



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16 & 17, 2016



"Good News Reflection" - Don't worry, be fearless (Readings: Genesis 18:1-10a, Colossians1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42)

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks to us about our anxieties and worries. They distract us. They're harmful to us if we let them control our lives, because they take our eyes off of our Lord and focus us on what's going wrong and how it might get worse.

Mary chose the "better part"; she didn't let anything distract her from being a disciple learning avidly from Jesus. When we make the time to put aside the busyness of life to sit quietly and learn from Jesus, we discover reasons why our worries aren't really so worrisome.

Only as we sit quietly at the feet of Jesus do we find hope that overcomes despair, peace that conquers anxiety, and wisdom that gets us through trials. Even the littlest worry, such as Martha's concern that her kitchen chores wouldn't get done, is a sin when it takes our eyes off of Jesus. Nothing that distracts us from Jesus is ever good for us.

We cannot grow in holiness when we're not watching Jesus and learning from him how to be holy. We cannot love as he loves nor receive all the love he gives us unless we have a prayer life that includes quiet time alone with him, drinking up his lessons and his loving embrace. Prayers said while driving and while listening to homilies isn't enough.

Anxieties and worries are varying degrees of fear: We're afraid that something bad is going to happen. Even when there's a legitimate reason to worry, fear blocks our view of Jesus, because it turns us away from him. We need to recognize fear as a warning flag telling us to slow down, quiet down, and sit down with Jesus for a good discussion on whatever it is that's bothering us. He's got the answers, the encouragement, and the affirmation that will bring us peace.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What has been worrying you lately? What are you anxious about? What are you fearing might happen? Write them on a list and take them to Jesus in a quiet prayer time. What lessons is Jesus is trying to teach you in those situations? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn from Jesus.

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"Good News Reflection" - How to pray with faith (Readings: Genesis 18:20-32, Colossians 2:12-14, Luke 11:1-13)

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus teaches us how to pray with faith. Notice that his parable does not say that we can get everything we ask for. Not everything is good for us; the "bread" that runs as a theme through this scripture is the life of holiness. The "Bread of Life" is Jesus. The gift of the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, is a holy life.

Notice also that the visitor in the parable is a friend of God, not a stranger, who wants to share the bread with another friend. This represents a baptized Christian who wants to share the friendship of God ("three loaves" -- the Trinity) with others, but he or she is inadequate for the task.

When we knock on the door to God's heart seeking help for our inadequacies, the Father gives us his fully adequate Holy Spirit. And that's not all we get! Whenever we pray, this Holy Spirit connects us to the Father and to Jesus. Therefore, every prayer increases our holiness, brings us closer to God and empowers us to be more like Jesus. But holiness does not come quickly nor easily. We must be persistent in our prayer lives. We must continually rely on God's Spirit in order to resist temptations and grow in faith.

No matter what we ask God to share with us, including the material things that we need or desire, God wants to use it to nourish our souls. This is what we ask for when we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." Be persistent. Receiving God's bread usually doesn't happen overnight (we're slow learners).

It's the devil who says we can have everything we ask for as fast as we want it. New Age and occult practices are fast-food spiritualities that are riddled with the dangerously unhealthy fat of false beliefs. They lack the growth in holiness that we can only receive from the Holy Spirit. Many people turn to the occult because they don't have the desire to do the hard work of holiness.

The supernatural adequacies of the Holy Spirit are ours for the asking, because we already received the Holy Spirit during baptism. However, to live in God's supernatural power, we have to pray persistently, identify our sins and repent, purge our lives of selfish motives, and humbly open ourselves to the holiness of the Holy Spirit.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How much do you rely on the Holy Spirit's help in your daily life? How often do you humble yourself before the Lord in prayer and ask for an increase of holiness?

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God of love and hope be with us as we ask for your blessing on those who are in need of our prayers, especially Michelle Kapell, Norbert Wilkes, Wanda Dorosz, Darren Polasek, Laura Ullrich, Paul Moldenhauer, Stan Mickalishen, Jeannie Lemieux, Don Sturgeon, Michael Clemens, Laurette Fradette, Eileen Walkeden, Carmelo Lozada Clase, Joseph Tokarz, Lynn Koloski, Shirley Woodard, Tom Deutscher, Jerome Nimegeers, Joe Maas, Sandra Mryglod. Roy Sidloski, Laura Flaaten, Graham Dean **Our Sympathy & Prayers** to Cecile Bruce & family on the passing of her son, **Tony Bruce**, and to Babs Lauf and family on the passing of her brother **Geradus Voss**.



The main parish office will be **closed Friday afternoons** throughout the summer. The bulletin will be printed every two weeks over the summer months: July 16/17, 30/31, Aug. 13/14, 27/28. <u>Congratulations and Welcome</u> to the following children that were baptized at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, on Sunday, July 10, 2016: **Bexley Aileen Bedore**, daughter of Taryn & Curtis **Asher Russell Leguee**, son of Stephanie & Jake May they grow to know and follow the Lord Jecus, through the grace they have received and



May they grow to know and follow the Lord Jesus, through the grace they have received and the help and prayers of their parents, Godparents and parish community.



Thank you to all of those who are sharing their time and talents by being involved in the ministries of our parish! Our church needs you! Please remember to contact a sub to fill in for you if you are unable to be present when scheduled. Thank you ©!



<u>Nicene Creed</u> can be found in the burgundy Celebrate in Song hymnal on page 16 – (Profession of Faith), and the Gloria (prayed version - not sung) on page 12.



Sandy Bay Donations: –Thanks so much to those who donated items!! The next drop off date is Tuesday, **August 2nd** and the items will be packed and shipped **Thursday, August 4th**.



<u>Pastoral Care</u> – the new schedule is now being worked on, anyone interested in joining this ministry, which visits / takes communion to the sick and homebound as well as assists with Masses & communion services at nursing homes is asked to contact the office ASAP. Thank you to all those committed to this meaningful ministry! Your names will remain on the schedule unless we hear others.



<u>RCIA:</u> Are you considering becoming Catholic? Are you a Catholic interested in being Confirmed? Are you a Confirmed Catholic who's ready to explore your faith anew? Join us in an extraordinary process of learning more about the Catholic faith in an adult learning environment. Join us and discover if you're being called to become part of this Catholic family. Join us and rediscover the rituals and traditions of the faith you learned as a child. Join us for RCIA! Please call the office for more information or to sign up!





Holy Hour of Adoration will be held on **Wed., July 20th @ 7 PM.** This is a wonderful opportunity to have personal time with Jesus. Humbling ourselves before God, Eucharistic Adoration allows one to acknowledge the strength and almighty power of our Lord and Savior. During this time of reverence, you are welcome to pray, recite the rosary, read scripture, offer intentions, or simply sit and be in the presence of the Lord.



St. Vincent de Paul Parish 110th Anniversary will be celebrated Sunday, September 25th from 4-8 pm!! Plan to join us to celebrate!! We are looking for entertainment for a good old fashioned Variety Show! Do you like to sing, or dance, or play an instrument, recite poetry or enjoy putting on skits?! (See Paula for tons of ideas for skits!) We look forward to however you would like to amuse us!! We are only able to accept 10-15 acts so please pick up a registration form from the foyer and return to the parish office before September 11^{th} . Watch the bulletin closer to the date for more information!



<u>The Following Funeral Lunch teams</u> will be called first to serve the next funeral lunches: T1 (Rose & Emily), T3 (Shirley & Theresa) and T6 (Fran).

<u>A Filipino Mass</u> is celebrated on the third Sunday of each month at 5 PM. The Mass will be celebrated on August 21. A pot-luck supper follows at McKenna Hall. All are welcome!

Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia THINK ABOUT IT

Some people mistakenly believe that Catholics are required to do everything possible to stay alive as long as possible. But the Church does not require persons to accept interventions that they experience as overwhelming or too burdensome. Canadians have a right to refuse or withdraw consent to any type of care or treatment. To allow death to occur, recognizing the limits of medicine to cure or to improve function, is not euthanasia or assisted suicide. For more info: <u>http://www.chassk.ca/ethics/euthanasia.php</u>

Attention All Pastoral & Finance Council Members, committee members, spouses and all interested - On Saturday, September 17th, Our Lady of Peace Parish, 425 Broad St. North, will have a pot-luck lunch at noon followed by a Parish Leadership Retreat. Leah Perrault, nationally sought-after speaker and columnist writer in the Prairie Messenger will facilitate. Theme "Breathe Deep: Letting the Spirit In to Lead Us'. Nominal Charge. Mark your calendars. Call 543-5355 for more information.

<u>A REMINDER:</u> It makes sense..."REDUCE SCENTS" for the benefit of those sensitive to fragrances, please reduce or eliminate your use of scented products before coming to church.

	Next Week's Ministry – July 23 - 24	Ministries	Next Two Weeks' Ministry – July 30 - 31
Sat. 5:00	D'Arcy Megenbir	Readers	Ingri Roman
Sun 9:00	Cecile Sellinger, Colleen Gallinger		Dianne Haider, Theresa Istace
Sun 10:45	Jerome Sidloski, Karen Sidloski		Val Wing, Jennifer Woodard
Sat 5:00	Jo Martin Stephen Zackrisson Janice Seitz Brian Winter Delois Sunde Dave Creurer Lloyd Zyla	Eucharistic Ministers	Rose LoosKathy WilliamsMargaret TuchschererAndy BroccoloBruno TuchschererRoberto RomanKim Haupstein
Sun 9:00	Cecile Sellinger Jean Janoski Lavine Stepp Joe Janoski Christine Marcotte Cheryl Anderson Jean Woodard		Theresa IstaceStan ZaluskiCherise HeinAudrey RydzikBonita LarsonPat WolenskyDianne Haider
Sun 10:45	Bruno TuchschererJudy Van BetuwRichard BaucheVal WingKen LeBlancHelene GordonDanette Tracey		Wes LonowayMarga CugnetCamille GoskiGordon RuttenRaymond DurandAimé IsabeyDorothy Rist
Sat 5:00	No Children's Liturgy - Summer Recess	Children's	No Children's Liturgy - Summer Recess
Sun 9:00	No Children's Liturgy - Summer Recess	Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy - Summer Recess
Sun 10:45	No Children's Liturgy - Summer Recess		No Children's Liturgy - Summer Recess
Sat 5:00		Servers	
Sun 9:00			
Sun 10:45	Bruno Tuchscherer, Richard Bauche, Ken LeBlanc	Acolytes	Wes Lonoway, Camille Goski, Raymond Durand
Sat. 5:00	No Saturday Choir – Nobody needed	Computer/	No Saturday Choir – Nobody needed
Sun. 9:00	Richards Family	Projector	Carole Milo
Sun 10:45	Jennifer Woodard		Harazny Family
Sat 5:00	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten, Doreen Franko Frank & Bonnie Kaip	Hospitality	Bruno & Margaret Tuchscherer, Jim St. Onge, Yvonne Dzuba
Sun 9:00	Jim Parsons, Jim Brown, Dwayne Hoffman, Willie & Adele Nimegeers		Darrell Yakimowski, Yvonne Kerr, Colquhoun Family, Juliet Ostrea
Sun 10:45	Terry Lonoway, Larry & Emily Stadler,		Norm Mondor, Al Pitre, Joe Glab,
	Ron Miller, Charlene Keen	a , ,	Sheldon LeBlanc, Roberto Roman
	Harry Plemel, Nick Coroluick, Shirley Mondor	Counters	Joanne Babiarz, Wendy Pitre, Elaine Pragnell

FROM PASTOR'S DESK:

Early last Monday morning, we were greeted with e-mails announcing: "We have a new Archbishop!" While this news is not of the magnitude of "We have a new Pope!" it is nevertheless very welcome news after last January's death of Archbishop Daniel Bohan. Bishop Don Bolen of Saskatoon has been named by Pope Francis as the next Archbishop of Regina to be installed later this fall. Born and raised in the small farming community of St. Elizabeth's Parish not far from Gravelbourg, with his father Joseph's death in 1968, Archbishop-elect Don Bolen moved to Regina to attend Campion College before going to St. Paul's Seminary in Ottawa. He was ordained to the priesthood on October 12th, 1991, and was assigned as Associate Pastor to St. John the Baptist Parish in Estevan from 1991 – 1993, then returned to Ottawa to complete his Masters and Licentiate in theology from 1993 – 1994. He was priest moderator at Church of Our Lady in Moose Jaw during the summer of 1994, before pursuing doctoral studies at Oxford in England from 1997 – 1999, then again from 2000 – 2001. During this same period he was also on faculty at Campion College and priest moderator for the parishes of Milestone and Lang, and then later the French parish in Regina. From 2001 to 2008, he was named to the staff of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity in Rome, with particular responsibility for the Anglican - Roman Catholic dialogue and the Methodist - Roman Catholic relations. We all rejoiced in 2009 when he finished his term in Rome and returned to our midst, and was named by Archbishop Bohan as Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Regina and assigned to the parishes of Balgonie, Pilot Butte, and St. Peter's Colony outside of Kronau. This was short-lived as it was not long afterwards that he was named Bishop of Saskatoon by Pope Benedict and ordained as bishop on March 25th, 2010. He has served there gallantly and diligently over these past six years. We continue to pray for Archbishop-elect Don Bolen as he makes the transition to our Archdiocese over the next few months, and wraps up his work within the Diocese of Saskatoon, trusting that his good endeavours started there will be brought to good fruition in time. There will be many challenges and opportunities for him to take up, and he will have the advantage of knowing many of the people on the ground on a first-name basis, as well as being acquainted with many of the institutions that are part of the milieu in which the Archdiocese of Regina operates. Along with many of the brother priests, I am looking forward to working with someone I know well and to whom I will pledge my allegiance and obedience as a member of the presbyterium of this Archdiocese in the years to come. We ask God to bless him with good health for many years.