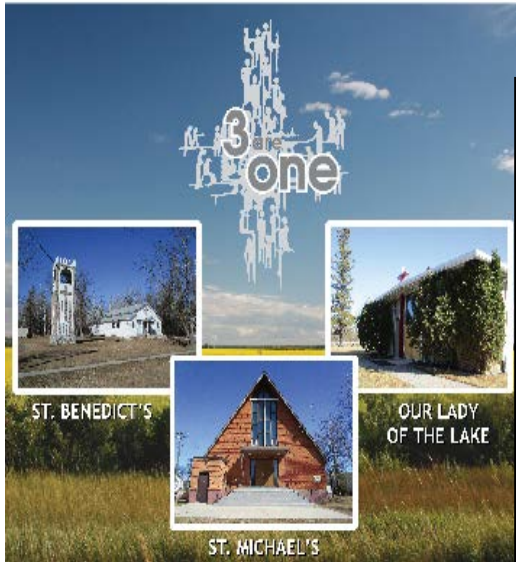


Our Parish Bulletin

July 01. 02, 2017 Year A



From the Pastor's Desk: Desk Reflections on thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A.

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me..."

We discover a common thread or string in the first reading and the Gospel. It probably lies on the notion of "welcoming", "hospitality" and "generosity" Jesus Christ demands of us, his followers to show hospitality to our brothers and sisters, no matter, color, creed or nationality. As prophet Elisha was the beneficiary of the graciousness of the Shunamite woman and her husband, most of us, one time or another have experienced wonderful gestures of friendship and hospitality from people we do not even know. "Look, I am sure that this man who regularly passes our way is a holy man of God. Let us make a small roof chamber with walls, and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair and a lamp, so that he can stay there whenever he comes to us." The good we extend to others is always rewarded by God who is never outdone in generosity. Least did this couple know that their good turn would deserve another. Elisha said, "Call her". At this season, in due time, you shall embrace a son." The childless couple had a son.

The idea of hospitality or "welcoming", could be one of the themes in the Gospel. We hear a very challenging instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ to his disciples and to us today; "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me..." In many countries and societies where divisions in religious grounds, are very intense, the challenge of this gospel message becomes so clear. But for those Christians who are "either majority Christian or tolerantly post-christian, do not face the challenge of the gospel so starkly". Sometimes, we hear the gospel and dismiss it as extreme and impossible of application to real life. The word of God is for all. If we are so "comfortable in our world, largely sharing its values and aspirations, then there is probably something that we are failing to notice", or simply dismissive.

As we grow in faith, practice and understanding, we begin to appreciate more and more the wisdom in the setting of Eucharistic liturgical celebration. Apart from the individual lesson of hospitality the liturgy of the word this Sunday conveys, the hospitality ministry in the liturgy or Mass, teaches us in a very subtle but visible manner, the need for the worshipping community to learn to be a welcoming and hospitable people of God because the Mass is essentially, a community celebration where we also come to learn. That is why, the Church is both a teaching and a learning ecclesia. So, as we welcome each other at the beginning and end of the Eucharistic celebration, we are welcoming Christ; More so when we extend good turns to God's prophets, strangers and the needy without waiting to be asked. **SHALOM!**

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Preparation is required prior to the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage.

◆At least six months notice is required for an intended wedding.

◆For Baptism contact Fr. Mike in good time.

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New to one of our Parishes?

If so, welcome! If you would like to become a member of our parish, please fill out a Parish Registration form found at the entrance of the Church and put it into the collection basket.

Need Prayers: Request prayers through our Living Links Prayer Chain by writing your requests in the Footprints Book at the entrances of our Churches or calling Germaine Gougeon 204-642-9943. Please ensure the person is aware they are being prayed for.

Mass Times:

Sat. July 01 5:30 pm St. M. – Fr. M.
Sun. July 02 9:00 am St. B. – Comm. Serv.
9:00 am OLL – Fr. M.
11:00 am St. M. – Fr. M

Mon. July 03 10:00 am St. M. – Fr. M.
Tue. July 04 10:00 am St. M. – Fr. M.
Wed. July 05 10:00 am Betel – Fr. M.
7:00 pm Fraserwood – Fr. M.
Thur. July 06 10 am OLL – Fr. M.
Fri. July 07 10:00 am St. M.
7:00 pm St. M. Adoration

Sat. July 08 5:30 pm St. M. – Fr. M.
Sun. July 09 9:00 am St. B. – Fr. M.
9:00 am OLL – Fr. Art
11:00 am St. M. – Fr. M

► *Not of our Faith?, please join in our Communion Procession to receive a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing.*

► *The Sacrament of Reconciliation available after weekday Masses at 10:30 am., before or after 5:30 pm. Mass on Saturdays OR call Fr. Mike for an appointment.*

Quote of the week: As a mother delights in taking her child on her knees, in caressing and feeding it, so does our God delight in treating with love and tenderness those souls who give themselves entirely to him, and place all their hope in his goodness and bounty - St. Alphonsus Liguori

Make the most of your Canada 150. The year 2017 marks 150 years since Confederation. Canada is actually a federation. The CCCB and all Catholics mark this historic day with a ceremony of consecration of Canada to the Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary in all Catholic churches in Canada. **Happy Birth Day Canada!Shalom**

Mass Intentions: St. B. Sun. July 16 † R.I.P. Marie Louise Langlois req. by Rena Plischke

If you would like to be added to any of the church help lists e.g. readers-greeters-cleaners-counters, etc.

contacts are: [phone prefix 204]

St. Benedict's: Joan Materuk – 642-8751

St. Michael's: Angela Zalevich – 642-5315

Our Lady of the Lake: Liz Anderson-389-5251

Also ...CWL – Mary Desveaux 642-7733

Camp Morton Ladies Aid Rose Marie Hess 642-8678

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ANY GROUP!

OLL Yard & Bake Sale on July 8, 9 am-3 pm– get your baking, and donations ready and drop them off on Fri. July 7th, 1-5 pm at Our Lady of the Lake church. *No clothing please.* If you can help in any way please call Joan Siran at 389-3670, Janis Dola 886-2106 or Eileen Dola 389-5332



Join the Canada Day Celebrations...Sat. July 1 –

**8:30 – 10:30 Kiwanis Breakfast at Gimli Harbour
11 am Parade Centre Street & First Ave. and up Goldfield**

**12:30 pm Harbour Front/Art Club Locations
Opening Speeches followed by cutting and serving of a 15 ft. Birthday cake (everyone welcome)**

2-5 pm Love our Lake Activities

10 pm Fireworks.....

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS-2017 ... St. Michael's: \$7,460;

OLL: \$3,230;

St. B: \$3,160

June 11/17 \$2,928.50-39%

to June 23 \$2,335– 72%

to May 15 \$2,728 –86%

St. Benedict's Cleaning Schedule - 2017 Please note – different from last week!

July 3-8 B.Lubinski/J. Kristofferson **July 10-15** M.Stevens/L.Nelson

July 17 – 22 J. Vouriot/E. Malak

July 31-Aug. 05 E. Hill/P. Tremblay **Aug. 07-12** F. Petrowski/P. Barnesky

Marian Eucharistic Conference – August 25-27, 2017 at the Fairmont Hotel, Portage and Main, Winnipeg. For information call 204-268-2046 or www.marianconference.com

Deacon's Corner: The Fable of the Gold Coins:

An old French fable goes like this: There once was a cobbler who was a happy and contented man. People who passed his shop laughed and waved when they saw him singing at the top of his voice while fixing shoes. Many people stopped into his shop just to feel the warmth of his smile. One of the people who observed the cobbler was a banker who sang little and smiled less. He seldom slept well. At first he was irritated by the constant good humour of the cobbler, but as time passed he became attracted to the man. Finally he decided to visit the cobbler and discover his secret of happiness. After the two men had chatted for awhile, the banker inquired, "Are you wealthy? Pardon me for asking, but how much money do you make each year?"

"My family is seldom in want," the cobbler answered. "Some days I only fix shoes; no one buys. The shop is closed on holy days, so there is no income at all when we celebrate the witness of a saint. I simply can't give you an accurate sum." "How wonderfully simple," the banker said. "I have decided to eliminate your financial problems for the immediate future since you have so openly shared your life story with me. Take this gift of 300 gold coins and use them whenever you have a need."

Overjoyed, the cobbler quickly went home and buried the gold in a corner of his house. The succeeding days brought many changes. He often left the shop to go home when the family was absent, thinking that someone might come when they were gone and steal his wealth. He began to lose sleep at night because he feared that people were plotting to steal the gold. Old friends noticed that he did not sing with the same cheer, and he often seemed suspicious when someone stopped in the shop just to chat.

Finally the cobbler visited the banker with the bag of gold in his hands. "Thank you for your generous gift," he began, "but I cannot really afford to be the owner of these coins. Please take them back so that I may again enjoy music, sleep, and the company of my friends. It seems that when I buried the money, I buried happiness at the same time."

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In today's gospel Jesus sets out his prescription for a happy life. His gospel values are not those of the world and clearly the Lord's ways are not based in keeping ourselves and our "stuff" for ourselves, but in sharing of ourselves with others. The banker, of our story, placed his trust in gold; Jesus tells us to place our trust first in God. To follow him by accepting the difficulties and challenges that comes our way. By welcoming those who proclaim the gospel message and being generous towards those in need. The banker's way to happiness brought the cobbler misery and worry. Jesus' ways promise joy and happiness.....the choice is ours!

..... Deacon Philip.

On-going Activities:

Our Lady of the Lake (OLL): ▶ Coffee Sunday every 2nd Sunday of the Month after Mass ▶ Sunday Scripture Study after Thurs. 10 am Mass ▶ Bible Study Call Deacon Philip 389-5824 for a ride or more info.

▶ Rosary will be said at 8:30 on Sunday

▶ **St. Michael's (St. M):** ▶ Rosary said every Sunday at 10:30; Prayer & Healing Ministry offers on the spot prayers/sacrament of anointing by the Pastor after Sunday 11:00 am Mass. Contact Karen 642-8456 to arrange.

▶ First Sunday of the month, Lunch Sunday (after 11:00 am Mass) **Not available till further notice!**

▶ Third Sunday of the month, K. of C. Pancake Breakfast \$5 (after 11:00 am Mass)

▶ **Hall Rentals:** Parishioners & their families \$50, Outsiders \$75. To book call Angela Zalevich 204-642-5315.

▶ **St. Benedict's (St. B):** ▶ Rosary every Sunday at 8:30 ▶ Mon. 7:00 pm Bible Study/Faith Sharing to resume in September. Call Deacon Philip 389-5824

Δ The **CWL** are collecting "**TABS FOR SPECIALIZED WHEELCHAIRS**". Containers for aluminum can tabs are located in the entrance of each church.

Δ **Fundraiser- Sobeys Gift Cards** are available at OLL (after Mass). Use as cash at **any** Sobeys store.

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