

Our Parish Bulletin

Sept. 2, 3, 2017 Year A



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

"For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day."

Among other benefits people of God get every week at Mass is the opportunity and privilege to learn new lessons from the liturgy of the word. What a wonderful means to consistently grow in friendship with our Lord Jesus Christ and in understanding of the scriptures! Last Sunday, Peter, kind of received high five with all the promises and power, from the divine master for Peter's answer to the question, "who do you say that I am". The liturgy of the word this Sunday challenges our readiness and disposition as the followers of Christ the Lord.

Prophet Jeremiah faces serious challenges from the people he was sent to. "I have become a laughingstock all day long, everyone mocks me..." One of the heavy cross, a disciple carries is when the people turns the word of God as a reproach and derision against him. Who would like to be scoffed ridiculously? But this is what Jeremiah went through. No wonder he says, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name." But does this show the steadfastness and strong will of a disciple in the face of suffering? Discipleship involves opposition, misunderstanding, toughness of the mind and hard work. otherwise, the disciple runs the risk of being conformed to this world, instead of being "transformed by the renewing" power of the mind as St. Paul encourages us.

In the Gospel, Peter who was praised for his great response that turned out to be a wonderful grace moment for the Church, today suffered rebuke. "Get behind me, Satan! The one declared to be a rock, on which the Church is built; in the next minute was called Satan because he didn't realise that suffering/ cross is indispensable for discipleship. Thus, he became "a serious obstacle to God's purposes, a stumbling block." We now know that "rocks can be reduced to sand or gravel and a humbler mode of being". Without doubt, Jesus wants us to work with him. To do this, we need the disposition, will power, and perseverance to bear all that the world can throw at us.....SHALOM!

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.

ALL #'S ARE PRECEDED BY 204

Pastor: Fr. Mike Nwosu 642-5040

Cell (emergency only): 720-3410

Retired: Fr. Art Seaman 642-4004

Deacon: Philip Durant 389-5824

if not listed, call Fr. Mike

Funeral Info. & Hall Rentals-St.

Michael's: Angela Zalevich 642-5315

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Parish Council Chairpersons:

St. Michael's Ernst Stiglmayr 643-5380

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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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Read the bulletin on-line at:

http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly_bulletin.php

Mass Times:

PCC elections will be in Sept.

Sat. Sept. 02	5:30 pm St. M. – Fr. M.
Sun. Sept. 03	9:00 am St. B. – Fr. M. 9:00 am OLL – Fr. Art 11:00 am St. M. – Fr. M
Mon. Sept 04	10:00 am St. M. – Fr. M.
Tue. Sept. 05	10:00 am St. M. – Fr. M.
Wed. Sept. 06	10:00 am Betel – Fr. M.
Thur. Sept. 07	10:00 am OLL – Fr. M.
Fri. Sept. 08	10:00 am St. M. Fr. M.
Sat. Sept. 09	5:30 pm St. M. – Fr. M.
Sun. Sept. 10	9:00 am St. B. – Comm Serv. 9:00 am OLL – Fr. M. 11:00 am St. M. – Fr. Mike

The Fraserwood Masses are finished for the year.

► *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: Give something, however small; to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could. - St. Gregory Nazianzen.

Feasts of the week:

September 8, The Nativity of the BVM, celebrates Mary's personal sanctity and vocation as the mother of Jesus; an occasion for praise and thanksgiving.

Donate your unwanted art to Grands'n'More Winnipeg
Grands'n'More Winnipeg is one of 240 Canadian grandmothers groups which are part of the Campaign to help more than 17,000,000 African children who have been orphaned owing to AIDS. Phone 204-770-6131 or grandsnmore@gmail.com –see bulletin board

Mass Intentions:

St. M. Sat. Sept. 2 † R.I.P. Helen Marks req. by Angie Pashnicki
St. B. Sun. Sept. 3 † R.I.P. Carol (Pytel) Isfeld req. by the Pytel Family
St. M. Sat. Sept. 9 † R.I.P. Helen Marks req. by Wendy Nolan
St. M. Fri. Sept. 15 † R.I.P. Ron Hallas req. by Karen Klisko
St. M. Sat. Sept. 16 † R.I.P. Helen Marks req. by Brad Peters
St. B. Sun. Sept. 17 † R.I.P. Carol (Pytel) Isfeld req. by the Pytel Family

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

St. Michael's is very much in need of readers and greeters – please step up to the plate and help out - It would be greatly appreciated.

Also to join one of the church organizations -**CWL** – Mary Desveaux 642-7733
Camp Morton Ladies Aid Rose Marie Hess 642-8678
NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ANY GROUP!

BIBLICAL ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: 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?? Due to the CWL convention in April 2018, the pilgrimage to the Holy Land will now be October 12 - 19, 2018 for \$2,090 per person
Call Christine Ward Sr. Travel Advisor IxtapaTravel at 204-885-7261 or 204-806-6335
Email: christine@ixtapatravel.ca

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS-2017

St. Michael's: \$7,460;	OLL: \$3,230;	St. B: \$3,160
To Aug. 13/17 \$4,339.50-58%	to Aug. 27/17 \$2,655– 82%	to May 15 \$2,728 –86%

St. Benedict's Cleaning Schedule - 2017 Note change for Sept.

Sept. 4-9 B.Lubinski/J. Kristofferson **Sept. 11-16** L. Nelson/M. Stevens **Sept. 18-23** E. Malak/J. Vouriot
Sept. 25-30 J. Materuk/B. Franz **Oct. 2-7** P. Barnesky/F.Petrowski **Oct. 9-14** P. Barnesky/F. Petrowski

Deacon's Corner: Racism:

A man recalls this story:

I remember the day I learned to hate racism. I was five years old. The walk home from school was only about five blocks. I usually walked with friends but on this day I walked alone. Happy, but in a hurry; I decided to take a shortcut through the alley. Without a care in the world I careened around the corner – too late to change course. I had walked into a back alley beating. There were three big white kids, in retrospect they were probably no more than sixth graders, but they looked like giants from my kindergarten perspective. There was one black kid standing against a garage, his hands tied behind his back. The three white kids were taking turns punching him. They laughed. He stood silently except for the involuntary groans that followed each blow. And now I was caught. One of the three grabbed me and stood me in front of their victim. “You take a turn,” he said. “Hit him right now!” I stood paralyzed. “Hit him or you’re next.” So I did. I feigned a punch; I can still feel the soft fuzz of that boy’s turquoise sweater as my knuckles gently touched his stomach. I don’t know how many punches there were, I don’t know how long he had to stand backed up against that garage.

After my minute participation in the conspiracy, they let me go...and I ran. I ran home crying and sick to my stomach. I have never forgotten. Thirty five years later that event still preaches a sermon to me every time I remember it. One can despise, decry, denounce, and deplore something without ever being willing to suffer, or even be inconvenienced, to bring change. If there is one thing Jesus taught us, it was how to suffer with and for others. Jesus walked the way of the cross. He taught us the meaning of suffering as a servant. Perhaps my first chance to follow that example came in the alley by a garage thirty five years ago. I don’t know if that black boy from the alley grew up, or where he lives, or what he does today. I never knew his name; I wish I did. I wish I could find him. I need to ask his forgiveness...not for the blow I delivered... but for the blows I refused to stand by his side and receive.

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Taking up one’s cross means that we have to become involved in the lives of those around us. We are called to reach out to others whose difficulties, hurts and troubles, at times, overwhelm them. Jesus was prepared to pay the price to get involved with us in our lives and he did not turn away from the mission given him by his Father. Peter, not understanding God’s ways, thinks in human terms and rejects the notion of a suffering messiah. Peter’s idea as to how God’s plan ought to play out probably included power, riches and glory...in other words the re-establishment of King David’s kingdom. How about you and me? How do we see the kingdom of God playing out in our everyday lives? I believe that the Lord each and every day offers opportunities to become involved and reach out to the people in our lives. It may be as simple as asking after the well being of the person or the offer of a ride to a doctor’s appointment. Taking up our cross, saying “Yes” to the invitation to become involved will always mean inconvenience for us. Denying yourself and putting your plans on hold in favour of giving of yourself and your time in the service of others is the way we follow in Jesus’ footsteps.

..... 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.

