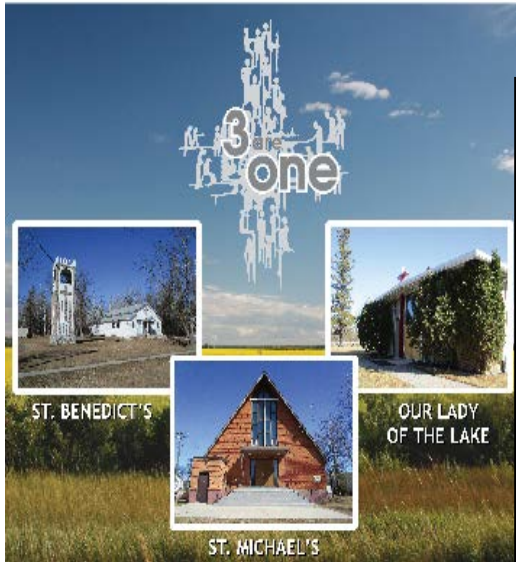


Our Parish Bulletin

July 22, 23, 2017 Year A



From the Pastor's Desk: Reflections on sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A.

"Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where then did these weeds come from?"

The first reading from the book of wisdom, reminds us that our God is "sovereign in strengthand with great forbearance", he governs his people. This is a cause of great joy for us and for this reason, we are filled with optimism and great hope. It is this inclination to hopefulness and confidence that St. Paul refers to in the second reading, when he says, "The Spirit helps us in our weakness...", echoing again, the need for God's people to rely on the power of the Spirit in times of suffering, temptation, sickness, hardship, family feuds, financial challenges, prayer etc. These are some the areas of our weakness and the times we are so vulnerable. If we hold firmly on the power of the Spirit, every good thought and action of ours, will spring and have its "origin in the Holy Spirit"

Last Sunday, from the table of the word, the Gospel reminded us among other lessons or themes, that the grace of God's word is there for everyone who is open to receive it. Therefore, our human response to the grace of God, determines the harvest. On this Sunday, we hear three parables in quick succession, known as the parables of the kingdom. Like the disciples of Jesus, we are his students in the school of the kingdom. The disciples saw Jesus as their personal Master and Teacher. Similarly, our Lord Jesus Christ is teaching us in the same way from the table of his Word. Just as the disciples could not understand some particular parables and had to ask the Master, our lives are equally full of parables; sometimes simple or complex situations that we need the power of the Spirit to unravel and make sense of the situation/s. So we need to take time daily in prayer because as Jesus's interest in each of us is personal, we need to approach him also in our individual prayers so that he can reveal the hidden meanings of the parables to us.

If we distance ourselves from him, our enemy, the devil will strive to occupy the empty space or vacuums. Are you not stalled or sometimes can't believe your eyes when your very kid does something completely opposite of the values you hold so dear and taught him/her? So let no one give the devil opportunity. Hang on to the power of the Holy Spirit you have already received. The fruits of the Spirit is clear and make us shine, for we are the children of the kingdom - the good seed.
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 22 5:30 pm St. M. – Fr. M.
Sun. July 23 9:00 am St. B. – Fr. Art
9:00 am OLL – Fr. M.
11:00 am St. M. – Fr. M

Mon. July 24 10 am Mass St. M.
Tue. July 25 No Mass
Wed. July 26 10:00 am Betel – Fr. M.
7:00 pm Fraserwood – Fr. M.
Thur. July 27 10:00 am OLL – Fr. M.
Fri. July 28 10:00 am St. M. Fr. M.

Sat. July 29 5:30 pm St. M. – Fr. M.
Sun. July 30 9:00 am St. B. – Fr. M.
9:00 am OLL – Comm. Serv.
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: We shall steer safely through every storm so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God. - St. Francis de Sales.

Feasts of the week: **July 25**, St. James an apostle, the brother of John the evangelist and son of Zebedee. The two brothers are referred as "Sons of Thunder" for their impetuous temperament.

July 26 Sts. Anne and Joachim, parents of our BVM, entered into the Roman calendar in 1584

July 29, St. Martha, the sister of Mary and Lazarus-the friends of Jesus. Martha received Jesus into her house, served him as the guest while her sister Mary listened to his teaching. She is a model of hospitality and fidelity in discipleship.

Mass Intentions:

Betel: July 26 Angela Zalevich Birthday Blessings req. by the Zalevich Family

St. B. Sun. July 23 † R.I.P. Ernest Caron req. by Rena Plischke

St. B. Sun. July 30 † R.I.P. John Malak req. by Eileen

St. B. Sun. Aug. 13 † 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!

St.B: Our plants are looking a little better after the rain BUT waterers would be greatly appreciated!

Marian Eucharistic Conference – Aug. 25-27, 2017 at the Fairmont Hotel, Portage & Main, Wpg. For info. call 204-268-2046 or www.marianconference.com

Have you ever thought about going on a faith-based vacation with fellow parishioners to deepen your faith and enrich fellowship in your parish community? Here is your chance to make a pilgrimage in the footsteps of Apostle Paul with Fr. Mike.

● 10 day tour through the Holy Land – Nazareth – Cana – Mount of Beatitudes, Bethlehem – Jerusalem outside of the walls – Bethany – Dead Sea – River Jordan, etc.

● \$3,449 April 21 – May -01, 2018

● Mass/Religious Services: Nazareth ● Stella Maris

● Bethany ● Eim Karem ● Jerusalem,

Happy Birthday to Fr. Art and happy holiday

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS-2017

St. Michael's: \$7,460;	OLL: \$3,230;	St. B: \$3,160
To July 16/17 \$3,526.50-47%	to June 23 \$2,335– 72%	to May 15 \$2,728 –86%

St. Benedict's Cleaning Schedule - 2017

July 31-Aug. 05 E. Hill/P. Tremblay **Aug. 07-12** F. Petrowski/P. Barnesky **Aug. 14-19** M Pytel/J. Banera
Aug. 21-26 D. Trottier/R. Hess **Aug. 28-Sept. 02**–New person called Sept.? **Sept. 4-9** L. Bobrovich/H.Batchelor

Deacon's Corner: The Blacksmith:

Once upon a time there was a blacksmith who worked very hard at his trade. The day came for him to die. The angel was sent to him and much to the angel's surprise, he refused to go. The blacksmith pleaded with the angel to make his case before God, that he was the only blacksmith in the area, and it was time for all his neighbours to start planting and sowing. He was needed. So the angel pleaded his case before God. He said that the man didn't want to appear ungrateful, and that he was glad to have a place in the kingdom, but could he put off going for a while? And the blacksmith was left. About a year or two later the angel came back with the same message: the Lord was ready to share the fullness of the kingdom with the blacksmith. Again the man had reservations and said, "A neighbour of mine is seriously ill, and it is time for the harvest. A number of us are trying to save his crops so that his family won't become destitute. Please come back later." And off the angel went again. Well it got to be the pattern. Every time the angel came the blacksmith would find one excuse or another. The blacksmith would shake his head and tell the angel that he was needed and decline the offer. Finally, the blacksmith grew very old, weary and tired. He decided that it was time, and so he prayed: "God, if you'd like to send your angel again, I'd be glad to come home now." Immediately the angel appeared, as if from around the corner of the blacksmith's bed. The blacksmith said, "If you still want to take me home, I'm ready now to live forever in the kingdom of heaven." The angel laughed and looked at the blacksmith with both delight and surprise and said: "Where do you think you have been all these years?".....He was home.

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Today St. Matthew relates a number of parables about the kingdom of heaven. Each one appealing to a different audience in order that they be able to relate and understand where and how the kingdom of God was to be found and lived out in their life. Jesus often declares that the kingdom is here and now and is to be lived out in service and kindness towards each other. Jesus consistently explained to his disciples that the kingdom was among them, and was not to be found in some faraway place or time. Sometimes we are confused because of the language used by the gospel writers. Let me explain: in his gospel, Matthew is writing principally to a Jewish audience whereas Luke writes his gospel for a gentile one. Why might that be important? Well because Matthew (and his Jewish audience) was forbidden by practice and tradition to write the word "God" in any text. Why? Because by so doing they would sully the "Holy Name". Consequently Matthew writes of the kingdom of "heaven" whereas Luke is free to write the kingdom of "God". This has led us to believe that Matthew is writing of a "future" kingdom in heaven and Luke is writing of a "here and now" place. When in fact they are both writing of the "here and now kingdom of God" of which Jesus preached; The kingdom of living in God in this world as a community of faith filled brothers and sisters in the Lord. That is the kingdom our blacksmith failed to see and understand he lived in through his service to his neighbours.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. Bible Study will resume in September.

► 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 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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