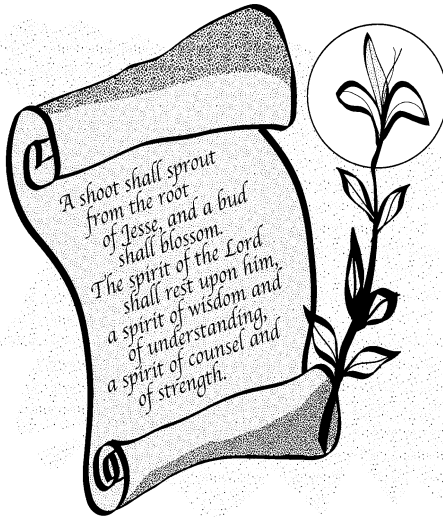


The Action of Hospitality



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Do you own any action figures? They've been around since G.I. Joe in 1964... including Star Wars, Spiderman, or The Fantastic Four. Today's gospel brings us a real-life action figure: John the Baptist. John was prepared by God in the desert, rough and ready for his task: to announce Jesus to the world. His message? "Reform your lives! The reign of God is at hand." John says "Turn away from your sins!" But today, he sees dishonest Pharisees and Sadducees coming up for baptism to impress the public. John doesn't pussyfoot around: "You brood of vipers!... Give some evidence that you mean to reform!" The Pharisees put on a good outward show, but they had a total lack of spiritual hospitality. They were proud of being Abraham's descendants, but they didn't "walk his walk" by opening their hearts to welcome Jesus. And John knew they had no intention of reforming! How often are we prone to the same temptations? Christmas is Jesus' ultimate act of hospitality, and Advent is our time to bring Jesus' "ultimate hospitality" to every situation we find ourselves in: bringing greater warmth, openness, love, and welcome everywhere. What if, during Advent, we saw every conversation as a way to radiate Christ's hospitality? What if we stripped the complaints out of our talk, and practiced the phrase, "Tell me more"... and then listened with patient encouragement? *Hospitality is an action word!* Do I welcome unexpected changes... new ideas or people into my life? Or do I feel annoyed, or project a "back off or else!" attitude? May God, the source of patience, give us the same point of view as Jesus this Advent!

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. Dec. 07	9:00 am	RIP Paulette Soloway	Popien Family
	5:30 pm	World Justice and Peace	CWL
Wed. Dec. 08	7:30 am	RIP Lori Boileau	Vince & Family
	7:00 pm	RIP Pete Kurushima	Joe & Suzanne Kiazzyk
Thurs. Dec. 09	9:00 am	RIP Wilma Kichak	Florence Makar
	Fairview Home 10:30 am	Thanksgiving	Leonard Lewandoski
Fri. Dec. 10	9:00 am	Dean, Nancy & Family	Ken, Karen & Steven
	9:00 am	C. O. Jos & Annamma	Biju & Deepthy
	12:15 pm	RIP Don Solkoski	Peter & Cecilia & Family
	12:15 pm	RIP Frank M. Adamski	Amelia & Family
Sat. Dec. 11	10:00 am	RIP Marie Brejnik	Laura, Adam & Samuel Gurr
	10:00 am	RIP Ed Davis	St. Augustine Choir
	4:00 pm	Vanwynsberghe Family	Snoeck Family
	4:00 pm	RIP Elsie Panchuk	Yvonne & Greg Skura
Sun. Dec. 12	9:00 am	RIP Jim MacKay	Gayle & Family
	9:00 am	Richard & Christine Dubois	Bruce, Jackie & Brendan Miles
	10:30 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. James
	12:30 pm	RIP Stella Robinson	Simms Family
	12:30 pm	RIP Armand Belmore	John Wilson

2nd Sunday of Advent

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1739-1742: Human Freedom in the Plan of Salvation

Mon. St. Nicholas of Myra

(Isaiah 35.1-10)
(Luke 5.17-26)

Tues. St. Ambrose

(Isaiah 40.1-11)
(Matthew 18.12-14)

Wed. Immaculate Conception of Mary

(Genesis 3.9-15, 20)(Ephesians 1.3-6,11-12)
(Luke 1.26-38)

Thurs. St. Juan Diego

(Isaiah 41.13-20)
(Matthew 11.11-15)

Fri. (Isaiah 48.17-19)

(Matthew 11.16-19)

Sat. St. John of Damascus I

(Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11)
(Matthew 17.10-13)

Sun. 3rd Sunday of Advent

(Isaiah 35.1-6, 10)
(James 5.7-10)
(Matthew 11.2-11)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Irene Copet, Jules Declercq, Ann Delgaty, Ron Ediger, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Mervin Fleury, Connie Gudz, Matthew Hrankowski, Brett Lawrence, Kathleen MacDougall, Paul Malabar, Millicent Mychasiw, Alisa Moran, Tony Petrucci, Minnie Plaseski, Linda Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Irene Toma, Ashely Kostecki Truax, Marian Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, Rebecca Weitzman, Debbie Williams and all our shut-ins.

The **Knights of Columbus** will again sponsor their "**Keep Christ in Christmas Lighting Contest**". If you have an outdoor nativity scene and would like to enter or would like to nominate someone else, call Todd Misanchuk at 728-4131 and leave your name, person nominated, address and phone number. Judging will be done throughout December with prizes being awarded.

Christmas Flower Collection: Christmas, once again is right around the corner and we are already preparing to decorate our beautiful church. Last year we asked for a loose change donation to be made during mass which was very successful. This Advent season we are asking for your support though a second collection at each mass.



VOCATION VIEW: Isaiah says: "The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord." Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and who are you teaching today?

Sunday Missals for 2011 are available in the Parish Office.

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	06	Canterbury Senior Social Club	2:00 pm
	06	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	07	St. Vincent de Paul	9:30 am
	07	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
	07	CWL Advent Party	5:30 pm
	07	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
Wed.	08	Catechism Classes	4:00 pm
	08	RCIA	7:00 pm
	08	12:30 Choir Practice	7:00 pm
	08	Into the Deep	7:00 pm
	08	K of C Meeting @ St. Mary's	7:30 pm
Thurs.	09	Serra Club Mtg.	11:30 am
	09	Catechism Classes	6:30 pm
	09	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	10	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	10	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	10	Benediction	5:00 pm
Sat.	11	CWL Day of Reflection	9:00-2:00 pm
Sun.	12	St. Augustine Community Choir Practice	7:00 pm

From Father Dominic's Desk:

Advent & Christmas Dates & Times

Advent Confessions will take place at St. Augustine's on Wednesday, December 15. As usual, there will be three separate times: 1 pm, 4 pm, & 7 pm.

Confessions at **1 pm** are primarily for the students and teachers of St. Augustine's School. Added to these, we invite any seniors who may feel safer attending in the daylight. Also, anyone else who may not be able to attend with the rest of the parish in the evening.

Confessions at **4 pm** are for the children who attend public school and their parents who may wish to attend.

Confessions at **7 pm** are for the parish at large. All priests from the Westman deanery will be here to listen to your confessions.

Confessions at Souris will take place following Sunday mass on December 5 & 12.

Christmas Masses at St. Augustine's are Friday, Dec. 24 at 4pm, 6 pm, 8 pm and 12 midnight. Christmas Day 10:30 am.

Christmas mass in Souris will be December 24 at 8 pm.

Sunday Dec. 26 Mass times will be 9 am & 11 am.

Mary, Mother of God is a holy day of obligation in Canada. Masses at St. Augustine's will be on Fri., Dec. 31 at 5:00 pm. Saturday, Jan. 1 Mass will be at 10:30 am.

In Souris, mass will be on Jan. 1, 2011 at 11:00 am. Sunday, Jan. 2 Masses at St. Augustine's will be at 9 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm.

Parish Pastoral Council -

We would like to thank Norah Pieroni for her service and dedication as a member of the PPC for the past three years. If there is a parishioner whom you may know and who you think would be a helpful addition to parish council, please let either one of the parish trustees; Brian Schoonbaert or Bruce Ray or myself know.

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body engaged in common pastoral visioning and planning, and in fostering of pastoral action in the threefold ministry of the church: teaching, pray/worship and shepherding. This threefold ministry responds to the threefold mission of Christ: to teach, to sanctify and to serve. Council members become familiar with, not only with the mission of the parish, but also that of the diocese and universal church.

CWL please save Dec. 11, 2010

To all the women of St. Augustine's please join the catholic Women's League in an Advent Day of Reflection on Sat. Dec. 11, 2010 beginning with Mass at 10:00 am and reflection until 1:30 pm. Snacks will be provided. Sign up sheet can be found on the CWL bulletin board in the east vestibule.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be starting the Keep Christ in Christmas Coloring Contest. All entries are due by Dec. 20 by 3:30 pm. For more information call Matthew Dubois at 570-0123 or please check the bulletin boards.

FINANCES:		RECEIPTS:
Collection for Nov. 28, 2010		
Offertory Collection	\$8459.50	
School Fund Collection	\$ 20.00	
Restoration Collection	\$1050.00	

Vigil Lamp

The light burns in Memory of
Dorothy Leblanc for week of Dec. 6, 2010

Stewardship- Faith on Fire, Hearts & Minds Transformed

St. John the Baptist was chosen to be "prophet of the Most High God." Luke 1:76 As baptized Catholics we too are called to be prophets. The Second Vatican Council confirms this, "...they (the laity) in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic and kingly functions in Christ" *Lumen Gentium* (31) What has this got to do with Stewardship? If we are to be prophetic then we must, by the example of our lives and the witness of our speech, be good stewards of the Gospel message and share it. Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

For those "hard to buy for" people on your list, may we suggest purchasing a ticket to the 4th Annual Brandon Area League for Life Banquet on Jan. 22, 2011. Tickets for the supper and speaker are \$20.00 each. The speaker is Michael Coren, journalist for the Toronto Globe and Mail. Tickets may be purchased after all masses Dec. 4th & 5th.

The **Brandon Area League for Life** will be selling Classic Art Christmas cards, Angel Christmas tree decorations in memory of a loved one, and Christmas cakes after all masses December 4 and 5. Please support your local prolife group.