



Please Come Back!

Advent starts our new year of waiting for the cycle of Jesus' birth, life, and death to unfold. I particularly want to wake you up to two realities—that God loves you, and that God is faithful in loving you. Maybe some of you are feeling, "God's not real to me—I don't think God really knows or gives a (blank) about what decisions I make." Or maybe you're floundering—or don't feel you've done much with that potential life within you. But Isaiah says, God has called you BY NAME. Before you were born, your name was carved on the palm of God's hand—the way we carved the initials of the person we loved in the tree as kids. We tend to forget, so remind yourself daily: You are precious—God loves you—and God is faithful. As God says in the song of Hosea, "Come back to me—don't let fear keep us apart!" How are you doing hearing and responding to God's call? To any teenage readers—how is this making a difference in how you make decisions for your life? If "God Is Faithful", and you have been bonded and joined to Jesus by God, then it's going to have to have an effect on what you decide to do with your friends tonight. For all of us, it's going to make a difference in how we spend our money – how we talk and act toward people – what we decide NOT to do - who we choose to spend time with. The point today is that God calls us by name every day. When Jesus says, "Keep awake!" he is telling us to "keep on keeping on" responding to God's call. Don't fall asleep! Because we're not the only ones who are waiting. Just remember God's love song to you: "Long have I waited for your coming home to me, and living deeply our new life!"
Go in peace to love and serve our God! (First Sunday of Advent – November 30, 2008)

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues.	Dec. 02	9:00 am	Fr. Raju Madanu	Sally Scaletta
		5:30 pm	Peace	CWL
Wed.	Dec. 03	7:30 am	Geoff & Lorraine Kindle	Tom & Anne Matthew
		9:00 am	RIP Paul Cancade	Don & Claudette Smith
Thurs.	Dec. 04	9:00 am	RIP Philip Veitch	Simms Family
Fairview Home		10:30 am	RIP Helen Vooch	Jeanette Sadowski
Fri.	Dec. 05	9:00 am	Expectant Parents	League for Life
		12:15 pm	RIP Marcel Kenler	Paula
Sat.	Dec. 06	10:00 am	Nicole Warwaruk	Matthew Foote
		7:30 pm	RIP Paul Cancade	Fred & Dora Craig
Sun.	Dec. 07	9:00 am	RIP Joe Boschman	Dora & Family
		10:30 am	RIP Paul Cancade	Ray, Wanda & Family
			RIP Sr. M. Verda	Fr. Dominic
		12:30 pm	All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
Souris	Dec. 07	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
	Dec. 14	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
Rivers	Dec. 07	11:00 am	RIP Monique Genaille	Genaille Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Francsica Arishande, Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Jeanne Boutilier, Jim Bradford, Margaret Buckmire, Irene Copet, Jules Declercq, Ann Delgaty, Juliette Desroches, Jared Dryden, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Mervin Fleury, Nora Fleury, Mary Gaab, Megan Gardham, Marcelle Granger-Gentes, Kay Gray, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Paul Malabar, Alisa Moran, Joan Napper, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Minnie Plaseski, Emily Potvin, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Bertha Trevech, Marion Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, Debbie Williams and all our shut-ins.

Christmas Poinsettia: You are invited to participate in the liturgical enhancement of our church this Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in memory of your loved one. Sign up sheets are at the exit of the gym and the church office.. Please include payment (Clearly marked Christmas flower) in your weekly envelope or make payment at the office.

1st Sunday of Advent

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1731-1738: Responsibility and imputability

Mon. (Isaiah 2.1-5)
(Matthew 8.5-11,13)

Tues. (Isaiah 11.1-10)
(Luke 10.21-24)

Wed. **St. Francis Xavier**
(Isaiah 25.6-10)
(Matthew 15.29-37)

Thurs. **St. John of Damascus**
(Isaiah 26.1-6)
(Matthew 7.21, 24-27)

Fri. (Isaiah 29.17-24)
(Matthew 9.27-31)

Sat. **St. Nicholas**
(Isaiah 30.19-21, 23-26)
(Matthew 9.35-10.1,5,6-8)

Sun. **2nd Sunday of Advent**
(Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11)
(2 Peter 3.8-14)
(Mark 1.1-8)

Cheques for the church restoration: Several people have asked us how to address their cheques. Please make out any cheques to St. Augustine's Restoration. Any money received toward the restoration is not assessed by the Archdiocese therefore it goes directly and completely toward our restoration project.

Catechists are needed for Wednesday at 4-5 p.m. and Thursday 6:30-7:0 pm classes. Please call Sr. Therma or email stiajoc1966@yahoo.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	01	Canterbury Senior Social Club Gathering	2:00 pm
	01	NO Charismatic Prayer Group	
	01	Confirmation	7:00 pm
Tues.	02	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.	9:30 am
	02	NET Retreat at school	
	02	CWL Mass & Advent Gathering	5:30 pm
	02	Legion of Mary	5:30 pm
Wed.	03	NET Retreat at school	
	03	Quest for Christ	4:00 pm
	03	RCIA	7:00 pm
Thurs.	04	Quest for Christ	6:30 pm
	04	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	05	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	05	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	05	Benediction	5:00 pm
Sat.	06	English Class	5:00 pm
	06	1 st Reconciliation weekly catechism	11:00 am
Sun.	07	K of C Pancake Breakfast after 9:00 & 10:30 Masses	
	07	Youth Retreat	6:00 pm

Brandon Area League For Life Information Alert

Percentage of parents who abort their unborn child upon discovering he/she has Down syndrome through prenatal screening:

USA and Canada: between 84 percent and 91 percent

England: 94 percent

Spain: 95 percent

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2008/sep/08090908.html>

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a come and go **Christmas Party** on Saturday December 13, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Augustine Square. Santa appears at 2:30 p.m. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME. Activities will be catered to kids between 3 and 12 years but all are welcome, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. Please R.S.V.P with how many children no later than December 6, 2008 at nolanadam@mts.net or [1.204.745.8933](tel:12047458933).

Keep Christ in Christmas Coloring Contest is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and encourages all Pre-school children and students to participate by submitting a free hand drawing or collage on 8.5 x 14 paper to the Knights of Columbus Youth Program Director, Nolan Adam. The obvious theme is : Keep Christ in Christmas. There are three prizes per category. Submit entries to the parish office by 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday , December 10, 2008. Full details on bulletin board outside the parish office.

Buy Fair Trade Our St. Augustine's Development, Peace and Social Justice group will make available Fair Trade coffee and other products available Nov. 29 and 30 after all masses.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION: There will be Advent Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 10 at 1:00 pm for the school children, 4:00 pm for Catechism children and for the Parish at 7:00 pm. Any adults who wish to attend at 1 pm and 4 pm are also welcome.

YOUTH EVENTS - Ages 13-18 yrs.

Soul Speak: Parish Youth Leaders' Gathering by Catholic Outreach Team Monday, December 8, 6-9 P.M., Church Square Retreat cost \$10 with snacks.

Youth Christmas Party - Wednesday, December 17, 7-9 P.M., Church Square.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS - 18-35 yrs.

Sanctuary for the Soul: Young Adult Leaders' Gathering by the Catholic Outreach Team Sunday, December 7, 6-9 P.M., Church Square Retreat cost \$15 with snacks.

Young Adults' Christmas Gathering Sunday, December 7, 5 – 8 P.M., Church Square.

THANK YOU! To Tim Silversides for lending the data projector for the Sunday Hymns and to Fr. Joseph Choji for lending his laptop computer needed to project the hymns onto the screen. The parish would welcome a second hand laptop and data projector for many events, especially those involving youth. Please contact Sr. Maybelle.

RCIA: We welcome each of our new members into our community at St. Augustine's on the first Sunday of Advent. Your prayers for each of them is appreciated. Together we will grow in faith as we share our experience of Christ and continue to change from the old selves to the new.

Mark Your Calendars:

St. Dominic's is celebrating 100th Anniversary on Aug. 8, 2009, St. Lazare on Aug. 23, 2009 and Polonia Celebrates its 50th year of pilgrimage in July.

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

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Nov. 23, 2008
 Offertory Collection (Brandon) \$7507.50
 School \$ 20.00

Stewardship Reflection of the Week

"Be aware, keep alert", Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. Advent is a time of great anticipation and joy tinged with penance. The season is filled with anticipation and joy because we can imagine nothing more precious than the Christ Child and His Mother Mary's joy at His arrival. There is a need for penance because we as stewards of this great gift must properly prepare ourselves. One of the traditional themes of Advent is Hope. For the Christian Steward hope is expressed in hoping in a good and gracious God to always provide for our needs.

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of
 Michael Sturko (Nov. 30, 2008)

Young Pianists/keyboards players: if you are interested in learning to play the pipe organ please phone the parish office 727-4728 and leave your name and phone number. A class will be given in January 2009 by Michael Malazdrewicz.

Brockie Donovan Presents: the Tree of Memories Candlelight Memorial Service on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Central United Church. Please telephone 729-7074 and we will prepare a new ornament for you and confirm your attendance. Refreshments to follow. Free to our community. Everyone is welcome.

Advent Penance Services and Confessions dates and places: Souris is Tuesday, December 9. All confessions begin at 7 p.m.