



Saving Grace

Anyone who has ever forgotten to back up their files and has lost a precious document will be very glad to hear that at least *Jesus* saves! But what, exactly, does “saving” or “salvation” mean in God’s terms? Maybe it’s easier to say what salvation does NOT mean—it’s not a heavenly turnstile where you pay your dues in life to get a ticket to Paradise. It’s not a life-sized “Get Out of Jail Free” card that you get for towing the line and saying certain prayers. Salvation will be reunification with God, the ultimate total healing of all that has been destroyed and broken apart by evil. Who wouldn’t want that, you ask? But notice all our sins of stubbornness, pride and refusal to obey God that causes constant disease, war, and chaos in our world. What is a believer to do? All that we really have left is hope. One Catholic theologian says salvation is about the healing of our existence, and the fulfillment of life. Salvation is “the essential object of hope,” the guarantee of “permanent healing and consolation.” And today Jesus shows us that Christian hope is about getting rid of anything that is merely temporary; because we need to be preparing for “*the permanent destruction of appearance.*” Try to think about *that* without screaming! The outer appearance of everyone and everything as we know it is just a shell, and will one day be destroyed. Tough reality if we tend to judge others’ value by their wealth, car, shoes, clothing, house, and neighborhood! Practice looking beyond surface appearances if you want to be a “saving grace” to all around you. Instead of fixating on the “next big thing”—a party, new clothes, a trip—be as inclusive and non-judging as possible. Because nothing that is shallow and limited can be part of the future God is preparing for us. Go in peace to love and serve our God! (Twenty-Third Sun. in Ord. Time – Sept. 6, 2009)

MASSSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. Sept. 08	9:00 am	RIP Jim Bradford	Pugh Family
	9:00 am	RIP Jim McLaren	Joey Gilarski
	7:00 pm	Teachers and Students	CWL
Wed. Sept. 09	9:00 am	Kay & Eric De Pass	Corinne Hodgson
	9:00 am	RIP Gertrude Veitch	Simms Family
Thurs. Sept. 10	9:00 am	RIP Louise Gagné	Andy & Margo Kiazzyk
	10:30 am	RIP Anna Jaworski	Issigonis Family
Fri. Sept. 11	9:00 am	Deceased Relatives	Jeannette Snyder & Family
	9:00 am	Kimon Issigonis	Gurr Family
	12:15 pm	Anne Malazdrewich	Bea Gross
	12:15 pm	Janelle & Trent Wilts	Ken, Karen & Steven
Sat. Sept. 12	10:00 am	RIP Eunice Kufflick	Yvette Cancade
	10:00 am	RIP Dora Globak	Maria Adamo
	7:30 pm	RIP Jean Hutchinson	
Sun. Sept. 13	9:00 am	For All Parishioners	Joey & Family
	11:00 am	Jaime	Fr. Dominic Mom & Dad

23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Catechism of the Catholic Church

2464-2474: To live in the truth; to bear witness to the truth

Mon. (Colossians 1.24-2.3)
(Luke 6.6-11)

Tues. **Birth of Mary**
(Romans 8.28-30)
(Matthew 1.1-16, 18-23)

Wed. **St. Peter Claver**
(Colossians 3.1-11)
(Luke 6.20-26)

Thurs. (Colossians 3.12-17)
(Luke 6.27-38)

Fri. (1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-14)
(Luke 6:39-42)

Sat. **Holy Name of Mary**
(1 Timothy 1.15-17)
(Luke 6.43-49)

Sun. **24th Sunday In Ordinary Time**
(Isaiah 50.5-9)
(James 2.14-18)
(Mark 8.27-35)

Cat.Chat Concert in Brandon - Young couples who would like to be a part of the organizing team for the Cat.Chat Concert in Brandon, please call the parish office at 727-4728 and leave your name and number so we can determine our first organizer’s meeting.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Francisca Arishande, Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Irene Copet, Jules Declercq, Ann Delgaty, Diane Dougall, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Mervin Fleury, Nora Fleury, Megan Gardham, Matthew Hrankowski, 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.

VOCATION VIEW: Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith. So take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.



NEEDED - A visually impaired person living in the east end of Brandon needs a ride to a Sunday Mass and assistance before, during and after Mass. If you can help regularly please phone Rachel at 727-8748. Thank you.

YOU ARE CALLED TO SHARE YOUR FAITH in September by sharing your talent and faith by being a Catechist at Weekly catechism classes. Classes are Wednesdays 4:00-5:00 pm and Thursday 6:30-7:30 pm. If you are interested please call the parish office or email Sr. Therma, M.A.C.E._stiajoc1966@yahoo.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon. 07	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues. 08	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	08 Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
	08 CWL Mass and Potluck	5:30 pm
Wed. 09	Catechist Meeting	4:00 pm
	09 RCIA	7:00 pm
	09 K of C Mass and Meeting	7:00 pm
Thurs. 10	Serra Club	11:30 am
	10 Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri. 11	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	11 Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	11 Benediction	5:00 pm
Sat. 12	First Degree Membership Ceremony	
Sun. 13	K of C Pancake Breakfast after 9:00 & 11:00 Masses	

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Aug. 23 & Aug. 30, 2009	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)	\$ NA
School Fund Collection	\$ NA
Restoration Collection Aug. 23 & Aug. 30, 2009	- \$NA

**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

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in memory of

Allan Cousin week of Sept. 7, 2009

Stewardship Reflection

St. James speaks to us today about hospitality. To be a good steward of our community means that we ensure *all* feel welcome. The gift we encounter in each person calls us to hold everyone in high esteem. Christian hospitality is so much more than *planned* hospitality, like coffee Sundays and greeters. To live as a Disciple of Jesus is to enter into a *daily disposition* of hospitality. Try practicing the S.A.S. of hospitality at work, at home and especially in the Church on Sunday.

Smile – Acknowledge – Serve

CWL Post-Convention will be held Sept. 19, 2009 in Winnipeg at St. Paul the Apostle Church. Registration is \$5 and lunch is \$10. All CWL members welcome! If you are interested in attending please contact Dianne Fox. Registration deadline is Sept. 8.

CWL Members mark you calendars!

-CWL General meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8th with Mass at 5:30 p.m. and pot luck and meeting to follow.

First Day of Once Weekly Catechism Class - Wednesday, Sept. 16 - 4:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Mass

Sept. 17 - Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Holy Spirit Mass

From Father Dominic's desk:

A very big **thank you** to Donna and Gerry Young and Diane and Jeff Sim for the marvelous job they did cleaning, decluttering and painting the kitchen. It is now very bright and cheerful with the new paint and very spotlessly clean counters. Thank you all for giving of your time and talents, it is very much appreciated by all that use the kitchen.

Mother's Support Group: There have been several requests to begin a mother's support group here at St. Augustine's. This will be more of a "mothers helping mothers" group, especially for mothers with small children. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 24, following the 9 a.m. Mass. We will meet in Rm 108 and use the Scripture readings from the Mass of the day as a spring board for discussion. Any questions or clarifications may be directed to Carolyn Markmann at 728-9525.

New Parking Regulations: Please note the new parking signs in front of the church. The No Parking regulations will hopefully more easily permit the drop off and pick up of those with special physical needs. Thank you for your cooperation.

Catechists and Volunteers meeting on September 9, @ 4:00 p.m at St. Augustine Church - Room 108. Attendance is a must any further questions please call Sr. Therma - 727-4728/727-2997 or email stiajoc1966@yahoo.com

Welcome to Our Christian Community: Mary Ann Margaret McInnes

RCIA: Are you, or someone you know, thinking about becoming Catholic or being fully initiated in the Catholic Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process runs in stages and is intended for

-Those who have never been baptized and would like to investigate what the Catholic faith is all about. They then may choose to continue towards full membership.

-Those who have been baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition and would like to come and learn what the Catholic community believes and see if they would like to belong.

-Catholics who were baptized but never brought up in the faith and would like to get back to their roots and prepare themselves for the other sacraments of initiation: Eucharist & Confirmation.

We will be beginning the Inquiry Stage on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 108. Please contact Deacon John for more information at 727-4728.

Faith Sharing Questions:

Question for Children: Who and what helped you believe in Jesus?

Question for Youth: Who do you know who really struggles with believing? What can you do to help them struggle through doubt?

Question for Adults: To whom do you go when you are looking for meaning or answers to life's questions?

There will be a **Squires Group** starting in the fall at St. Augustine's. This group is for young Catholic men (10 to 18 years of age). This group is in conjunction with Knights of Columbus. For more information please call Chris Pugh 728-4915 or email pugh_chris@hotmail.com.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be holding a 1st Degree Membership ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 12th. If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus please call Jim Dyck at 725-2795 or Marcel Lamontagne at 717-0693.