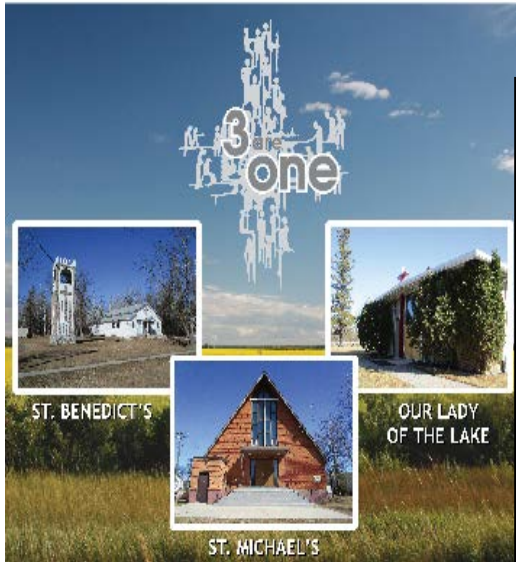


Our Parish Bulletin

July 29, 30, 2017 Year A



From the Pastor's Desk: Reflections on the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

"Because you have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right...Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind..."

From the beginning of the liturgy of the word this Sunday, we are confronted with a dialogue between God and king Solomon, who was newly anointed as king of Israel and Judah. He appreciated God's benevolence on his father David because David was faithful and righteous. "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness..." Because his father left such great legacy, he did not want to be a failure and disappointment in his turn. Hence, contrary to hunger for wealth, power and other selfish interests typical of our present day life and leaders, he asked for "an understanding mind to govern the people". Because king Solomon never put his personal interest first; rather demonstrated great love for God and the people he was so blessed that God gave him more than he asked for.

No wonder, St. Paul in the second reading reminds us that "all things work together for good for those who love God..."

The Gospel reading, like the previous week gives us another three parables of the kingdom in quick succession. Only wise individuals, like Solomon, who seek priceless goods can understand. In our present society, where power of attorney, private ownership of lands is in vogue, how can one talk of buried treasure and the pearl of great price in another's property, without being sued for trespass, stealing or fraud? Jesus used these images as metaphors to indicate that the kingdom of God is extraordinarily priceless and not material or physical stuff. So who are the scribes trained for the kingdom? It is the Christian. He/she is the only one who appreciates the three metaphors our Lord Jesus Christ used in the parables. We are those Jesus trained in the kingdom. Let us remember that the kingdom of God was the focal point of Jesus' message. "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand". He called the people and calls us today for a change of heart; to turn from our old ways to newness of heart and mind; for forgiveness, love, peace and justice. This is the symbol of the priceless treasure - the kingdom of God.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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http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly_bulletin.php

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 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

Mon. July 31 No Mass
Tue. Aug. 01 No Mass
Wed. Aug. 02 10:00 am Betel – Fr. M.
7:00 pm Fraserwood – Fr. M.
Thur. Aug. 03 10:00 am OLL – Fr. M.
Fri. Aug. 04 10:00 am St. M. Fr. M

Sat. Aug. 05 5:30 pm St. M. – Fr. M.
Sun. Aug. 06 9:00 am St. B. – Fr. Art
9:00 am OLL – Fr. M.
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: Sorrow for sin is indeed necessary, but it should not be an endless preoccupation. You must dwell also on the glad on the glad remembrance of God's loving kindness; otherwise, sadness will burden the heart and lead it more deeply into despair. - St. Bernard

Feasts of the week: .

St. Ignatius of Loyola and his group formed the society of Jesus (Jesuits). He spent the rest of his life directing the order, writing its constitutions and refining the Spiritual Exercises

August 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori, known for his many gifts and his kindness. He was committed to preaching sermons.

August 4, St. John Mary Vianney, a renowned confessor, hearing confessions for 12 to 16 hours everyday.

Mass Intentions:

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 rains 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?

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Fr. Art should be returning of Aug. 20 - Also Aug. 20 service at St. Michael's, Meleb

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

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: Sharing Chocolate:

A young boy was walking home through the park after attending a catechism class. Somehow, he couldn't stop thinking about the lesson for that day on Jesus' parable of the last judgement; particularly that part about sharing a cup of water with the needy. What had impressed him the most was when the teacher said, "When you give something to another person, you're really giving it to Jesus." As he continued through the park, he noticed an old woman sitting on a bench. She looked lonely and hungry. So he sat down next to her, took from his pocket a chocolate bar he had been saving, and offered some to the old lady. She accepted with a smile. The boy liked her smile so much that after she had eaten her piece of chocolate he offered her more. This time they exchanged smiles and, for a while, they sat together in silence, just smiling at each other. Finally, the boy got up to leave. As he began to walk away, he turned and ran back to the bench and gave the woman a big hug; and she gave him her very best smile. When he arrived home, his mother saw a big smile on his face and asked, "What made you so happy today?" He said, "I shared my chocolate bar with Jesus, and she has a great smile." Meanwhile, the old woman returned to her apartment where she lived with her sister. "You're all smiles," said her sister, "What made you so happy today?" To which she replied, "I was sitting in the park, eating a chocolate bar with Jesus, and you know what, he looks a lot younger than I expected."

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I asked God for strength, that I might achieve. I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health, that I might do greater things. I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy. I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of all. I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life. I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for. I was given everything that I hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am, among all people, most richly blessed.
God's wisdom is not our wisdom.....Food for thought.....

.....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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