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Security, Sanity and Salvation

The warning today is clear: consumerism is not a Gospel way of life. Consumerism is more than buying the things we need. It is a way of living. The person who is caught up in the consumerist life style is always looking out for the next purchase. Things hold a very high place in their lives. In fact, they hold much too high a place in their lives. Things make them feel good about themselves. So the newer and better the product, the better they feel about themselves. Discontent is the magnet that pulls the consumer to make the next purchase. If we are satisfied and happy with what we have, then the only reason to buy something new is a real need for that new thing. So the best advertising trick is to create an artificial need within a person, and then hope the person comes to see the artificial need as a real need. Allow me to share with you an absolutely shocking figure. In the year 2004, more than \$3.5 billion worth of ringtones were sold worldwide. A ringtone is the way a cell phone rings. Some have musical rings, others animal sounds or whatever. In 2004, people spent \$3.5 billion dollars buying these tones for their cell phones. Can you imagine what that amount of money could have done to help those who don't even have enough to eat on a daily basis? No matter how you look at it, this figure is staggering and shocking. But it seems to be an indicator of how we choose to spend our money. Have we lost our sanity? We can probably all find our own examples similar to the ringtone example. What is so important is that we look at our own particular lives and honestly see if we are wasting our money, while others have nothing to eat. I know that it is always hard to look closely at our own lives, because we often take our present lifestyle so much for granted. Peace, Fr. John Vella (September 30, 2007)

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

ALL MASSES FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY WILL BE OFFERED AT PRIEST'S STUDY DAYS SITE

Tues.	Oct. 02		Ray & Shawna Lamborn	Ken, Karen & Steven
		7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word with communion	
Wed.	Oct. 03		Herman Schick	Lawrence & Noreen Dubois
			Thanksgiving	Angela
Thurs.	Oct. 04		Fr. Toupin	
			50 th Anniversary of Priesthood	Lawrence & Noreen Dubois
Fairview Home			Marilyn Holland	Kehler Family
Fri.	Oct. 05	9:00 am	Deborah, Brett, Braeden & Brittany	Dora & Family
		12:15 pm	RIP Maurice Chicoine	Last Will
Sat.	Oct. 06	10:00 am	RIP Ray Beaudette	Cecile Chicoine
		5:00 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Raju
		7:30 pm	RIP Morris De Roo	Ken & Julie
Sun.	Oct. 07	9:00 am	RIP Lou Vermette	Marie-Anne Peloquin
		10:30 am	RIP Lisa Veitch	Simms Family
		12:30 pm	Ueli Schmid	Maria & Joseph Keller
Rivers	Oct. 07	11:00 am	RIP Al & Yvonne Rzesnowski	Cyril & Diane Fox
	Oct. 14	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	

Mon. **St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus**

(Zechariah 8:1-8)
(Luke 9:46-50)

Tues. **Guardian Angels**

(Exodus 23:20-23)
(Matthew 18:1-5,10)

Wed. (Nehemiah 2:1-8)

(Luke 9:57-62)

Thurs. **St. Francis of Assisi**

(Nehemiah 8:1-12)
(Luke 10:1-12)

Fri. (Baruch 1:15-22)

(Luke 10:13-16)

Sat. **Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher/St. Bruno/Our Lady's Saturday**

(Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29)
(Luke 10:17-24)

Sun. **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

(Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4)
(2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14)
(Luke 17:5-10)

Welcome to Our Christian Community: Aryana Brooklynn Smith, Derek Ronald John Deutscher, Clair Elizabeth Merckx, Charli Clare Merckx, Talia Mackenzie Garcia-Prescott, Kennedy Leigh Robertson, Rhiana Lee-Anne Rochon, Julian James Stoddart, Holland Helena Watt, Connor Dale Quennelle

VOCATION VIEW: Courage! Courage when you follow the Lord. Remember, people may not be convinced, even if one should rise from the dead - Live, in order to convince of resurrection and life.

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 Oct. 13-14, Oct. 20-21 after all masses. 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 pictures 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.

Appreciation Dinner for Clergy & Religious, sponsored by the Serra Club is being held on Wednesday, October 17. Cost \$22 Dinner 5:30 p.m. in St. Augustine Square. Tickets are available from the Church Office and from members of the Serra Club.

26th Sunday In Ordinary Time
Catechism of the Catholic Church
2437-2442: Justice and solidarity between nations



THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	01	Canterbury Senior Social Club	2:00 pm
	01	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	02	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	9:30 am
	02	CWL Meeting	7:30 pm
	02	Legion of Mary Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed.	03	Quest for Christ	4:00 pm
	03	RCIA	7:00 pm
	03	Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thurs.	04	Bible Study	1:15 pm
	04	Quest for Christ	6:30 pm
	04	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	05	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	05	Benediction	5:00 pm
Sun.	07	Pancake Breakfast after 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses	
	07	Spanish Community of St. Augustine's	1:00 pm

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.

Life Chain Canada - Join the Life Chain, Help Save Moms and babies from the horrors of abortion, on Sunday Sept. 30, 2007 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the corner of 1st St. & Victoria Ave., Brandon, Manitoba. Come to the Life Chain; bring your family and friends and spend one hour in prayerful witness. Life Chain is one way of reminding society of the equal Humanity of the most vulnerable among us. - The Brandon Area League for Life & Southwest Manitoba Pro Life Group.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everybody who made the **1st Annual Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament** a success. Hole Sponsors were: Kelleher Ford Sales, Brockie Donovan Funeral Home, Shewchuk Land Services, Memories Chapel and Pre-planning Centre, Meighen Haddad and Co. Law Offices, Scotia Bank, MTS Connect, Richmond Signs, Meyers Norris Penny, McDiarmid Lumber, Glen Walley-Field Agent, World of Water and Big Rock Brewery. Prizes were generously donated by: Meighen Haddad and Co. Law Offices, Guild Insurance Brokers, Domino's Pizza, Source for Sports, Investors Group, Southern Water Systems, Perth, Macdonald Optical, Glen Lea Golf Course, Fowler's Pontiac, Paddock Drilling Ltd. Westoba Credit Union, Leech Printing, Advanced Financial Services and Hairistocracy. We would also like to thank the Glen Lea Golf Course for their help and hospitality. Most of all we would like to thank those who golfed on that beautiful day. Due to the aforementioned, we were able to donate \$500.00 dollars to both The Counseling Centre and the Crisis Pregnancy Centre. Please join us on **June 21, 2008** at the Glen Lea Golf Course for the 2nd Annual Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament.

World Mission Sunday: Sometimes parishioners tell me that we do not do enough for the poor. Well, each year the Church gives us another opportunity to give more to the needs of the less fortunate through World Mission Sunday. This special papal collection is taken up in every Catholic parish around the world; even in poor parishes. The monies collected go to further the work of missionaries in the developing world through: medical dispensaries, food for children, catechetical materials, local initiatives such as digging wells, transportation for missionaries, upkeep of mission churches and many other necessities. Archbishop James writes "On World Mission Sunday we are called to focus our attention on the great need of the Church in the developing world. We encourage prayer, personal sacrifice and generous financial support which are vitally needed by more than 1,150 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. In times of tragedy, natural disaster, war and persecution our mission family looks to the Church and her missionaries for help and hope. The missionary work of the Church depends on each one of us. As Pope Benedict XVI reminds us in his message for World Mission Sunday this year, 'the call by Christ to evangelize is issued to every baptized Christian'. Please be as generous as your means will allow and continue to pray that all of us in the Archdiocese may be eager and effective witnesses of Jesus in our world so in need of His love and peace." Envelopes can be found in the pews.

Christian Child Care International is a Catholic sponsorship program. On World Mission Sunday, we will also have Deacon Ron Jenkins with us. He represents CCCI and will preach at all the weekend masses. This will be, yet another opportunity to support a Catholic missionary initiative.

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Sept. 23, 2007	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)	\$8862.50
School Fund Collection	\$ 15.00
Rivers Collection	\$ 288.70

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

The sin of the rich man in today's Gospel parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at the gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

CWL Meetings:

-General Meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 2007.

St. Vincent de Paul along with the Parish of St. Augustine's will be holding a "Parish Giveaway" for all the new immigrants at Maple Leaf on Saturday, Oct. 20, 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. If you have household items, furniture, bedding, towels and clothing that is clean and in good condition please consider giving it to us. Drop off times will be October 18 & 19 at St. Augustine's Church Square.

Eucharistic Congress: If you are interested in attending the Eucharistic Congress please register as quickly as possible as space is limited. If you need more information you may call Deacon John. Forms are available at the Parish Office. **You must be registered to attend.**

Thank You to everyone who prayed for me and thank you to God for responding to your prayers and in His Mercy is healing my swallowing disorder. I am now able to eat and drink again and I am getting better each day. Once again thanks to all of you, I love you all. *Ray Bourassa*

Safe Environment Workshop: There will be a Safe Environment Workshop held at St. Augustine's in Room #108 on Saturday, 13 October