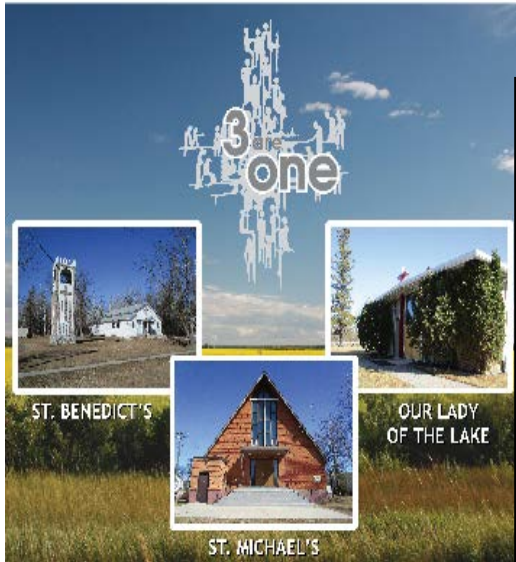


Our Parish Bulletin

July 8, 9, 2017 Year A



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

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest...For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light".

The first reading from prophet Zechariah, reminds us of one of the readings on Palm Sunday, as the crowd enthusiastically welcomes Christ in his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, riding on a colt, the foal of a donkey; clearly showing the people and the world the type of king and messiah he is; simple, humble, a warrior who "shall command peace to the nations"; one who will bring peace to peoples' troubled hearts and minds by leading them to the Father.

For this, we hear the psalmist praising and extolling the mercy, graciousness, steadfastness and power of God. St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that it is only by living in the Spirit that we have rest.

The Gospel unfolds for us the usefulness of living in the Spirit in which we find rest. Who does not need rest? Why do people after some years of active service retire? Why do people drive to their cottages every weekend? Why do some people not want to engage in church ministry after many years of active participation in the ministries? Are these not to give themselves more time to rest? What about taking a vacation? In one way or another we long for rest from worries of family, sickness, work, burdens of carrying our responsibilities and burdens of who we are. There is no task heavier than carrying burdens that have no meaning or no life more burdensome or hard to live than one that has no direction. So when Jesus says to us, "Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens..."; He is offering us ultimate meaning to our lives. Once we embrace his call, then we find peace. From the scriptures, we find and read the lives of all who answered this invitation, though never easy, beginning from Abraham, St. Paul, Blessed Virgin Mary, the saints etc. When we courageous take his yoke, we discover how far away, we have been from him. To come to Jesus is to encounter his Person. It is not something abstract. It is a relationship with the living God. So what are the burdens you are carrying right now? Do you carry them by yourself, just dragging it along? Or do you invite Jesus, and hand him over the burdens and feel less or no weight of the yoke? Jesus' yoke is his rejection, humiliation, and crucifixion. This is what he calls us to share and he assures us of his ever abiding presence and help carry the burdens. 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 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

Mon. July 10 No Mass
Tue. July 11 No Mass
Wed. July 12 10:00 am Betel – Ukr.
7:00 pm Fraserwood – Fr. M.
Thur. July 13 10 am OLL – Fr. M.
Fri. July 14 10:00 am St. M.

Sat. July 15 5:30 pm St. M. – Fr. M.
Sun. July 16 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: When you feel the assaults of passion and anger, then is the time to be silent as Jesus was silent in the midst of his ignominies and suffering - St. Paul of the Cross.

Feasts of the week: July 11, St. Benedict, Patron of St. Benedict's Church Camp Morton MB, is considered the father of Western monasticism and his rule/ work became the primary influence on Western religious life for the "daughters and sons" of St. Benedict. He emphasised moderation, humility, obedience, prayer and manual labour as the way to holiness.

Mass Intentions:

St. M. Sat. July 8: † R.I.P. Joe Yablonski req. by the Zalevich Family
St. B. Sun. July 16 † R.I.P. Marie Louise Langlois req. by Rena Plischke
St. B. Sun. July 23 † R.I.P. Ernest Caron 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!

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

Passion Play July 8-9 and July 14-16 at the Oak Valley outdoor theatre near La Riviere in southwest Manitoba. Experience Christ's Passion through drama in the beautiful Pembina Valley.

Tickets: Adult: \$18.00 in advance (available up to 24 hours prior to each performance)

Adult: \$20.00 at the gate

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Group (minimum 10 adult tickets): \$15.00/each

* group tickets must be ordered by calling (888) 264-2038
Family Rate (parents and their children under 18 years of age): \$50.00

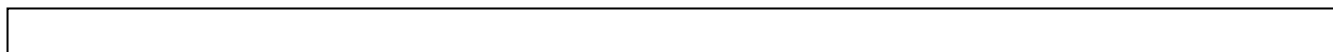
Tickets may be purchased through Stephanchew's in Winnipeg.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS-2017

St. Michael's: \$7,460;	OLL: \$3,230;	St. B: \$3,160
To July 2/17 \$3,373.50-45%	to June 23 \$2,335– 72%	to May 15 \$2,728 –86%

St. Benedict's Cleaning Schedule - 2017

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	Aug. 14-19 M Pytel/J. Banera	Aug. 21-26 D. Trottier/R. Hess



Deacon's Corner: Perception:

Steve Covey, the author of the bestselling book, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, tells of an experience he had on a New York subway one Sunday morning. He says people were sitting quietly. Some were reading newspapers, some were dozing, and others were simply contemplating with their eyes closed. It was a rather peaceful, calm scene.

At one stop a man and his children entered the car. The children were soon yelling back and forth, throwing things, even grabbing people's newspapers. It was all very disturbing, and yet the father just sat there next to them and did nothing. It was not difficult to feel irritated. Steve could not believe that the man could be so insensitive as to let his children run wild and do nothing about it. It was easy to see that everyone else in the car was annoyed as well.

So finally, with what he thought was admirable restraint and patience, Steve said to the man, "Sir, your children are really disturbing a lot of people. I wonder if you couldn't control them a little bit more?" The man lifted his gaze as if coming into consciousness for the first time and said, "Oh, you're right. I guess I should do something about it. We just came from the hospital where their mother died about an hour ago. I don't know what to think, and I guess they don't know how to handle it, either."

Steve says, "Can you imagine what I felt at that moment? Suddenly, I saw things differently; and because I saw differently, I felt differently. My irritation vanished; I didn't have to worry about controlling my attitude or my behaviour and my heart was filled with this family's pain. Feelings of compassion and sympathy flowed freely. 'Your wife just died? Oh, I am so sorry! Can you tell me about it? What can I do to help?'"

Nothing changed in that subway car. All was the same: the same people, the same irritation and the same kids. What did change was a way of seeing it all and, with the seeing, a change of behaviour.

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In today's gospel Jesus thanks his father "*because you have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants*". In our story Steve Covey's eyes were opened to see the family's pain and suffering and, prompted by the Holy Spirit, was able to reach out to them. It seems to me that "seeing beyond" to the needs of others, is one of those gifts from God that we all need to hone. We often lose sight of the simple values of life like, friendship; loyalty; love; kindness; honesty and joy, because we are self centred, sophisticated; self-reliant and proud. Offering help is often much easier than receiving help isn't it! I believe we need to "see beyond" the offer of help and see Jesus in the person offering the help; it makes accepting all that much easier to do. 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 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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