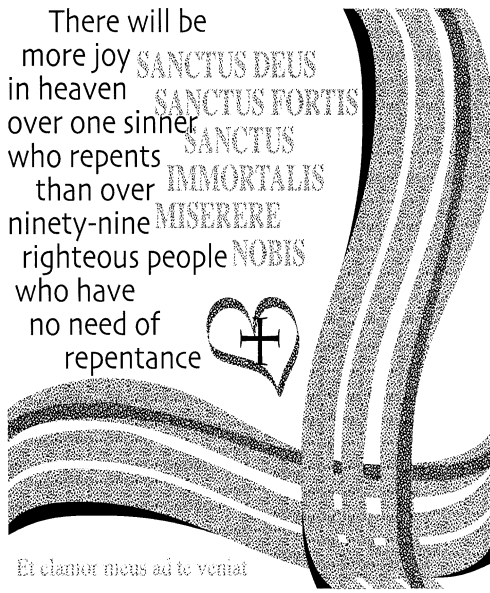


There will be  
 more joy  
 in heaven  
 over one sinner  
 who repents  
 than over  
 ninety-nine  
 righteous people  
 who have  
 no need of  
 repentance



## Second Chances

What the world needs now, perhaps even more than love, is a second chance. In many ways, some things are so bad that we almost have to start over from scratch. It's hard to know where to begin. But a second chance is what we all need. And we need it, not once, but many times in our lives. We need to know that no matter what has happened, or is happening in our lives, that there is always the chance to start over again. But instead, what quite often happens is that we ourselves will not allow that second chance to happen. If we have done something seriously wrong, many of us judge that we are forever branded with that sin. It's as if that sin had the power to imprint itself onto our very skin, and no matter what we tried, we could not erase that marking. And so, we were branded for life. We felt condemned by our past with no hope of changing how we saw ourselves, or how others saw us. Listen to this short reflection: "I wish there were some wonderful place called The Land of Beginning Again, where all of our past mistakes and heartaches, and all of our poor selfish grief, could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door. And never be put on again." (Louisa Tarkington). So often we wear our past like that shabby old coat. We don't like it. It doesn't feel comfortable and it looks terrible. But that's the coat we put on each day as we go about our business. In today's Gospel, the forgiving father has different ideas for his wayward son. "But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe-the best one-and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.'" We need to release ourselves from our past, and let God take us into the future, whatever that future may be. I pray that we all can put away our shabby coats and let God dress us in the best of robes. Peace, Fr. John Vella (September 16, 2007)

### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues.	Sept. 18	9:00 am	Frank Gudz	John & Marie Vajdik
		5:00 pm	RIP Lewis Vooch	Geoff & Lorraine Kindle
Wed.	Sept. 19	9:00 am	RIP Donnie, Alex & Bill McPherson	Gary & Gerry Walker
		7:00 pm	RIP Mrs. Henderson	Ellen O'Donohoe
Thurs.	Sept. 20	9:00 am	RIP Herb Gudz	Sophie & Family
Fairview Home		10:30 am	RIP Maurice Chicoine	Last Will
Fri.	Sept. 21	9:00 am	Patrick Boschman Family	Mom & Family
		12:15 pm	RIP Ray Beaudette	Maria Adamo
Sat.	Sept. 22	10:00 am	RIP John Fox	Bea Gross
		5:00 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Raju
		7:30 pm	RIP Frank Mestdagh	Gerry & Antionette Martens
Sun.	Sept. 23	9:00 am	RIP Joan James	Kelleher Family
		10:30 am	Deceased Family Members	Hoyle Family
		12:30 pm	Amie Karrouze	Godparents
Rivers	Sept. 23	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	
	Sept. 30	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	

Mon. **St. Robert Bellarmine**  
 (1 Timothy 2:1-7)  
 (Luke 7:1-10)

Tues. (1 Timothy 3:1-13)  
 (Luke 7:11-17)

Wed. **St. Januarius**  
 (1 Timothy 3:14-16)  
 (Luke 7:31-35)

Thurs. **Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & companions**  
 (1 Timothy 4:12-16)  
 (Luke 7:36-50)

Fri. **St. Matthew**  
 (Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13)  
 (Matthew 9:9-13)

Sat. **Our Lady's Saturday**  
 (1 Timothy 6:13-16)  
 (Luke 8:4-15)

Sun. **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 (Amos 8:4-7)  
 (1 Timothy 2:1-7)  
 (Luke 16:1-13)

**Children's Liturgy Program:** It has been suggested that this program be extended to the 12:30 family Mass which starts on September 23rd. Our 3 dedicated leaders who do a wonderful job during the 10:30 am Mass throughout the year wish to continue teaching our little people at that time. Therefore, if the program is to be available at 12:30, we would need at least 3 volunteers to teach. No special skills are needed - just a love of little children. The program material is provided ready for you, and prep time is minimal. The children love this program - and you would too! Please call Pam Stacy - 728-4838 for more info.

**Pictorial Directory:** We will be taking pictures for the pictorial directory for Oct. 22-23, Nov. 13-17 and Nov. 21-24. Sign up times for all of the scheduled photography times will be booked starting soon after all masses, please listen to the announcements. We are asking that you all please sign up to make our Parish family album complete. If you should need further information or would like to book your appointment please call Angela Lau at 725-3448.

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**Catechism of the Catholic Church**  
**2777-2785: We dare to approach in confidence to say: Our Father**



Sunday, September 16, 2007 (Continued)

THE WEEK AHEAD.....			
Mon.	17	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:30 pm
Tues.	18	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	9:30 am
	18	Brandon Catholic School Board Mtg.	7:30 pm
	18	Legion of Mary Mtg.	7:30 pm
Wed.	19	Deanery Meeting	1:00 pm
	19	Quest for Christ	4:00 pm
	19	RCIA	7:00 pm
	19	Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thurs.	20	Quest for Christ	6:30 pm
	20	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	21	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	21	Benediction	5:00 pm
Sat.	22	Deanery Pastoral Council Meeting	10:30 am
	22	Nathanael Weekend	
Sun.	23	Spanish Community of St. Augustine's	1:00 pm

Workshop held at St. Augustine's in Room #108 on Saturday, 13 October and repeated on Saturday, 20 October, both beginning at 9 am and ending about 4 pm. This workshop will soon be a mandatory requirement for anyone working with children within the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. To sign-up for either workshop, please phone the parish office. A minimum of six applicants for each workshop will be required.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Finally, after six separate workshops to accommodate everyone's busy schedules and a very long wait for the letters of delegation to arrive from the Chancery Office, we are ready to install the Extraordinary Ministers. This will take place at the Saturday vigil mass at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 22 and at the 12:30 pm Mass on Sunday, Sept. 23. These positions are for a three year term. All former Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, unless your delegation has been renewed, now cease to minister in this capacity.

**Thank You Janelle Badiou:** After several years leading us in music at the 12:00 Noon Mass, Janelle has decided that it was time for a change. It is Janelle's desire to work with children of our parish leading them in song and worship. We thank you for the generous use of your time and talent. We bless you in the Name of Jesus.

**12 Noon Sunday Mass Change:** Due to the time required to set up and test the music & sound equipment used during the Mass, the 12 noon Mass will be pushed back thirty minutes. So, the third Sunday Mass will begin at 12:30 beginning on Sunday, Sept. 23. This is the youth mass. There will be no Sunday evening Mass.

**Development & Peace** has forwarded a \$50,000 contribution to its Peruvian partner Caritas Peru to help in providing emergency assistance to some 10,000 families (50,000 people) affected by the massive earthquake that hit the southwest desert region of the country on August 15, 2007. [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

**Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church  
2007 Fall Supper:**

Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Carberry Community Hall. Menu : Roast Beef, sweet and sour meatballs, perogies, cabbage rolls, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, coleslaw and buns, coffee, tea, juice and dessert. Adults: \$9.00, Children 6-12: \$4.50 and Children 5 and under Free.

**Winter Weekend Mass Schedule: Starting Sept. 22-23**

**Saturday** 7:30 p.m. and Spanish Mass - 5:00 p.m.  
**Sunday** 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.  
**Rivers** 11:00 a.m.

**Parish Office Hours: 8:30 - 12:00 noon 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Did you know...**

- Did you know that the Eucharist is rooted in the Jewish ritual of feast day meals?
- Did you know that the exchange of peace before communion symbolically represents the persons with whom we must reconcile in every day life?
- Did you know that the Eucharist related the Passion of Christ, his death and his resurrection lived out in the community?
- Did you know that the altar on which the Eucharist is offered represents the tomb of Christ?
- Did you know that in the Ancient Church the bread for the Eucharist was supplied by the faithful themselves?

FINANCES:	RECEIPTS:
Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Sept. 9, 2007	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)	\$ 6857.60
School Fund Collection	\$ 40.00
Rivers Collection	\$ 735.55

**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**  
We can hear God speaking to us today in the parable of the Prodigal Son, through the words of the father to his elder son, "*Son, you are always with me and all that is mine is yours.*" What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

**Quest for Christ Catechism:** We are still taking registration forms for Quest for Christ Catechism. Please fill out your registration form as soon as possible and turn it in to Linda Delannoy or to the Parish Office. The cost for 1 child is \$40.00 or \$80.00 for a family.

Anyone interested in teaching catechism is asked to call Linda at the Parish office for further details.

**The Journey Through Grief** - Presented by Brandon Ministerial Association at Memories Chapel from 7:00-8:30 pm. Refreshments will be served. To register please call 727-0330 or email: [memorieschapel@mts.net](mailto:memorieschapel@mts.net)

- Oct. 3, 2007 - Life Will Never Be the Same -The Very Rev. Robin Walker
- Oct. 10, 2007 - Why God? - Pastor Mike Davis
- Oct. 17, 2007 - The Journey of Forgiveness - Dr. Evert Busink
- Oct. 24, 2007 - Self Work: The Road To Healing - Deacon John MacKenzie

**Religious Education Coordinator for St. Augustine's School:** Qualifications are posted on the bulletin board outside the Parish office. Closing date for applications Sept. 18, 2007.

**Safe Environment Workshop:** There will be a Safe Environment