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Seeing Through Things

In today's Gospel Jesus warns us that we are not allowed to cling to anything, or anyone for that matter, as if that thing or that person had the power to save us. If something or someone is interfering with our love of God and others, we have to have the willingness to put it aside. The great architect, Frank Lloyd Wright said that, "Many wealthy people are little more than janitors of their possessions." At times our possessions seem to hire us to take care of them. The basic problem with attachment is that it blinds us to other realities in life. It narrows the way we see others, ourselves, the natural world, and many human situations. This blindness is the cause of much of the evil in our world. We begin to see people in terms of how useful they are to our society or ourselves. If we can't find some immediate use for people or if they inconvenience us, we abort them in the womb, put them in institutions so we won't have to deal with them, or cut short their lives in their final years. This attachment to material things also cheapens the way we see ourselves. We come to the false conclusion that we are valuable if we have valuables. We treat the rich with unbalanced idol worship, while ignoring the poor or uneducated among us. All of this is deadly stuff. There's no doubt that most of us will be struggling with attachment and detachment for all of our lives. I hope we don't let this be a source of discouragement. We need to keep aware of how we are relating to things and people and nature. Jesus calls us to freedom-freedom to love our world, to love people, to love nature. And most of all, freedom from being possessed by anything other than love. Peace,

Fr. John Vella (September 9, 2007)

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. Sept. 11	9:00 am	RIP Margaret Workman	Anne Malazdrewich
	5:00 pm	The Unborn	League for Life
Wed. Sept. 12	9:00 am	RIP Ray Beaudette	Dina Auriti
	4:00 pm	Opening Mass Catechism	
	7:00 pm	David White	Knights of Columbus
Thurs. Sept. 13	9:00 am	Rev. Arek Skwarek	Carl & Carol Hartman
	6:30 pm	Opening Mass Catechism	
Fairview Home	10:30 am	Herman Schick	Paul & Nell
Fri. Sept. 14	9:00 am	Laurie Boschman	Mom & Family
	12:15 pm	RIP Rod McMullen	Doris
Sat. Sept. 15	10:00 am	RIP Albert Bessant	Sally Scaletta
	5:00 pm	Spanish Mass	
	7:30 pm	RIP Frances Lau	Angela & Family
Sun. Sept. 16	9:00 am	RIP Lorette Baeté	Emily Potvin & Family
	11:00 am	RIP Ray Beaudette	Golding Family
	11:00 am	Steven Fitzpatrick	Mom & Dad
	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Raju

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Jeanne Boutilier, Margaret Buckmire, Irene Copet, Ann Delgaty, Pauline Demery, Noah Dheilly, Jared Dryden, Justin Enns, Mervin Fleury, Nora Fleury, Mary Gaab, Megan Gardham, Marcelle Granger-Gentes, Kay Gray, Pauline Hayde, Patricia Kallusky, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Derek Manshanden, Alisa Moran, Joan Napper, Moses Peech, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Minnie Plaseski, Vanessa Sanko, Rena Schwalm, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gladys Solon, Gary Sproule, Isabelle Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Rosa Weiss, and all our shut-ins.

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.

23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
Catechism of the Catholic Church

1720-1724: Christian happiness

Mon. (Colossians 1:24-2:3)
(Luke 6:6-11)

Tues. (Colossians 2:6-15)
(Luke 6:12-19)

Wed. **Holy Name of Mary**
(Colossians 3:1-11)
(Luke 6:20-26)

Thurs. **St. John Chrysostom**
(Colossians 3:12-17)
(Luke 6:27-38)

Fri. **Triumph of the Cross**
(Numbers 21:4-9)
(John 3:13-17)

Sat. **Our Lady of Sorrows**
(Hebrews 5:7-9)
(Luke 2:33-35)

Sun. **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14)
(1 Timothy 1:12-17)
(Luke 15:1-32)

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

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

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	10	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:30 pm
Tues.	11	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	9:30 am
	11	Liturgy Meeting	12 Noon
	11	Brandon Ministerial Meeting	2:00 pm
	11	Opening School Mass	5:00 pm
	11	Legion of Mary Mtg.	6:30 pm
Wed.	12	Quest for Christ Mass	4:00 pm
	12	RCIA Starts	7:00 pm
	12	Bible Study	7:00 pm
	12	K of C Meeting	7:30 pm
Thurs.	13	Serra Meeting	11:30 am
	13	Quest for Christ Mass	6:30 pm
	13	Development & Peace Meeting	7:00 pm
	13	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	14	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	14	Benediction	5:00 pm
Sun.	15	Spanish Community of St. Augustine's	1:00 pm

#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.

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.

Music Ministry: You will have noticed over the course of the summer a gradual change in the musical liturgy throughout the masses. This is part of the Liturgy Renewal sanctioned by Archbishop Weisgerber. The things you will notice will be:

A Gathering Song: Sung 10-15 minutes before Mass this is a song of welcome and a call to rid the barrier of individuality and isolation. Introductions of new songs may also be made during this time. So you need not worry that you are late for mass.

During **Offertory** there will be instrumental music and then you will be invited to join in the singing as your gifts are brought to the altar. (this is to allow individuals to find their offering and not feel they have to shuffle and try to balance a hymn book at the same time.) Hymns will be sung as usual during Communion but we ask that as the choirs, singers, and musicians go up for Communion that you, the congregation continue to sing the song. We know this can be difficult but we know that there are so many beautiful voices in the church and by the singing continuing it expresses the communicants' union in spirit by means of the unity of their voices, to show joy of heart and to highlight more clearly the "communitarian" nature of the procession to receive Communion. After Communion is finished this is a time for quiet reflective prayer, a song may be sung or there may be silence. We hope you will be supportive as the Music Ministry introduces these changes.

Faith Sharing Questions:

Theme: Commitment is required to follow Jesus.

Question for Children: Jesus says that in order to be one of his followers, we must be close to him. When do you feel closest to Jesus?

Pregunta para los niños: Jesús dice que para poder ser uno de sus seguidores, debemos estar cerca de él. ¿Cuándo te sientes muy cerca de Jesús?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells his disciples that they must renounce "their possessions" in order to be his disciple. What does this mean for you as a young person, just starting out in life? What do you think God is asking of you in today's Gospel?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Jesús dice a sus discípulos que ellos deben renunciar a "sus posesiones" para poder ser sus discípulos. ¿Qué significa esto para ti como una persona joven comenzando a vivir? ¿Qué crees que Dios está pidiendo en el Evangelio de hoy?

Question for Adults: Today's Gospel is demanding. How do you as a modern man or woman "denounce your possessions?" What does this mean for you?

Pregunta para los adultos: El Evangelio de hoy es exigente. Siendo un hombre o una mujer moderno, ¿cómo "denunciaría sus posesiones"? ¿Qué significa esto para usted?

Winter Weekend Mass Schedule: Starting Sept. 21-22

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.

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Sept. 2, 2007	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)	\$ 7748.25
School Fund Collection	\$ 15.00
Rivers Collection	\$ 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

Stewardship Reflection of the Week

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking **us** to give up *everything*? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is actually a gift from God. Good stewards know that, and strive to use those gifts accountably. It may not be practical to give up all we possess, but good stewards **have given up the need to possess**. The stewardship way of life calls us to possess sensibly.

The **RCIA** is a journey of faith for those who desire to be baptized; make a profession of faith. If that is you, you are invited to call the Office for info and speak to Deacon John.

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.

VOCATION VIEW: Jesus says clearly; "Anyone who does not take up the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." You and Jesus can carry your cross together. Then, you can follow!

Safe Environment Workshop: There will be a Safe Environment Workshop held at St. Augustine's in Room

