



Famous Last Words

Today we're celebrating the Ascension of Jesus into heaven—the intimate rejoining of Jesus with the Father. It's truly a great feast, because it is in fact the "homecoming" of Jesus after his 33 years of completing all that God had willed for him. Although Scriptures and paintings portray Jesus as disappearing from the apostles' sight, Jesus' Ascension doesn't mean that he has left us. It really reminds us that the glory of heaven and the evil of hell are both still realities in our lives. While on earth, Jesus was as limited by time and space as we are—for example, he was not able to appear to the apostles behind closed doors until after his resurrection. But after his Ascension, Jesus is absolutely unlimited by the dimensions of earth. The great news for us is that Jesus can now be present to all creatures in a different way. Because of the Ascension, all of God's power can now flow through Jesus, and it becomes available to all of us who are united in God through Jesus' life and death. Jesus gave us some special last directions before he sealed his life's work on earth: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." This is an action plan for our entire lives! Have we thought prayerfully, deeply, about how we can obey these words, using our particular gifts and our current situation in life? The angels had to say to the apostles, "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" In other words—we need to fix our inner gaze on Jesus, while we live out his final words to us each day. Go in peace, to love and serve our God! (Ascension of the Lord – May 24, 2009)

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. May 26	9:00 am	RIP Venance Deschambault	Marge et famille
	9:00 am	RIP Leonard Clark	Bea Gross
Wed. May 27	7:30 am	RIP Florida Vandesyne	Ray Bourassa
	10:00 am	RIP Bertha Trevech	Ken, Karen & Steven
Thurs. May 28	9:00 am	RIP Helen Vooch	Bernadette & Joe DeFazio
Fairview Home	10:30 am	RIP Betty Wenberg	Teresa
Fri. May 29	9:00 am	Janice Hardy	Elsie Kurtenbach & Family
	12:15 pm	RIP Michael Adamski	RCIA
Sat. May 30	10:00 am	RIP Edith Gyselman	Bea Gross
	7:30 pm	RIP David Serle	Serra Club
Sun. May 31	9:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
	10:30 am	RIP Philip & Katherine Wilk	Craig & Rachele Wilk Family
	12:30 pm	RIP Majan & Josephine Kostecki	Ed & Irene Kostecki
Souris: May 31	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
June 07	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Francsica Arishande, Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Marie Carlson, Irene Copet, Jules Declercq, Ann Delgaty, Diane Dougall, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Mervin Fleury, Nora Fleury, Megan Gardham, Kay Gray, Matthew Hrankowski, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Paul Malabar, Alisa Moran, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Gordon Phillips, 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.

Spiritual Adoption - 3 month Developing Baby:

Your baby is quite active in the womb now -although his mother won't feel him for another couple of months. If his mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow, and move his tongue. He can make a tight fist if you touch his palm. He obtains the oxygen his body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce. What a miracle he is!

Catholic Women's League Annual Wind-Up Tuesday, June 2nd, 2009, Mass: 5:30 p.m. in the Church, Dinner: 6:45 p.m. at the Church Square. Tickets for Dinner are \$17.00 each – must be pre-purchased either at the Church Office or by contacting Leona Smithson. **Deadline to purchase tickets** is Tuesday, May 26th.

CWL Executive meeting will be held Tuesday May 26 at 7 pm at the home of Carol MacKenzie.

Ascension of the Lord

Catechism of the Catholic Church

737-741: The Holy Spirit and the church

- Mon. **St. Bede the Venerable/St. Gregory VII/St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi**
(Acts 19.1-8)
(John 16.29-33)
- Tues. **St. Philip Neri**
(Acts 20.17-27)
(John 17.1-11)
- Wed. **St. Augustine of Canterbury**
(Acts 20.28-38)
(John 17.11-19)
- Thurs. (Acts 22.30; 23.6-11)
(John 17.20-26)
- Fri. (Acts 24.27; 25.13-21)
(John 21.15-19)
- Sat. (Acts 28.16-20, 30-31)
(John 21.20-25)
- Sun. **Pentecost**
(Acts 2.1-11)
(1 Corinthians 12.3-7, 12-13)
(John 20.19-23)

VOCATION VIEW: Jesus said to his disciples 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation.' There are still dark aspects to our world and to our neighbourhood that need the Good News. Answer the call to 'Go and teach all people my Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of time.'



THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon. 25	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues. 26	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
26	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
26	Finance Meeting	5:00 pm
26	Parish Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed. 27	RCIA	7:00 pm
27	K of C Executive Meeting	7:30 pm
Thurs. 28	Serra Meeting	11:30 am
28	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri. 29	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
29	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
29	Benediction	5:00 pm
29	T4J	6:30-8:00 pm
Sat. 30	English Class	4:30 pm
Sun. 31	Confirmation Celebration	3:00 pm

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday May 17, 2009	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)	\$6472.01
School Fund Collection	\$ 20.00
Restoration Collection May 17, 2009 -	\$ 965.00

**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

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he reminded us that he will always be with us! How are you being present to others? Being a Christian steward is to always have a disposition of extraordinary hospitality, ensuring that every person feels the presence of Christ in the community, where ever and when ever we gather.

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of
John Bertone

Brandon Area League for Life Information Alert

A good example of the slippery slope to euthanasia can be seen in the Netherlands where it is practiced extensively. If euthanasia were truly voluntary why do well over 10,000 citizens now carry "Do Not Euthanize Me" cards in case they are admitted to a hospital.

<http://www.nightingalealliance.org/cgi-bin/home.pl?section=3>

Welcome to Our Christian Community: Ryland James Puhach, Matthew Joshua Dupuis, Lucas Lionel Joseph Gamache, Devin Blair Kerman-Forsythe, Donae Patience McKinney-Lobster, Lucas Louis McGregor Paul, Jessica Delores Maria Tichit, Brigitte Victoire Marie, Joseph Paul Philip Balabanski, Lily Beth Hammond, Sabrina Rose Stoddart, Michael Devin Bartolome, Ava Alicea May Richard

From Father Dominic's desk:

Pastoral Reference & Testimonial Letters: From time to time an individual will ask me to write a letter of reference or a testimonial letter or a letter of introduction. The reasons vary from a proposed wedding in another province or another country, an application for a teaching position in a Catholic school, an application as a volunteer, etc. I am always pleased to be able to assist in this capacity with parishioners whom I know. However, sometimes the request comes from someone whom I do not know, other times I am asked to state that the person requesting the letter of reference is a practising Catholic. It is true that I am not present for every mass each weekend. However, after a number of years in this parish I am relatively informed regarding who attends Eucharist on a regular basis and who is involved in the parish in terms of ministry or as a participant in one of the many parish groups, and those who are registered on the parishioner list. In situations such as the aforementioned I am being asked to compromise my integrity by providing documentation which is untrue. I'm certain that you see the moral dilemma!

Pastoral Moves: We posted the priestly moves on each of the bulletin boards last week. Regarding the Westman Deanery, we only have one move this year. **Father Vincent Tchaoule**, pastor of St. Jude's in Erickson will move to Ste. Rose. **Father James DeBeer**, who was ordained a priest last year and is currently the parochial vicar at St. Peter's Parish in Winnipeg has been named pastor of St. Jude's in Erickson and missions in Elphinstone and Minnedosa.

Father Patrick Morand who is pastor of St. Vital Parish in Winnipeg and who was the assistant priest here at St. Augustine's when I was in elementary school will retire after over 49 years of service to the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. **Father Barry Schoonbaert** becomes pastor of St. Vital Parish.

Thank you to Bud Bercier and Bruce Ray for their time and work in replacing the hot water tank in Father Joseph's suite last week. Bud replaced the tank in the pastor's suite two years ago, so we should be in the hot water business for the next several years.

Thank you also to Felicien and Evelyn Boulet for many carpentry jobs which they do for us in the parish centre and rectory.

Thank you to Lucinda Carels and all her helpers for the lovely job they did decorating the church for all of our special occasions and for also tidying all the cupboards downstairs.

The **3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament and Banquet** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be held at Shilo Country Golf Club on June 20, 2009. This event is to encourage fellowship within our parishes and anyone is welcome to enter. It is Texas scramble format with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Enter individually or as a foursome. Entry fee is \$60.00 per person and registration deadline is June 10, 2009. Supper tickets are available for non golfers for \$20 each. For further information contact Todd Misanchuk at 728-4131 or Rudy Bidinosti at 727-5780. Entry forms available at the back of the church or the parish office.

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.