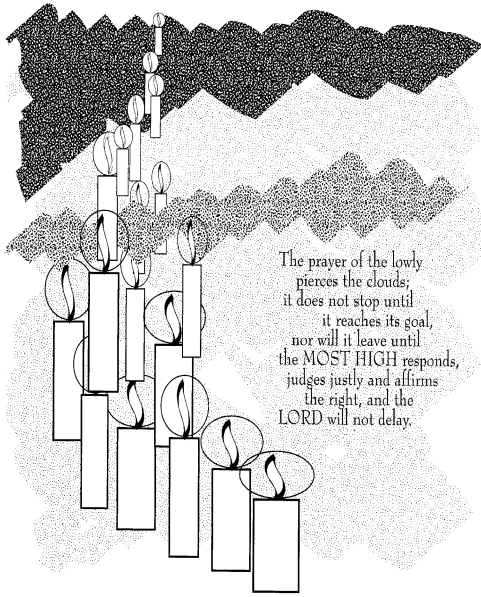


Living Inside God's Mercy



The prayer of the lowly
pierces the clouds;
it does not stop until
it reaches its goal,
nor will it leave until
the MOST HIGH responds,
judges justly and affirms
the right, and the
LORD will not delay.

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As someone has said about today's Gospel, "Two men went up to the Temple to pray. One did, and the other didn't." That's probably as good a summary of today's Gospel as we're going to get. Goodness is tricky. When goodness starts separating us from others, then it's not very good. As Jesus said: Only God is Good. Any genuine goodness we have comes from God, not from ourselves. And the goodness that is from God can never separate ourselves from the solidarity we should have with the rest of humanity. I guess that could be a clue for many of us. If we sense that our so-called goodness is driving a wedge between ourselves and others, it's time to stop and take a long look at why and how we call ourselves good. We are often walking contradictions. At one time, we think of ourselves as good, but then something happens and we ask ourselves how we could be so stupid and so sinful. We clearly need to look for that elusive middle path, where we can both rejoice in the goodness that is our share in God's goodness, and yet recognize the evil of which we are capable. As men and women of faith, we are free to celebrate that our basic identity is as God's children. So we need to rejoice in the wonderful gifts that we indeed are. And yet, at the same time, we are not to be so naive that we are unable to recognize the existence of evil in ourselves, and yes, in others. The faithful follower of Jesus Christ is one who walks through this world with her eyes wide open to what is evil, and yet with a heart full of compassion for those who stand in need of understanding and comfort and forgiveness-ourselves included. It is only when we have the courage to see ourselves with our limitations and our greatness, that we will be able to enter into a deeply understanding and compassionate relationship with others.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues.	Oct. 30	9:00 am	Pro Life Groups	League for Life
		9:00 am	RIP Maurice Chicoine	Last Will
Wed.	Oct. 31	9:00 am	RIP Anthony Fillion	Fillion Family
		9:00 am	RIP John Romanik	Gloria & Gye
Thurs.	Nov. 01	9:00 am	Deceased on Tree of Memories	League for Life
Fairview Home		10:30 am	RIP Jeannette Arpin	Grant & Joanne Allan
Fri.	Nov. 02	9:00 am	Stan Cwiernia	Footo Family
		12:15 pm	RIP Annita Fazio	Fazio Family
Sat.	Nov. 03	10:00 am	Souls in Purgatory	Ken & Josie Bessant
		5:00 pm	For all Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Raju
		7:30 pm	RIP Crawford Conrad	Ken & Julie De Roo
Sun.	Nov. 04	9:00 am	RIP Roger Lariviere	Lariviere & Richels Family
		10:30 am	RIP Louis & Jonnie Bart	Annie & Family
		12:30 pm	Dora Boschman	Ken, Karen & Steven
Rivers	Nov. 04	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	
	Nov. 11	9:00 am	For All Parishioners	

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Mon.	(Romans 8:11-17) (Luke 13:10-17)
Tues.	(Romans 8:18-25) (Luke 13:18-21)
Wed.	(Romans 8:26-30) (Luke 13:22-30)
Thurs.	All Saints (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14) (1 John 3:1-3) (Matthew 5:1-12)
Fri.	All Souls (Job 19: 1, 23-27) (1 Corinthians 15:20-23) (John 12:23-26)
Sat.	Our Lady's Saturday (Romans 11:1-2, 11-12-25-29) (Luke 14:1, 7-11)
Sun.	31st Sunday In Ordinary Time (Wisdom 11:22-12:2) (2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2) (Luke 19:1-10)

Pictorial Directory: We will be taking pictures for the pictorial directory for Nov. 13-17 and Nov. 21-24. We are asking that you all please sign up to make our Parish family album complete. There is no charge for having your picture taken and those who participate will receive a free pictorial directory. There will be an opportunity to purchase a picture if you so choose, but there is no obligation to do so. If you should need further information or would like to book your appointment please call Angela Lau at 725-3448.

Rideau Park: Assistance is needed for services held at Rideau Park 6-7 times a year Sunday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. Singers and a pianist or guitarist to share their time and talents with the residents who are most grateful for our presence would be much appreciated.

St. Augustine's Fall Supper - will be on Sunday, Oct. 28, 4:00-7:00 pm. Tickets will be available at the door, Adults \$10.00, 6-12 \$3.00 and 5 & under free. All proceeds go to Parish Capital Improvements. Everyone is invited to attend.

30th Sunday In Ordinary Time
Catechism of the Catholic Church

Readers' Workshop: There will be a Readers' Workshop in November. If you are a reader or would like to be a reader please sign up on the bulletin board outside the sacristy.

VOCATION VIEW: If you exalt yourself, what do you leave for God to give you? Rather, listen to God's voice. Doing His will is all you need to do.



THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	29	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	30	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	9:30 am
	30	Legion of Mary Adoration and Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed.	31	Quest for Christ	4:00 pm
	31	RCIA	7:00 pm
	31	Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thurs.	01	Bible Study	1:15 pm
	01	Quest for Christ	6:30 pm
	01	League for Life Meeting	7:00 pm
	01	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	02	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	02	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	02	Benediction	5:00 pm
Sun.	04	Knights Pancake Breakfast after 9:00 & 10:30 Masses	
	04	Spanish Community of St. Augustine's	1:00 pm

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Oct. 21, 2007	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)	\$7419.26
School Fund Collection	\$ 20.00
Rivers Collection	\$ 395.00

Stewardship Reflection of the Week

The Psalmist today says clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. I have been given many gifts of time, money and abilities. These are to be the means by which God answers the cry of the poor.

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of
Rene Van Damme

Sacred Heart of Jesus Vigil Lamp - Starting the week of October 29, we will have the vigil lamp burning in memory of your loved one or friend. If you wish to do this please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. The cost for the lamp to burn for 1 week (the cost of the candle) will be \$5.00.

Immaculate Conception - Rivers - On Sunday, November 11, 2007 we will have Mass at 9:00 am instead of the normal time. This will permit those who want to attend the community Remembrance Day Service at 11 a.m. the possibility to do so.

Thank you to the St. Vincent de Paul Society under the leadership of Lawrence Dubois for organizing the massive "Parish Give Away" last Saturday. Many parishioners assisted the St. Vincent de Paul Society by freely giving of their time and talent to assist the local immigrants who recently moved to Brandon from foreign countries. Visitors to the parish centre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday repeatedly commented on "Christians in action" when they observed what was happening. God does bless each of you! Report from St. Vincent de Paul to follow in next bulletin.

Thank you Serrans: The annual Serran Clergy & Religious Appreciation Supper held in the Parish Square last Wednesday was, once again, a big success. May God bless the Serrans at St. Augustine's who tangibly support, nurture, and appreciate vocations to the priesthood & Religious life. In turn, we priests & Religious appreciate you.

A new film entitled Bella was released this past week. Bella is a film

about an unplanned and "unwanted" pregnancy. It stars acclaimed Mexican actor Eduardo Verastegui who had a profound conversion and was transformed from a hot television and music star who lived an immoral lifestyle into a humble, devout Catholic. Eduardo now says that he is driven in everything he does to become a saint. Last September, Bella won the People's Choice award at the Toronto International Film Festival, where it received a standing ovation. Steve McEveaty, producer of Brave Heart and The Passion of the Christ said: "The last film with Bella's momentum was the Passion of the Christ. The Passion showed how Christ died for us and Bella shows how we should live for others."

Solemnity of All Saints falls annually on Nov. 1. It is a universal feast honoring all Christian Saints, known and unknown. This solemnity recognizes all those baptized Christians who have died and are now with God in glory. Pope Gregory IV in AD 835 instituted this feast and asked that it be held on Nov. 1. It is a day on which we thank God for giving ordinary men and women a share in His holiness and heavenly glory as a reward for their faith. The feast is observed to honor them by imitating their lives and to seek their intercession for us before Christ, who is the only Mediator between God and us, as we are told in I Timothy 2:5.

All Souls Day, Nov. 2 follows on the heels of All Saints. This is a day specially set apart for remembering and praying for our loved ones who have gone to their eternal reward, but who are in a state of purification. Evidence suggests that the belief dates back to the first century of the Church. Often found inscribed on the walls of the catacombs are "Remember us who have gone before you, in your prayers."

Arrival of Religious Sisters: In response to the advertisement for someone to fill the positions of Religious Education Coordinator in the school and Youth Minister in the parish, two Sisters belonging to the community called Missionary Apostles of Christ in the Eucharist applied. The interview committee was impressed with these two nuns. Sister Marlene Aquino has a M.A. Theology Degree from the Australian Catholic University and a Doctorate Degree in Religious Education from De La Salle University. Sister Marlene plays the guitar and also speaks Spanish. We hope that she will be of assistance in working with the Spanish speaking community here at St. Augustine's. She will be arriving in Brandon at the beginning of November. Sister Maybelle dela Cruz has a B.S. in Public Health and a Certificate in Teaching. She has several courses in Religious Education and Theology as a part of her Religious Life formation. She also was coordinator for evangelization in a Catholic school in Manila. For the past two years she has been working as a pastoral worker and religious educator in the Diocese of Grouard-McLennan, Alberta. Sister Maybelle will be arriving in Brandon in January of the New Year. In the interlude, Sister Angelita who is the General Superior living in Australia will be here to help establish the community. The Sisters will be taking up residence for the time being at St. Hedwig's rectory. I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the interview committee for their time and talent. I also wish to thank those individuals who assisted in cleaning and preparing St. Hedwig's rectory; no small job, I can assure you! I know that you, the parishioners of St. Augustine's will make these two Religious welcome in our midst. Please pray for their safe arrival and smooth entry into our parish life. You will easily recognize them because they wear a navy coloured habit and veil.