

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
I also saw a new JERUSALEM
the Holy City
coming down from heaven.



This is GOD's dwelling among people.
He shall dwell with them and shall wipe
every tear from their eyes and there shall
be no more death or mourning
for the old order has passed away.

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Called To Be Friends

Friendship has an extremely important role to play in all of our lives. Without real friends, life loses much of its appeal. It becomes dull, lonely and, at times, even quite depressing. True friendship is not just useful. It is, in many ways, the staff of life, a necessity for human living. In the encyclical, *The Redeemer of Man*, Pope John Paul gave us these remarkable words: "Man (or woman) cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible to himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it." What could be clearer? Life without love makes no sense whatever. One of the most common forms of love that we find in our lives is found in our friendships. There may be people who have no family or any close relatives. But we would surely pity the person without even one friend. The power of deep friendship is truly remarkable. Think of your closest friends; some of them might be from grade school, others from university years. But a true friend is more than someone who just has history with you, and knows where the bodies are buried! But, as with all valuable things in life, we need to actively take care of our friendships. To have a friend, we must be a friend. "Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts." Thomas Hughes (British reformer, jurist and writer; 1823-1896) Is friendship a ministry? Yes, if it is a true service of love to others. While we are still in the Easter season, it is good to talk about what happens when we make the decision to love our neighbour. We not only give new life to someone else, but our own life is refreshed and renewed. **Go in peace to love and serve our God!** Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 2, 2010

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. May 04	9:00 am	RIP Juliette Desrochers	Celeste & Family
	9:00 am	RIP Tony Fazio	Fazio Family
	7:00 pm	Mothers	CWL
Wed. May 05	7:30 am	Donna & Diane	Serra Club
	9:00 am	Helmi & Joe Moritz	Bea Gross
	9:00 am	RIP Sean Kavanagh	Yvette Cancade
Thurs. May 06	9:00 am	RIP Wilma Kichak	Bill and Family
	Fairview Home 10:30 am	RIP Emilienne Potvin	Felicien & Eveline Boulet
Fri. May 07	9:00 am	Ed Davis	Gordon Phillips
	9:00 am	Joan Shields & Family	Russell & Joan Lawrence
	12:15 pm	RIP Tess McLaren	Yvonne Day
Sat. May 08	12:15 pm	Lynnette Fitzpatrick	Ken, Karen & Steven
	10:00 am	RIP George Pavlin	Velma
	7:30 pm	RIP John Gillis	Prayer Group
Sun. May 09	9:00 am	Deborah, Braedan & Brittany	
		Boschman	Dora & Family
	10:30 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. James
	12:30 pm	RIP Louis & Jonnie Bart	Annie & Family

CWL:

The CWL next general meeting will be May 4, 2010 following Mass at 7:00 pm. The Guest speaker will be Fr. Dominic Yuen. Tickets for the June windup on June 1, 2010 will be available at that time.

The St. Augustine's CWL is offering a Scholarship of \$500 to a female student who is graduating from Grade 12 (Senior 4) in the current year, and is a member of St. Augustine's Parish (Brandon) or missions served by St. Augustine's Parish. Only those completed applications received before June 2nd, 2010 will be considered. Contact Leona Smithson for more information.

The **CWL 89th Diocesan Convention** was a success. The Mass collection at the opening Mass on Friday raised \$916.05. April 15th this money was presented to representatives of the BRHC Keepsake Program by representatives from the St. Augustine's Council of the CWL.

5th Sunday of Easter

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1822-1829: Charity

1396-1401: The Eucharist and unity

Mon. **St. Philip/St. James**
(1 Corinthians 15.1-8)
(John 14.6-14)

Tues. **Blessed Marie Léonie Paradis**
(Acts 14.19-28)
(John 14.27-31)

Wed. (Acts 15.1-6)
(John 15.1-8)

Thurs. **Blessed François de Laval**
(Acts 15.7-21)
(John 15.9-11)

Fri. (Acts 15.22-31)
(John 15.12-17)

Sat. **Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine**
(Acts 16.1-10)
(John 15.18-21)

Sun. **6th Sunday of Easter**
(Acts 15.1-2, 22-29)
(Revelation 21.10-14, 22-23)
(John 14.23-29)

VOCATION VIEW: Can you imagine a country running on Jesus' one law of "love one another"? No wars. No hunger. No thirst. No jealousy. Only loving followers of Jesus.



THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	03	Canterbury Senior Social Club	2:00 pm
	03	Development and Peace Speaker	6:30 pm
	03	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	04	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	04	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
	04	CWL Mass and Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed.	05	Youth Band Practice	6:00 pm
	05	RCIA	7:00 pm
Thurs.	06	Rehearsal for 1 st Communicants	6:30 pm
	06	Adult Formation	7:00 pm
	06	League for Life AGM	7:00 pm
	06	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	07	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	07	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	07	Benediction	5:00 pm
Sat.	08	1 st Communion Mass	10:00 am
Sun.	09	St. Augustine's Community Choir Practice	7:00-8:00 pm

FINANCES:**Collection for Apr. 25, 2010**

Offertory Collection	\$ 7412.00
School Fund Collection	\$ 20.00
Restoration Collection	\$ 406.00

RECEIPTS:**Vigil Lamp**

The light burns in memory of
Malkowich Family
week of May 3, 2010

St. Vincent de Paul is now accepting donations of all household articles and furniture for distribution to newcomers who have immigrated to Brandon. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Welcome to Our Christian Community:

Brayden Alexander William Watt, Gracie Ann Johnston, Sébastien Philip Terry Shakotko

Brandon Area League for Life Annual General Meeting

Thursday May 6, 2010 at 7:00 PM in St. Augustine's Square
Speaker: Katharine Yurkiw from Westman Hospice Topic:
Palliative Care, Counselling & End of life issues
Refreshments served, all are welcome.

May 15th Youth Rally in Winnipeg - For youth grades 7-12. A bus will be going from our parish. Registration forms are available at the church entrances, please return to the parish office.

Development and Peace will be hosting Ricarido Saturay from the Center for Environmental Concerns in the Philippines. This group is a non-government organization representing fisherfolk, farmers, indigenous peoples, women, urban poor, and professional sectors. Ricarido handles programs for community-based environmental education, watershed protection, disaster response and livelihood development. You are invited to come and hear Ricarido speak about this work, which is in partnership with Development and Peace, in St. Augustine's parish square on **Monday, May 3rd, at 7:00 PM.**

From Father Dominic's Desk:

Knights of Columbus Breakfast - The K.O.C. will be offering the proceeds of their breakfast in May and June to assist their brother Knights, the vocational discerners and their pilgrimage to Rome and Malta.

Dan Potvin & Youth Advisory Committee: This past week Dan Potvin sent me an e-mail which informed me that he was stepping down as the facilitator of the Youth Advisory Committee. With "stewardship" being the next portion of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Vision, Dan stated that he will be spending more time away from Brandon and will also be more occupied with stewardship on the diocesan level. We thank Dan for leading the Youth Advisory Committee for the last year. No doubt there were several challenges attached with the YAC meetings. Dan and his ministry to St. Augustine's was included with the others involved in ministry when we had the ministry appreciation supper in the parish square last week. May God give you strength for what is ahead of you Dan!

Property Purchase: Some may have noticed that the house across the street from the parish centre (336 Fourth Street) has a "For Sale" sign posted outside. The Parish Finance Council met several times to discuss the feasibility of purchasing this property in order to expand the adjacent parking lot. Apparently the same property was for sale the year prior to my arrival however the parish did not have the necessary funds to purchase it. Thankfully we presently have the cash. (It is always good to have some money tucked away for the unexpected!) We made a few offers and finally agreed on a purchase price of \$228,000. The necessary paper work is presently being completed by the lawyers. The date of purchase is the 19th of July. The house will be placed on the market and will be moved to another location.

Seminarman Seeks Employment: Seminarman Shaun Shmyr has returned from St. Peter's Seminary in London, ON where he completed his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He will be going to the Carthusians in Vermont for a three month period of discernment beginning in July. In the interlude he is seeking some form of employment to assist with travel costs, etc. Shaun comes from a farm in the Rossburn area and is accustomed to manual labour. If anyone has a job or jobs for him for the next couple of months, please phone the parish office.

Catechism Registration: The registration for Catechism/Quest for Christ next fall 2010/2011 will be available at both entrances of the church and also on the St. Augustine website. For more information please contact Sr. Therma at 727-4728 or the Parish Office. Deadline is May 31, after 31st there will be an extra charge.

Knights of Columbus Brandon Council 1435 Scholarship Notice: Brandon Council is inviting young men for this \$500 scholarship no later than June 11, 2010. For further information please contact the Parish Office.

St. Augustine's CWL Convention Organizing Committee would like to thank all our members who supported the 89th Annual Winnipeg Diocesan Convention. Your attendance at the banquet/convention and your donations to the raffle helped make this a very successful convention!