in bad.” In daily life, we live with so much infidelity and dishonesty that I think it is hard for us to get our minds and hearts around the immense mystery of how intimately, how organically, we are connected to Jesus. Often, it can be difficult for us to believe, much less to live and act each day “as if” we believed it. He is saying, “Depend on me, live in me, remain in me...because unless you remain in me, you cannot bear fruit.”

Are you a gardener? If so, you know how tender you feel especially towards your most spindly, vulnerable plants. You can understand a bit better Jesus’ obsession with us. Even being pruned is a gift. Our false self may feel pain at having our “dead wood” removed, but if we remain in Jesus, new life will spring up where the dead parts used to weight us down! Picture a large frozen tree standing in the snow, with its ice-covered branches against a bright blue winter sky. The caption below reads, “Faith is the substance of things hoped for... the evidence of things not seen.” Our life-blood always flows into us through Jesus, our Vine. We have to hold on to our true belief in Jesus, no matter how ice-covered our life challenges make us feel. *Go in peace to love and serve our God!* (Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2009)

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. May 12	9:00 am	RIP George Pavlin	Velma
	9:00 am	RIP Helen Vooch	Bernadette & Joe De Fazio
Wed. May 13	7:30 am	Sr. Ann Morton	Sally Scaletta
	9:00 am	RIP Douglas Lee	Don & Claudette Smith
Thurs. May 14	9:00 am	Preborn Babies	League for Life
Fairview Home	10:30 am	RIP Angela Erickson	George & Sandra DeBruyne
Fri. May 15	9:00 am	RIP Beverly Kehler	Corinne Hodgson
	12:15 pm	RIP David Serle	Corinne Hodgson
Sat. May 16	10:00 am	RIP Ralph Jaffray	Emily & Family
	7:30 pm	RIP Francis & Ethel Deyoung	Scott, Mary, Colin & Jillian
Sun. May 17	9:00 am	RIP Michael Sturko	Gayle, Gloria & Paul
	10:30 am	RIP Anton & Cassie Milcharek	Craig & Rachelle Wilk Family
	12:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph

Souris: May 10 11:00 am For All Parishioners Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
 May 17 11:00 am For All Parishioners Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Francsica Arishande, Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Jeanne Boutillier, Alice Brown, Margaret Buckmire, Marie Carlson, Irene Copet, Jules Declercq, Ann Delgaty, 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 CWL is offering a \$500 scholarship to a Catholic, female student graduating from Senior IV in 2009. The application form and criteria are available at the St. Augustine’s Parish office or contact Dianne Fox 727-1209 to have an application mailed to you. **Please note that applications received after the deadline of June 2, 2009 will not be considered.**

May 22-24, Annual Catholic Conference in Winnipeg (St. Norbert Community Centre). Speakers include: The Most Rev. Sylvain H. Lavoie OMI, Valli Leone, Michael Cumbie and Ralph Martin. "Teen Track" conference as well. More info @ www.catholicrenewalservices.com or contact Garry Gillis 727-3561.

There will a **Memorial Mass and Burial** for Stella Grudeski on Sat. May 16, 2009 at 11:00 am at St. Dominic’s Church, Neepawa, Manitoba.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Catechism of the Catholic Church

771-801: The church as visible and spiritual; the universal sacrament of salvation; charisms

Mon. (Acts 14.5-18)
(John 14.21-26)

Tues. **Sts. Nereus & Achilleus or St. Pancras**
(Acts 14.19-28)
(John 14.27-31)

Wed. **Our Lady of Fatima**
(Acts 15.1-6)
(John 15.1-8)

Thurs. **St. Matthias**
(Acts 1.15-17, 20-26)
(John 15.9-17)

Fri. (Acts 15.22-31)
(John 15.12-17)

Sat. (Acts 16.1-10)
(John 15.18-21)

Sun. **6th Sunday of Easter**
(Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48)
(1 John 4.7-10)
(John 15.9-17)

Knights of Columbus Brandon Council 1435 Scholarship Notice: Brandon Council is inviting young men for this \$500 scholarship no later than June 12, 2008. For further information please contact the Parish Office.



VOCATION VIEW: Who shall come forward to explain the love God has for His people who should be one in faith? We need more faith-filled, prayerful and spirited people to make the Vine and the Branches One again. How about you?

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	11	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	12	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	12	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
	12	Liturgy Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed.	13	RCIA	7:00 pm
	13	K of C Meeting	7:30 pm
Thurs.	14	Serra Meeting	11:30 am
	14	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	15	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	15	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	15	Benediction	5:00 pm
	15	T4J	6:30-8:00 pm
Sat.	16	Pre Confirmation with Bishop	10:00 am- 4:00 pm
	16	English Class	4:30 pm
Sun.	17	Youth Advisory Committee	6:00 pm

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday May 3, 2009
 Offertory Collection (Brandon) \$ 7681.50
 School Fund Collection \$ 20.00
 Restoration Collection May 3, 2009 - \$ 1888.00

**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

Jesus is the vine; all the nourishment for us to bear good fruit is found in Him. As we gather Sunday after Sunday at the Eucharistic table, we are nourished and called to bear good fruit. Good stewards know that Jesus, especially in the gift of His body and blood, is the vine that sustains us as we strive to be good stewards.

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of

Mary & Prosper Dandeneau

Brandon Area League for Life Information Alert

"Experience in the Netherlands, where there has been relatively little effort to improve pain and symptom treatment, suggests that legalization of physician-assisted suicide might weaken society's resolve to expand services and resources aimed at caring for the dying patient." A Position Statement from the *American Pain Society*

<http://www.euthanasia.com/quotationsoneuthanasia.html>

Rosaries and Crucifixes: If you have either rosaries or crucifixes please bring them to the church. We are always in need of them for those who don't have them.

From Father Dominic's desk:

Face to Face Retreat: The parishioners of St. Augustine's had yet another opportunity to participate in praise and worship, get to know other Catholics, spend time in Eucharistic adoration and listen to solid Catholic teaching last weekend when we hosted the Face to Face Retreat. The weekend was open to everyone. When I first met Ken Yasinski, perhaps 10 years ago, I realized him to be a young man whom the anointing of God rested upon. Over the years my opinion of Ken has not changed. The Holy Hour on Saturday evening was awesome! It was encouraging to see how respectful and prayerful the young people were during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard in planning and arranging the weekend. Thank you to Darlene and Al Twerdochlib for offering Ken accomodation. He, very much enjoyed the time he spent with the Twerdochlib Family.

Capital Campaign Wine & Cheese Celebration: We have our parish trustee Denis Badiou to thank for suggesting to parish council that we celebrate the success of our capital campaign. Those who attended the event held on April 19, enjoyed the beautiful culinary arrangement and dedicated service which Shirley and David Shwaluk offered. Thank you to trustee Bruce Ray for taking care of the liquor licence, for being present and for making people feel welcome. I normally take communion to the hospital on Sunday afternoons, so I apologize for the fact that I did not arrive until after 3 p.m.

Catechism Registration: The registration for Catechism/Quest for Christ next fall 2009/2010 will be available at both entrances of the church and also on the St. Augustine website. For more information please contact Sr. Therma at 727-4728 or the Parish Office. **Deadline is April 30, after 30th there will be extra charge.**

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Sunday, May 10, 2009 - Mother's Day - has been designated for a number of years by the Knights of Columbus as "Rose Sunday" to honor our wives and mothers. Members of the Knights will be presenting embroidered rose decals to all ladies. All donations received will be donated to The Crisis Pregnancy Centre to assist in its support of young women in crisis.

Spiritual Adoption: Your baby is making progress developing all of his external features and internal organs. His brain is functioning at 40 days. His mother can hear his heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. His milk-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. And it has been reported that a two-month old baby can suck his thumb. From this moment onward, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his body. But everything he needs to survive once he is born is already present by the end of the eighth week.

St. Augustine's Development and Peace Social Justice Group will be selling "Fair Trade" products in the parish center foyer before & after Masses on May 9 & 10. This sale coincides with "World Fair Trade Day" which is May 9, 2009. Please drop by to ask questions about "Fair Trade" and or purchase items on display."