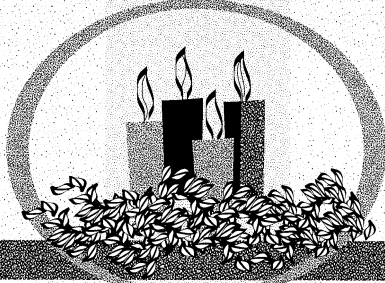


## ADVENT



*We await the Coming  
of the Lord*

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## Taking Care of Business

On this first Sunday of Advent, the first day of the new Church year, I have a really important message for you. Are you ready for this? It's been brought to my attention by Management that—you're not busy enough. Well, the Scriptures don't say it in those words. But children and adults alike are on such jam-packed schedules that it is doing violence to our spirits. We are busy, indeed—but the question that Jesus forces us to face today is: what is the business of our busyness? We have become almost robotic in "taking care of business" each day. And the more frantic we become, the less we are able to take care of the real business of the heart. Remember what Marley said to Ebenezer Scrooge when Marley appeared wearing a huge, heavy chain, woven of "cashboxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, and heavy purses..."? (Seriously—"heavy purses"!)

Marley wears this chain for misusing his chances to make a difference for others in life. "The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence were, all, my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!" (*Chap. 1*)

When Jesus says, "Keep awake," he means take time and silence to pray and choose carefully how to spend your and your family's time. God has a bigger plan at stake. Do our choices build up God's priorities? Or do they waste the short and precious time we have been given to create a more just and loving world, as God's partners? When Jesus returns at "an unexpected hour," may he find us not breathless with exhaustion—but with hopeful expectation!

## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

|                |          |                      |                         |
|----------------|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Tues. Nov. 30  | 9:00 am  | RIP Art Dinelle      | Ken, Karen & Steven     |
|                | 9:00 am  | RIP Veulah Cotnam    | Karen & Gilbert Martin  |
| Wed. Dec. 01   | 7:30 am  | RIP Jean Bonchuk     | Marge Deschambault      |
|                | 9:00 am  | Tracy                | Smith Family            |
|                | 9:00 am  | Christine Clausen    | Mom & Dad               |
| Thurs. Dec. 02 | 9:00 am  | RIP Morrell Soroka   | Yvette Cancade & Family |
|                | 10:30 am | RIP Don Solkoski     | Joe & Suzanne Kiazzyk   |
| Fri. Dec. 03   | 9:00 am  | RIP Paulette Soloway | Gordon & Sylvia Gurke   |
|                | 12:15 pm | Special Intention    | Diane Zolinski          |
|                | 12:15 pm | Josie Bessant        | Anna Maria & Family     |
| Sat. Dec. 04   | 10:00 am | Special Intentions   | Legion of Mary          |
|                | 10:00 am | RIP Walter Adamski   | Amelia & Family         |
|                | 4:00 pm  | RIP Wilma Kichak     | Florence Makar          |
|                | 4:00 pm  | RIP Elsie Panchuk    | Ruckle Family           |
| Sun. Dec. 05   | 9:00 am  | For All Parishioners | Fr. Dominic & Fr. James |
|                | 10:30 am | RIP Philip Veitch    | Simms Family            |
|                | 10:30 am | RIP Ed Davis         | Ron & Joan Britton      |
|                | 12:30 pm | RIP Kus Hercun       | Dina Auriti             |
|                | 12:30 pm | RIP Armand Belmore   | John Wilson             |

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of AdventCatechism of the Catholic Church  
1020-1022: Particular Judgment

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| Mon.   | (Isaiah 4.2-6)<br>(Matthew 8.5-11, 13)  |
| Tues.  | <b>St. Andrew</b><br>(Romans 10.9-18)<br>(Matthew 4.18-22)  |
| Wed.   | (Isaiah 25.6-10)<br>(Matthew 15.29-37)  |
| Thurs. | (Isaiah 26.1-6)<br>(Matthew 7.21,24-27)   |
| Fri.   | <b>St. Francis Xavier</b><br>(Isaiah 29.17-24)<br>(Matthew 9.27-31)                               |
| Sat.   | <b>St. John of Damascus</b><br>(Isaiah 30.19-21, 23-26)<br>(Matthew 9.35 - 10.1,5,6-8)            |
| Sun.   | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>(Isaiah 11.1-10)<br>(Romans 15.4-9)<br>(Matthew 3.1-12) |

**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 Kostecky Truax, Marian Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, Rebecca Weitzman, Debbie Williams and all our shut-ins.



**VOCATION VIEW:** In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?

For the children of **St. Augustine's the Knights of Columbus** will be hosting a celebration of the Feast of St. Nicolas. The celebration will take place in the parish square on Saturday, December 4th from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. All children are welcome to attend but **must pre-register** no later than Monday, November 29th by email to jhouli@wgcwave.ca or by calling John Houlihan at 727-1814. **Please provide your child's name, gender and age when registering, drop-ins cannot be accommodated so please pre-register.**

**Sunday Missals** for 2011 are available in the Parish Office.

## Rite of Christian Initiation

We welcome each of our new members into our Catholic community here at St. Augustine's, they have been journeying in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Together we will grow in faith as we share our experience of Jesus Christ and continue to change the old person to the new we pray for one another.

**THE WEEK AHEAD.....**

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|--------|----|--|--------------|
| Mon.   | 29 | Charismatic Prayer Group                           | 7:00 pm      |
| Tues.  | 30 | St. Vincent de Paul                                | 9:30 am      |
|        | 30 | Legion of Mary                                     | 4:30 pm      |
|        | 30 | Finance Meeting                                    | 5:00 pm      |
|        | 30 | Confirmation Class                                 | 7:00 pm      |
|        | 30 | Parish Council Meeting                             | 7:00 pm      |
| Wed.   | 01 | Catechism Classes                                  | 4:00 pm      |
|        | 01 | RCIA   | 7:00 pm      |
|        | 01 | 12:30 Choir Practice                               | 7:00 pm      |
|        | 01 | Into the Deep                                      | 7:00 pm      |
| Thurs. | 02 | Catechism Classes                                  | 6:30 pm      |
|        | 02 | Choir Practice                                     | 7:30 pm      |
| Fri.   | 03 | Mass followed by Adoration                         | 12:15 pm     |
|        | 03 | Confession   | 4:00-4:45 pm |
|        | 03 | Benediction  | 5:00 pm      |
| Sun.   | 05 | K of C Pancake breakfast after 9:00 & 10:30 Masses |              |
|        | 05 | St. Augustine Community Choir Practice             | 7:00 pm      |

**FINANCES:****Collection for Nov. 21, 2010**

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Offertory Collection   | \$6720.75 |
| School Fund Collection | \$ 20.00  |
| Restoration Collection | \$ 170.00 |

**RECEIPTS:****Vigil Lamp**

The light burns in Memory of  
Andy Cousin for week of Nov. 29, 2010

**Stewardship Reflection**

Today marks the beginning of a new year in the life of our Church. Let us pray that we all may be good stewards of the coming year. We pray that our hearts and minds will continue to be transformed by cultivating in our lives, and in our communities, the virtues of prayer, humility, gratitude, generosity, trust, simplicity, responsibility, mercy, patience and perseverance. Amen

**Spiritual Adoption:** Your baby is making progress developing all of his external features and internal organs. His brain is functioning at 40 days. His mother can hear his heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. His milk-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. And it has been reported that a two-month old baby can suck his thumb. From this moment onward, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his body. But everything he needs to survive once he is born is already present by the end of the eighth week.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA**

For those "hard to buy for" people on your list, may we suggest purchasing a ticket to the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**From Father Dominic's Desk:**

**Advent Confessions**, Wednesday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Tree of Memories Candlelight Service:** As we approach Christmas, Brockie Donovan is once again arranging a memorial service for all those who have lost a loved one over the past year. The service will be held at Central United Church on Thursday, December 2 at 7pm. This year Heather and Mo Karrouze are providing the music, Jason Cross is in charge of the sound system and Father Dominic is providing a short reflection. If you have lost a loved one over the past twelve months and would like to place an ornament on the tree of memories prior to the service, please telephone 729-7074. Everyone is welcome to attend the service.

**Natural Family Planning** using the Billings Ovulation Method which is 99% effective and 100% natural. Learn how to achieve or postpone pregnancy while remaining faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. For further information visit [www.billingsnaturalfamilyplanning.org](http://www.billingsnaturalfamilyplanning.org) or phone: 1-866-796-3722 or e-mail: [info@billingsnaturalfamilyplanning.org](mailto:info@billingsnaturalfamilyplanning.org)

**FOR SALE:**

Character home for sale, to be moved, @ 336 Fourth St., Brandon. Lovely 1 ¼ storey, three bedroom family home features living room with wood burning fireplace, formal dining room, kitchen with cozy bright family room. This parish owned home has beautiful hardwood floors and tile throughout. This home has approximately 1700 sq. ft. of living area. If you or someone you know is interested in purchasing this to be moved home, please contact the parish office @ 727-4728.

We will have a parish-wide survey at each mass this weekend to get your input on Youth Ministry. Please pray and consider your wishes for Youth Ministry in our Church. Thank you for your participation in our efforts for a renewed youth ministry in our parish.

C.E.O. Youth Retreat for teens Grades 9 and up is coming! The retreat will be led by Canada's National Evangelization Team. Please mark your calendars, Saturday, December 4th, 9-5 pm at the school gym. Bring your friends, cost is free! To register, please call the parish office.

**Anita Sonntag Regional Co-ordinator for Silent No More Awareness** will be speaking Dec. 5 in St. Augustine's Square. Supper and Speaker \$20.00. Tickets available after all masses or call Jim Farthing 763-4951.

**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.

**Next executive meeting** Nov. 30, 2010 7:00 pm at the home of Ann Kamann.

**CWL Advent Party** Dec. 7, 2010. Tickets available from the parish office or Sally Scaletta until Nov. 30, 2010.

**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.