



Our Best-Kept Family Secret

It seems that being a son or daughter of God would be the kind of good news that should be up in lights on Times Square...but at times you'd think Catholics were getting paid to keep our family connection to God a big secret. Many of us have fallen into a mistaken way of viewing our connection to God, and Jesus uses the metaphor of the Good Shepherd to remind us of the truth. Most Christians work hard all their lives to "do good things" at church, school, and family. At death, we think, salvation will be the grand payoff of sorts, for a lifetime of effort. Yes, we're saved, but "not as a pay-off for all the good we've done—simply because we belong" to the family of God." (D. Pilarczyk) It is important that we use the image of Jesus as the *Good Shepherd* to help us heal from the anguish and bitterness that still results from shepherds of the Church who betrayed our trust by assaulting those in their care. Many are devastated and want no part of church. To heal these terrible wounds, we start at the foot of the cross. Allow the thought of belonging only to Jesus to rest deeply within us. May we begin to receive healing when we hear the *Good Shepherd's* voice: "I know mine, and mine know me." Go forth to love and serve our God! Fourth Sun. of Easter May 3, 2009

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MASSES FOR THIS

WEEK

Tues. May 05	9:00 am	Thanksgiving	Melina
	9:00 am	RIP Sr. M. Verda	Marlene & Bob Makalski
	9:00 am	Mothers	CWL
Wed. May 06	7:30 am	Jozef Reibesteijn	Friends
	9:00 am	RIP Larry Smukowich	Lloyd & Maureen Lee
Thurs. May 07	9:00 am	RIP Gumieny & Radlinsky	
		Families	The Family
Fairview Home	10:30 am	RIP John Blackburn	Kay Dixon
Fri. May 08	9:00 am	Madeleine Cote	Joan Boulet
	12:15 pm	RIP Edith Canton	Craig Family
Sat. May 09	10:00 am	RIP Helen Vooch	Deacon John & Carol MacKenzie
	7:30 pm	RIP David Serle	Noreen Bicknell
Sun. May 10	9:00 am	RIP John & Annie Baranuik	Eileen & Family
	10:30 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
	12:30 pm	Fr. David Kowalski	Kehler Family
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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Catechism of the Catholic Church

857-896: The church is apostolic-built on the foundation of the apostles; role of the hierarchy

Mon. **Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis**
(Acts 11.1-18)
(John 10.1-10)

Tues. (Acts 11.19-26)
(John 10.22-30)

Wed. **Blessed François de Laval**
(Acts 12.24-13.5)
(John 12.44-50)

Thurs. (Acts 13.13-25)
(John 13.16-20)

Fri. **Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine**
(Acts 13.26-33)
(John 14.1-6)

Sat. (Acts 13.44-52)
(John 14.7-14)

Sun. **5th Sunday of Easter**
(Acts 9.26-31)
(1 John 3.18-24)
(John 15.1-8)

Welcome to Our Christian Community: Vincent Gregory Ubell, Hayden Reece Christopher Kurmann-Madill, Karis Farrah Munro, Ryan Jason Manser, Carter Blake Manser, Cheyenne Elizabeth Zegers, Ava Alicea May Richard

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Francsica Arishande, Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Jeanne Boutilier, 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.**

CWL General Meeting will be held Tuesday May 5th at 7 p.m. There will be no Mass as Father is away.

VOCATION VIEW: This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs worthy leaders, Good Shepherds of the 21st Century, caring unselfishly for the needs of God's people. Please, pray for Vocations.



THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	04	Canterbury Senior Social Club	2:00 pm
	04	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	05	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	05	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
	05	CWL Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed.	06	RCIA	7:00 pm
Thurs.	07	League for Life Meeting	7:00 pm
	07	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	08	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	08	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	08	Benediction	5:00 pm
	08	T4J	6:30-8:00 pm
Sat.	09	English Class	4:30 pm

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Apr. 26, 2009	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)	\$7377.25
School Fund Collection	\$ 20.00
Restoration Collection Apr. 26, 2009 -	\$3024.58

**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

Good stewards are like good shepherds. Jesus, the good shepherd willingly offered his own life for us. The perfect model of Christian stewardship is found in the example of Jesus. What are you prepared to offer? It is in our willingness to give of ourselves that we discover a life filled with purpose and meaning – a life of significance.

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of
George Dinsdale

Brandon Area League for Life Information Alert

The terminally ill are a class of persons who need protection from family, social, and economic pressures, and who are often particularly vulnerable to such pressures because of chronic pain, depression, and the effects of medication." The State of Alaska's arguments that assisted suicide is dangerous

<http://www.euthanasia.com/quotationseuthanasia.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:

+Michael Martin Hanniman who was the brother-in-law to Pat O'Sullivan and Rita O'Sullivan died in Winnipeg on April 5, 2009. Mike was married to Anne who predeceased Mike several years ago. Mike was also a long time parishioner here at St. Augustine's. He helped many people including the Sisters of St. Michael's whom he frequently taxied around the city during the days when the Sisters did not drive. He also drove me places when I was a child/teenager. His funeral Mass was held in Winnipeg at St. Jean de Brebeuf parish. We extend our sympathy to Mike's daughter Geraldine Wilcox, her husband Michael and their son Mike. We also extend sympathy to Pat and Rita O'Sullivan. May He rest in peace and may the Lord give Michael a merciful judgment. *Fr. Dominic*

Holy Land Collection 2009 - We received a letter from the Commissary of the Holy Land. Father Gilles Bourdeau. In his letter, he acknowledged our donation of \$5,626.27 which was collected here at St. Augustine's on Good Friday. Father Gilles wrote "We wish to express our most grateful thanks, united to those of the Missionaries and Christians living and working in the Holy Land." He also asked for prayer for the Holy Father who will be visiting the Holy Land next month.

Annual Priests' Retreat: Once again it is that time of the year when the Archbishop requests the presence of the priests of the Archdiocese in attending the yearly retreat. I will be away from the parish from May 4-8. We will be once again in Pinawa. Our director this year is Father Anthony Gittins, C.S.Sp who is a professor of Mission & Culture at Theological Union in Chicago. Fr. Joseph Choji will continue with his studies at B.U., so the daily Mass schedule will be uninterrupted. Please pray for the priests of the Archdiocese who will be on retreat. Also remember the Nathanaelites 2008 who will be on a trip to the Holy Land during the same time.

Snow Shoveller - It seems like an inappropriate time of the year to be looking for someone to shovel/blow snow here at the church during the winter months. However, if we wait until the fall, winter may take us by surprise and we will have no one to do this important and vital job. If you are interested, please phone 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.

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.**

Congratulations to our THINKfast participants who lived up to the challenge of a 25-hour fast. Their pledges came with a total of \$715. raised for the needy in our world. Kudos to our 3 youth who are our top fundraisers – Jenna Karrouze - \$190.00, Devin Selinger (\$173) and Paige Kasprick (\$125). A news clip of the event can be viewed at http://www.ebrandon.ca/video.aspx?video_id=1102

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.