

## Good News Reflection; The authority of Jesus.

This Sunday's Gospel reading illustrates the authority of Jesus. If we truly accept and understand his authority over our lives, we can rejoice in the Lord even when life hands us hardships.

Why? Because we know that Christ's authority is supreme, which means that everything we've placed under his authority will produce good fruits. Even bad situations will be transformed into blessings. Tragedies will be changed into triumphs. Sorrows will be transfigured into joy. Frustrations will lay the groundwork for new growth, new knowledge, and a greater ability to minister to others.

However, if we reject Christ's authority by acting as if we're the ones in charge, deciding for ourselves how to end a problem or how and when to escape from a hardship, our problems will only get worse. Pope Francis wrote in his Apostolic Exhortation on the Gospel of Joy (Evangelii Gaudium, paragraph 64) that this leads to a feeling of disorientation instead of joy. He noted: "We are living in an information-driven society which bombards us indiscriminately with data -- all treated as being of equal importance -- and which leads to remarkable superficiality in the area of moral discernment. In response, we need to provide an education which teaches critical thinking and encourages the development of mature moral values."

The path to joy has been forged by the footsteps of Jesus. To benefit from his authority over evil and over human sufferings, we have to follow his example and obey his teachings. This means choosing to trust him, realizing that his ways are the best ways even when they're unpleasant ways. It means that we're willing to reach resurrection glory by going through the cross with Jesus.

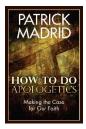
There are no successful shortcuts to the triumphant victory that awaits us. There is no easy way to overcome evil. If this were not true, Jesus wouldn't have needed to die on a cross.

The good news – the reason why we can rejoice – is that the most loving, most powerful, most wise One in the universe is using his supreme authority on our behalf. The question is: Will we submit to it?

**Questions for Personal Reflection:** In what ways are you still rejecting Christ's authority by trying to do things your own way? Which Church teachings have you been rejecting because you've decided to live by your own rules? Are you willing to ask the Holy Spirit to change your mind on these matters and teach you the value of Christ's ways?

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Sat.	Jan. 27	10 AM Tatagwa	Lay Service
		5 PM Mass	Adeline Corbett +
Sun.	Jan. 28	5 PM Mass	Special Intention
Mon.	Jan. 29	No Mass	
Tues.	Jan. 30	No Mass	
Wed.	Jan. 31	9 AM	Lay Service
Thur.	Feb. 1	9 AM	Lay Service
Fri.	Feb. 2	12:10 PM	Bruce & Wendy Pitre Int.
Sat.	Feb. 3	10 AM Tatagwa	Lay Service
		5 PM Mass	Ferguson & Ernst Family Int.
Sun.	Feb. 4	2:30 PM Mass	Al Pitre +



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## A New "Alpha" Program has started on Jan. 10

and will run through to Mar. 20! Wednesday evenings at, 5:30 pm in the Church basement. Free suppers included. Alpha helps create a space where people can explore basic questions about Christian faith. Open to all Faiths. Please contact the office (306) 842-2129 to register!



**Pastoral Care** – if you or someone you know is housebound or in the Weyburn General Hospital and would like to receive Holy

Communion, a pastoral visit or be included in the prayers of the faithful read during Mass please call the parish office to notify us. Also, more volunteers are needed to help with the care homes. Training will be provided. Call the parish office for more information. 306-842-2129

<u>There will be no Children's Liturgy</u> on Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> or Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>. It will continue February 11, at the11am mass. Thank you for your understanding!

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

Heavenly Father, direct your healing toward our loved ones who suffer and who believe that you can and will restore them to full health. We call them by name: Yvonne Hall, Amanda Kopec, Angie Kater, Alice Kot, John Tuchscherer, Verna Reiss and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles. Our condolences to the family and friends of Owen Hewitt. The thoughts and prayers of your church family are with you.



### Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please fill out a New Parishioner form at your earliest convenience. The forms are located on a table in the foyer!

As well, if any parishioner has changed their address, phone number etc., please inform the office.



**<u>CWL</u> fees of \$40 are now due for 2024**. Please put fees in an envelope clearly labelled "CWL FEES" and place them in the collection basket at Church. Fees can also be dropped off at

the Church office. Etransfer is also an option. Please send e-transfers to Wendy Pitre at 306-861-3473. Also, please remember to hand in your filled out renewing member information forms, either at the office or drop in the collection's basket at Mass.

#### Stewardship Bulletin Bit: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary

**Time.** *"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."- Mark 1:17* 

Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

<u>The Religious Articles Shop</u> has received more olive wood Comfort Crosses from Bethlehem. See Val or Tiffany, in the office if you are interested in purchasing one.

The next Baptism Preparation Classes are scheduled for Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> Plasse phone



scheduled for Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please phone the office to register for the date that works best for you!

The Art and Décor Committee would welcome donations of artificial plants. If anyone has any to donate they would be greatly appreciated.





**Everyone is welcome to Father Valentine's Father Birthday Party!** On Sunday, February 11, we will be having a lasagna dinner directly after the 11 am Polka Mass! Birthday cake, coffee, tea, and juice will be provided. A collection will be taken from adults and Children are FREE! Richard Wick will provide some entertainment after lunch and the Step's will be playing at Mass and from 2-4pm. Please come, have some fun, teach your children to dance, or learn yourself! It will be a great time to spend with your family!! You can sign up in the church foyer or call the office, so we have numbers for set up. Let's get everyone out for some winter fun!!

**If anyone would like to** <u>contribute</u> to a collective birthday present for Father Valentine, please drop off your contribution to the office!



February 4 – 10, 2024 is National Catholic Health

**Care Week.** To mark the importance of this week there will be a special blessing and prayer at 2:30pm Mass on Sunday, February 4. Please join us if you are a family member who supports elderly, sick or less-able people, a medical professional, councilor, if you accompany people in our prisons or support those struggling with mental health, are a spiritual care provider, volunteer or are a person who provides health care supports through such things as administration, food services or building maintenance.

**<u>Pray:</u>** Thank You, Jesus, for facing evil and defeating it on the Cross! I apologize for the times that, without knowing how much I hurt myself, I wrote my own laws and rejected Your Love. Amen.

	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 5 PM	
Readers	Wendy Sidloski Ingri Roman	Shirley Mondor Connie Regier	Thanks to all
Eucharistic Ministers	Cecile Sellinger	Jean Woodard Susan Kot	our volunteers for the
Acolytes	Armand Delanoy Peter & Maggie Richards	Chris Dayaan Richard Wick	extra work
Power Point	Vacant	Gerry Langlois	in the
Hospitality	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten Bonnie & Frank Kaip	Ken & Susan Kot Lynn & Kevin Colquhoun	Holiday season
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Counters	Sherry Dreis, Kerry Dolter, Richard		~~~~
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Sacraments: Baptism and Reconciliation – Contact the parish office Matrimony – Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior.

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