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Our Mission Statement: *Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.*



July 30, 2023 | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 | Rom 8:28-30 | Mt 13:44-52

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It is no secret that Jesus often taught using parables; last Sunday we heard three, and today there are more. Today's parables seemed obscure until I focused on the repeating phrase "kingdom of heaven," which is likened to treasure, a pearl of great value, and then a fish net. What a contrast! But when I thought about it longer, it made perfect sense: The kingdom of heaven is the greatest treasure, one that should compel us to give up everything like the person who finds treasure buried in a field or the merchant who buys the pearl, just to make sure we have it in our possession. The kingdom is also something that requires hard work, hence the analogy with fishermen throwing nets into the sea to capture fish and then sort the good from the bad. Think of that net as the predestination St. Paul mentions in today's epistle. God predestined mankind to be called to him, to be justified and glorified in his name, yet we all maintain free will to choose otherwise. So, at the end of the age, when the angels "separate the wicked from the righteous," each of us will learn how precious the treasure of heaven is according to the way we chose to pursue it during our lifetime.

INVITATION In the first reading Solomon said to God: "Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart." Take a few minutes and read Solomon's Prayer of Dedication for the temple that occurs a few verses later in 1 Kings (8:22-61). In it, he asks God to be with his people always - a prayer for us today as well.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the midst of the daily grind, heaven can seem so far removed from our lives until it's Sunday and we're standing in pews during Mass. But the kingdom of heaven isn't contained within the single act of attending Mass on Sundays. Jesus didn't say "attend church for one hour each week and you're all set" - the parables he speaks today show people who put in work, searching for treasure until they found it and did everything they could to ensure they kept it. Jesus taught in parables in order to extend his invitation to the kingdom of heaven to everyone who would listen. With these parables, the kingdom is more of an encounter than an end goal. When we are in a loving, prayerful relationship with God, we are able to recognize and know the joy and the infinite value of the kingdom. We are able to experience God's kingdom in the day-to-day experiences of our lives. We know that the kingdom can be found in Jesus, who is the way. And we know that Jesus is here with us now.



Mass Times

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 10 am, 12 noon, 7 pm

Weekdays, Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am

Confessions

Saturdays 11 am - 12 noon

or by appointment.

Adoration

Fridays, 9 am - 12 pm

Sundays, 1 - 4 pm

Wednesday Adoration will resume in September

"As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another."

Sunday, Jul 30, 2023

String your own pearls

Jewelry is a matter of taste. Some folks like gold; others prefer silver. But in Jewish tradition, the pearl is a metaphor for valuable teaching. Our "pearl of great price," then, is the teaching upon which we build everything else, the motivation that governs our decision-making. What's yours? For some, it's that all life is sacred. For others, the common good must be served. Still others take the preferential option for the poor, or champion stewardship of creation. Remember: You don't have to choose just one.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52 (109). *"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls."*

Monday, Jul 31, 2023

Speak his name without shame

Spanish priest Ignatius of Loyola founded the Society of Jesus (along with Saints Peter Faber and Francis Xavier) in Paris in 1541. Members of this religious order are known as Jesuits. Today, the Jesuits are the largest male religious order in the church, and Pope Francis is the first Jesuit pope. The term Jesuit was originally meant as an insult, meaning "someone who too frequently used the name of Jesus." Ignatius never used the term, but members later embraced it with positive meaning. After all, how could anyone use the name of Jesus too much? Take a cue from the Jesuits and don't hold back!

MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35 (401). *"The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field."*

Tuesday, Aug 01, 2023

Our saving grace

Alphonsus gave us much, but perhaps the greatest gift was his fight against the Jansenist heresy, encapsulated in his 1748 volume *Moral Theology*. Thanks to Alphonsus, Catholicism has been able to steer a middle path between a darkly pessimistic view of human worth on the one hand and moral laxity on the other. Jansenists held an extreme view of original sin, believing only some are pre-ordained for salvation, saying grace had little chance of saving the rest—even through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Alphonsus encourages us to trust and use the sacrament, but also to "acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends."

MEMORIAL OF ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43 (402). *"Pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."*

Wednesday, Aug 02, 2023

Meet your maker

As we honor Saints Eusebius and Peter Julian Eymard, two staunch defenders of the faith during their times, we would do well to remember that "faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love," writes Pope Francis in *Lumen*

Fidei. How do we encounter God? Any embrace of love is a start, but Peter Eymard is more specific: "Happy the soul that knows how to find Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and in the Eucharist all things!"

MEMORIALS OF EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI, BISHOP; PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46 (403). *"The skin of his face had become radiant while he conversed with the LORD."*

Thursday, Aug 03, 2023

God's dwelling place

Biblical faith is unique in its image of a universal God who nevertheless chooses to dwell among his people. We have an intimate portrait of this in the Exodus story where Moses is instructed to build a tent that the people of Israel are to carry with them as they sojourn through the desert toward the Promised Land. We can take heart in the notion that God is with us as well, along for the ride so to speak. He will not leave us orphaned. Call on God today, he's right there with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53 (404). *"He spread the tent over the Dwelling and put the covering on top of the tent, as the LORD had commanded him."*

Friday, Aug 04, 2023

The garden of the soul

John Vianney was dedicated to helping people understand and live the Catholic faith. On the street, in the confessional, and in his writings, John offered wisdom and counsel to encourage people. He wrote many small catechetical teachings collected within his "Little Catechism." In one, John writes, "The Holy Spirit is like a gardener cultivating our souls." The soul as a garden is a beautiful image to meditate on. What does your garden look like? How are you growing in your relationship with God? With John, let us pray his words: "O God, send me Your Spirit to teach me what I am and what You are."

MEMORIAL OF JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58 (405). *"Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds?"*

Saturday, Aug 05, 2023

Take a holy walk

The 16th-century Italian priest Saint Philip Neri liked to organize a walk through Rome with a few of his friends and acquaintances, visiting churches along the journey. It was a nice way to combine friendly conversation and a shared religious activity. The churches they visited—St. Peter's Basilica, St. Paul Outside-the-Walls, St. Sebastian's, St. John Lateran, Holy Cross-in-Jerusalem, St. Lawrence-Outside-the Walls, and the Basilica of St. Mary Major—became known as the Seven Pilgrim Churches of Rome and the walk is now repeated annually on Wednesday of Holy Week. Seek out holy places wherever you live—they can be a refuge in difficult times.

MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR

TODAY'S READINGS: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12 (406). *"This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time

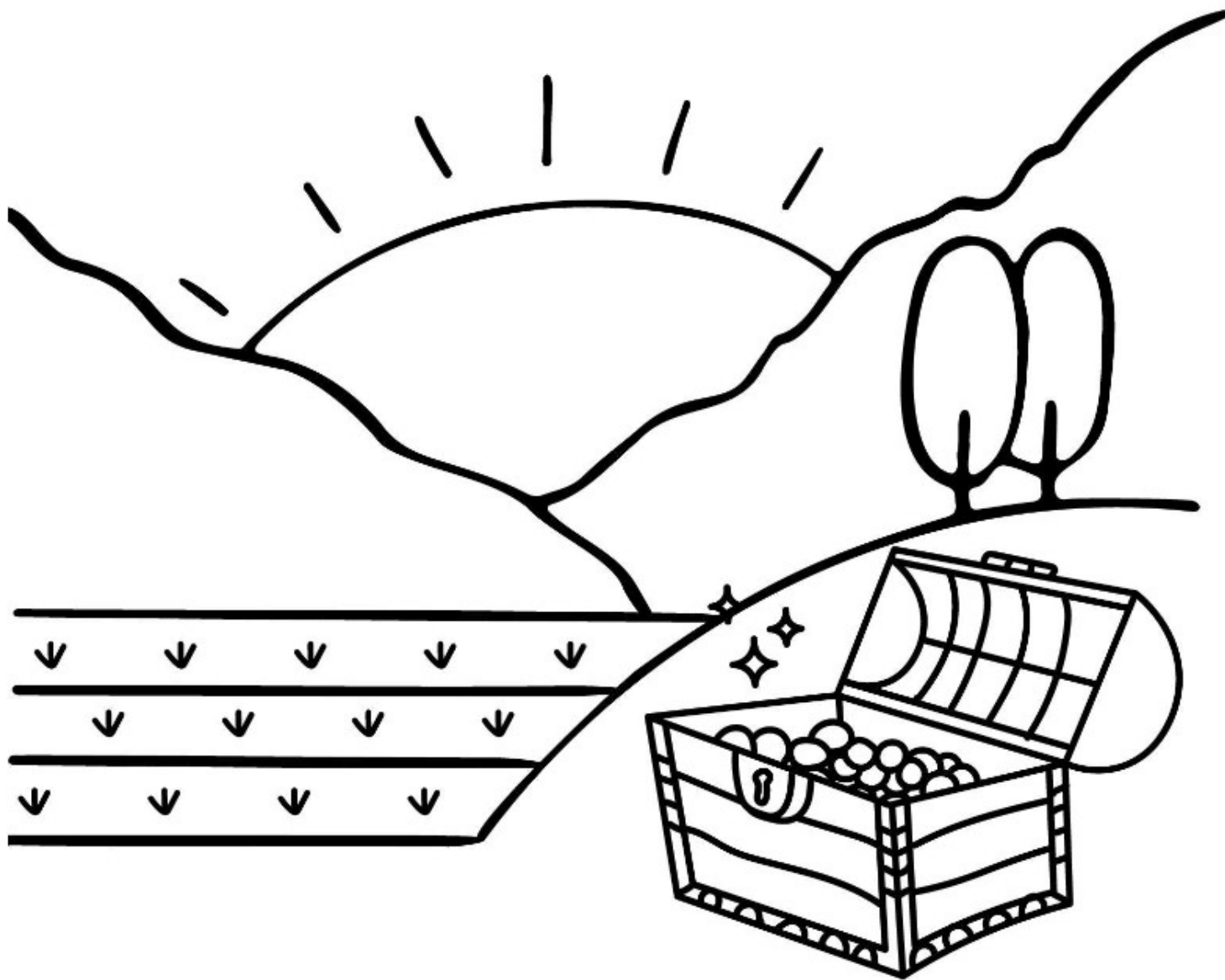


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Family Connection

Like the person who found the buried treasure and the merchant who acquired the pearl of great price, we seek to find the signs of the kingdom of heaven in our lives. In fact, we even work to bring about God's kingdom in our actions and in our words. We pray that our family values reflect our pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

As you gather as a family, talk about what your family values. Make a list together of those things that your family considers most important, such as family, friends, faith, trust, and love. Place this list before you as you read today's Gospel in its shorter form, Matthew 13:44-46. In these parables, Jesus teaches us that it is worth giving up even valuable things in order to possess the kingdom of heaven. Look at the list your family made and talk about how these things are important to the kingdom of heaven. What has your family given up to make these values important in your life? As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. Pray together for God's kingdom by praying the Lord's Prayer.



The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure
buried in a field.
Matthew 13:44



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July 28, 2023

Dear Priests, Parishes, Parish Life Directors, Deacons, and Catholic Pastoral Centre Staff:

I take this opportunity to once again highlight and confirm the upcoming changes to **Clergy assignments** as well as updates regarding Vocations and the Reorganization of some parishes in the Diocese of Saskatoon. All changes are effective August 1, 2023, unless otherwise specified.

Update to the Diocese Regarding Pastoral Appointments



Fr. Daniel Louh: Pastor of **Sts. Donatien & Rogatien Parish**, Prud'homme; **St. Denis Parish**, St. Denis; **St. Philippe Neri Parish**, Vonda. He will continue as Pastor of **Sts. Martyrs Canadiens Parish**, Saskatoon.



Fr. Charles Nweze: Pastor of the parishes of **Immaculate Conception Parish**, Major; **Our Lady of Grace Parish**, Dodsland; **Our Lady of the Assumption Parish**, Kerrobert; **St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish**, Luseland.



Fr. Santhosh Thekkekulam, VC: Pastor of **Sacred Heart Parish**, Denzil; **St. Donatus Parish**, Cactus Lake; **St. Mary's Parish**, Macklin.



Fr. Daniel Yasinski: Pastor of **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**, Saskatoon. He will also continue in his role as **Vocation Director**, along with Fr. Colin Roy.



Fr. Rinesh Menambadath Chacko, VC: Pastor of **Our Lady of the Assumption Parish**, Handel; **St. James Parish**, Wilkie; **St. Paschal Parish**, Leipzig.



Fr. John Ezeorunye: Pastor of **St. Front Parish**, St. Front; **St. Felix Parish**, Archerwill; **St. Lawrence Parish**, Nobleville; **Christ the King Parish**, Rose Valley; and **St. George Parish**, Naicam.



Fr. Paul Oshin: Pastor of the **St. Peter's Parish**, Muenster; **St. Scholastica Parish**, Burr; **Holy Trinity Parish**, Pilger. Fr. Oshin will also carry out pastoral duties in Humboldt.



Fr. Greg Smith-Windsor: Pastor of **St. Aloysius Parish**, Allan; **St. Mary's Parish**, Colonsay; **St. Alphonse Parish**, Viscount. Associate Pastor (part-time) **Holy Spirit Parish**, Saskatoon. Fr. Greg will also be continuing to pursue further studies.



Fr. Andrew Wychucki: Associate Pastor of **St. Paul's Co-Cathedral**, Saskatoon.



Fr. Doug Jeffrey, OMI: Associate Pastor of **St. Phillip Neri Parish**, Saskatoon.

I would take this opportunity to acknowledge Clergy who are moving to assignments outside the Diocese of Saskatoon:



Fr. Jean Baptiste Murhumwa will be concluding his current assignment as pastor of **Sts. Donatien & Rogatien Parish**, Prud'homme; **St. Denis Parish**, St. Denis; **St. Philippe Neri Parish**, Vonda. We thank Fr. Jean Baptiste for his years of service to our Diocese.



Fr. Binu Rathappillil, VC will be leaving the Diocese of Saskatoon to pursue studies in the United States. We thank Fr. Binu for his years of service to our Diocese.



Fr. Geoffrey Young will serve as a formator at **St. Joseph's Seminary**, Archdiocese of Edmonton, effective August 1, 2023, for a three-year term.

Reorganization of the Pastoral Care of Parishes: Lanigan and LeRoy

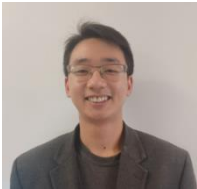


Rev. Augustine Osei-Bonsu: Pastor of **St. Mary's Parish**, Lanigan. Fr. Augustine resides at St. Mary's Parish in Wynyard.



Rev. Francis Akomeah: Pastor of **Holy Rosary Parish**, LeRoy. Fr. Francis resides at Sacred Heart Parish in Watson.

Update to the Diocese Regarding Vocations



Huy Le: First-year theologian. Huy is currently residing at **St. Anne's Parish**, Saskatoon and working at the Friendship Inn for the summer season.



Luke Van Tam Tran: has concluded his studies at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC, and is beginning an internship program, preparing him for ordination to the Diaconate and then to Priesthood. Luke is back in Saskatoon and is assigned to **St. Mary's Parish**.



Sr. Micheline Thibault: will make her first Temporary Profession of Vows - vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience - in the Queenship of Mary Community on August 15th, 2023 and will begin her new life as a vowed religious.

Please join in gratitude and prayer for all of these individuals and their ministry in our Diocese. We ask for God's blessings on them as they move forward to new assignments and endeavours.

Sincerely in Christ,

✠ Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen
Bishop of Saskatoon

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Bringing Home the Word

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

July 30, 2023

Wising Up

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

There are various kinds of wisdom: the kind you get by watching carefully to discover how something works, or by learning from a mistake; the wisdom in taking advice from someone and not making the mistake he made; the political, social, or religious wisdom learned by those who work in these vocations. There is also wisdom that is just beyond our reach, the kind that is found only in God.

This Sunday's readings discuss various kinds of wisdom. King Solomon asks for "a listening heart" (1 Kings 3:9), the

knowledge needed to rule his people wisely. He is told he can ask for anything: long life, riches, security from his enemies, all blessings that would certainly benefit him. Instead he asks for something to benefit his people. It seems he is wise enough to know he needs such wisdom. The psalm response praises the law, the religious tradition that provides instruction for living a life of holiness and thus reaping the rewards of such a life.

The parable in the Gospel describes various life situations in which decisions have to be made. In the first two instances, a question is posed: What is the kingdom of heaven worth to you? What are you willing to give up in order to attain it? The third depicts fishing with a net, a very strenuous task. A question here might be: Are you willing to work hard at this? Are you discerning in separating good actions from bad? It takes real wisdom to answer such questions. †

Sunday Readings

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Give your servant, therefore, a listening heart to judge your people and to distinguish between good and evil.

Romans 8:28-30

We know that all things work for good for those who love God.

Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

[Jesus said,] "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

What is the kingdom of heaven worth to you?



A Word from Pope Francis

Do not forget that Declaration which proclaimed that all men and women are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights and that governments exist in order to protect and defend those rights....May this country and each of you be renewed in gratitude for the many blessings and freedoms that you enjoy.

INDEPENDENCE HALL, PHILADELPHIA,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2015



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Who are the wise people in your life?
- Do you have someone to whom you can turn for wisdom and guidance?

Do We Bury Our Treasure in More Stuff?

By Paige Byrne Shortal

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

Matthew 13:44

I had the opportunity to hear Captain Scott Grady speak about his experience behind enemy lines in Bosnia. He was a young man, a member of an elite group of fighter pilots, with the world at his doorstep. He said that as he lay hidden for six days, hoping for rescue, what he missed and longed to see again was not his car or his house or his stereo system, but his mom. He was sorry his brother and sister didn't know how much he loved them.

We spend our precious lives acquiring objects that are not even worth the time to dust and make our homes into closets to store our stuff. We build stage sets; kitchens where no meals are cooked;



dining rooms where no one gathers to eat; living rooms where no one lives; bedrooms where we are too stressed out to sleep and where there is little time or energy left over for loving.

We watch television shows that wouldn't challenge the intellect of a cat; page through magazines without time to read the substance; spend our evenings at meetings because it would look bad if we

missed; go to church hoping for a short Mass and leave early to drive to the store to buy more stuff.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

Matthew 13:45-46

How do we recognize the pearl of great price? Perhaps first, it helps to know what we're looking for. So often, we fail to notice that what we really want, we already have. We think we want the prestigious job, the bigger house, the smarter kids, the nicer body.

If you were like Captain O'Grady, possibly living your last day, what lost opportunities would you mourn and what would fill you with gratitude? ‡

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God of Wisdom, change our minds to know the good, our hearts to desire the good, our wills to do only good. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

Judge Not, Because You Might Miss Out on Something Good

In the Communion line, I saw Mr. Incongruity. Standing among the formally attired, chanting assembly, this young fellow had spiked, purple hair. His face was studded with metal, like a ham with cloves. He wore frayed jeans and a black T-shirt emblazoned with these words: "If you eat meat, you're a cannibal." He was obviously an outsider who dressed strangely and ate weirdly—just like John the Baptist. And just like John the Baptist, Mr. Incongruity taught me something about prophecy. When I first saw him, I judged him. Fortunately, I came to know a young man bearing gifts of generosity, warmth, and commitment who only needed a little maturing. God gives us many gifts we don't appreciate because they're not what we anticipated.

Kenneth G. Davis, OMF Conv., *Daybreaks*, 2009

WEEKDAY READINGS

July 31—August 5

Monday, St. Ignatius of Loyola:

Ex 32:15–24, 30–34 / Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday, St. Alphonsus Liguori:

Ex 33:7–11; 34:5b–9, 28 / Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday, Weekday:

Ex 34:29–35 / Mt 13:44–46

Thursday, Weekday:

Ex 40:16–21, 34–38 / Mt 13:47–53

Friday, St. John Vianney:

Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27, 34b–37 / Mt 13:54–58

Saturday, Weekday:

Lv 25:1, 8–17 / Mt 14:1–12

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Diocesan Bulletin

Announcements

Run for Reconciliation - Although Bishop Mark Hagemoen is not running the race this year, his past efforts have inspired the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation to continue his Run for Reconciliation. The Catholic Foundation team will run 118 kilometres **Aug. 5- 6, 2023**, working together to cross the finish line. The goal is to bring awareness, build bridges in our community and inspire conversations and actions toward reconciliation – as well as to raise funds for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). The diocesan goal for the IRF is \$1.25 million, with \$300,000 still to raise for healing and reconciliation programs in support of residential school survivors and their communities. **The team will be blessed** by Fr. Graham Hill, CSsR, and parish Elders of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish at 1 p.m. on **Sunday, July 23**, during Sunday Mass held at St. Mary Parish, 211 Avenue O, Saskatoon. All are welcome to attend! To donate to the IRF and meet the team, please see: <https://dscf.ca/annual-bishops-race/>

Bus available from Saskatoon and Humboldt for Rama Pilgrimage - A charter bus has been booked to take pilgrims to Rama Pilgrimage events **Monday, Aug. 14 only**, leaving at 12:00 p.m. noon at St. Patrick Parish, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon (for west-side pilgrims) and at 12:15 p.m. from Market Mall, Preston Avenue, Saskatoon (for east-side pilgrims), with a stop in Humboldt at 1:15 p.m. to pick up pilgrims travelling to the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine at the pilgrimage site of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Rama. The bus will return to Humboldt and Saskatoon that evening. For more information and to book bus tickets before the **Aug. 4 deadline**, Saskatoon pilgrims are asked to call Mila (306) 664-3695 and Humboldt pilgrims are asked to call Nestor (306) 683-2048. Cost is \$36 with payment needed by Friday, Aug. 4; no refunds (though you can have someone replace you on the bus.) Please dress accordingly and arrange transportation / pick you up at Market Mall and St. Patrick locations. No need to bring a chair. Pews are reserve for pilgrims from Saskatoon and Humboldt.

Rama Pilgrimage will be held **Aug. 14-15** at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, located at St. Anthony Church, 104 - 1st St N, Rama, SK, **beginning at 3 p.m. Aug. 14** (Mass at 8 p.m. with Archbishop Donald Bolen) and continuing from **8:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 15** with Mass in Polish, Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite and Mass in English with anointing of the sick, etc. Find more information about the Rama pilgrimage at www.Ramashrine.ca

The Saint Philomena Walking Pilgrimage, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Regina, will be happening again this year **Aug. 11-14, 2023**. We start on Aug. 11 in Yorkton and finish on Aug. 14 at Rama (where an annual pilgrimage is held Aug. 14-15). Saint Philomena Walking Pilgrimage is a guided pilgrimage with rest stops, meals, support vehicles, and a trailer carrying tents and sleeping gear to each overnight stop. Pilgrims are invited to join us for all or part of the walk. For more information see the website at www.stphilomena.ca or phone (306) 728-5525. Participants must pre-register by Friday, Aug. 4.

St. Mary Catholic Church needs your help: Donations of clean, small saleable household items (no clothes or footwear) in good condition are requested for the St. Mary fund-raising Garage Sale to be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 18 and 19 at the parish hall, 211 Avenue O South and 20th Street West, Saskatoon. Please drop off donated items at the north door of the hall from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Aug. 8 to Aug. 17, or arrange for pick-up of items between Aug. 8 to 17, by calling (306) 244-2983 during parish office hours 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday to Thursday.

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Grow Hope Saskatchewan - There are some 828 million people in our world who go hungry each day. As Catholics, we can act in solidarity through our local and faith-based fundraiser, Grow Hope Saskatchewan. Local SK farmers with your financial support grow crops for sale and give proceeds to those in need. It costs \$350 to grow an acre of food. Funds raised through the sale of the crop fight hunger through emergency food relief, support for young mothers, and local agricultural projects. Donations of any amount are welcome. Write cheques to Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd West, 3rd Floor, Montreal QC, H3G 1T7 – please write in the Memo: “Grow Hope SK.” To donate online or for more info, go to www.growhopesk.ca/donate (Note: D&P is the Catholic agency). Questions? Contact Myron Rogal (306) 659-5841 or Mike LeBlanc (306) 205-2334.

Save the Date for the Grow Hope Field Day to be held in conjunction with the Bruno Cherry Festival (<https://www.cherrysunday.ca/>) on **Sunday, Aug. 13** in Bruno, SK, East of Saskatoon. There will be a booth set up to celebrate the growing season and provide opportunities to learn more about the work being done by Canadian Foodgrains Bank abroad. In addition, there will be an opportunity to meet one of the Grow Hope Saskatchewan farming families in the Bruno area and tour acres of land donated to help feed those in need around the world.

Blood donors needed - Canadian Blood Services has more than 1,700 open donor appointments available in Saskatoon in July and August that need to be filled, to make sure patient needs in our community are met. Summer is a difficult time for collecting blood products, as donors are on holidays, at the lake or busy with summer events, however patients are still in hospitals awaiting lifesaving blood products. 1 in 2 Canadians can donate blood but only 1 in 81 does. That means a small regular donor base (2% of Canadian donors) supply blood for the ENTIRE country. That’s why your help is needed. The local Canadian Blood Services centre is located at 1206 Emerson Avenue in Saskatoon. Did you know that groups such as churches can book a block of appointments? To schedule a group donation, please contact Lisa Beechinor at (306) 251-0986 or email Lisa.Beechinor@blood.ca. Individuals can also book on their own at <https://www.blood.ca/en>. It only takes one hour to save a life by donating blood. Your donation doesn’t just make a difference, it makes ALL the difference.

Saskatoon Filipino Catholic Community of Saskatoon gathers monthly to celebrate Mass at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cr. E., at 5 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month. with the next celebration at 5 p.m. on **Sunday, Aug. 20**.

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle includes adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various prayers, 7:30 p.m. on **Thursday, Aug. 3** at St. Michael Catholic Church, #18-33rd Street East, Saskatoon. A Diocesan Cenacle of Prayer will also be held at 3 p.m. on **Wednesday, Aug. 9** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon. For more information, please contact Edna at (306) 382-1680.

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated by the Catholic Church on **Sunday, July 23**. The theme this year is “*His mercy is from age to age*” (Luke 1:50), which raises the relational interconnection between the old and the young. The theme is especially fitting in light of the upcoming World Youth Day in Lisbon, which will take place from Aug. 1-6, 2023. Pope Francis inaugurated this World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly three years ago, calling for it to be celebrated each year in July, on a Sunday near the July 26 feast day of St. Joachim and St. Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Ideas for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:

1. Watch and share a 30-second promotional video, found at: <https://youtu.be/XZTn7V-tkbk>
2. Explore supporting resources for social media on the CCCB website at: www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/grandparents-and-the-elderly/
3. Organize visits or special events to promote the role of the elderly and grandparents.

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“The Church and Indigenous Peoples” – The diocese’s online **Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader Ministry Education program (IPL)** is led by teams of Indigenous and non-Indigenous instructors, modelling respectful and reconciling relationships. Course 4: “Introduction to Reconciliation: The Church and Indigenous Peoples” will be held **Sept. 26 to Nov. 21** from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoons. Registration is now open; cost: \$200 per course (some funding assistance available through the Education of Laity Fund – applications for assistance must be received four weeks prior to the start of the program). No pre-requisite is necessary to take Course 4. (those completing all four courses will earn a ministry certificate.) Find a new video and registration for Course 4 at: <https://rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education>

Masters of Religious Education - Are you a **Catholic teacher or school administrator** who wants to deepen your faith and increase your earning potential at the same time? A new Saskatchewan cohort of Newman Theological College’s **Masters of Religious Education (MRE)** is set to begin in September 2023! This program is available to Catholic teachers and school administrators across the province (classes can be attended virtually) and is designed to fit the schedules of working teachers. The degree consists of 10 courses (plus 4 Field Ed projects) in just over three years. Professional Development support is available through your Catholic school board. Contact Dr. Brett Salkeld, program director: brett.salkeld@newman.edu or (306) 721-6722.

The African-Canadian Catholic Community invites everyone to join us for our monthly Mass on the first Sunday of each month, with the next celebration **2:00 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6** at St. Michael Catholic Church, 18-33rd St E Saskatoon. We celebrate Mass in English but the liturgical music is sung in many African languages with traditional drums. All are welcome to join!

The Spiritual Motherhood of Priests is an apostolate for any interested women in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon. In 2007, the Congregation of the Clergy, with approval of Pope Benedict XVI, invited women to adopt priests as their “spiritual sons” and to pray for them constantly, particularly before the Blessed Sacrament. As part of the Spiritual Motherhood of Priests, women try to imitate our Blessed Mother Mary, the first Mother of Priests, in her humility and sacrifice. In a life-long commitment, every woman who joins the Spiritual Motherhood of Priests is given the name of one priest in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon to adopt as her “spiritual son,” promising to anonymously pray daily for him, as well as to pray for him during a weekly hour of Eucharistic Adoration, and to make sacrifices to help her priest-son give himself to God more perfectly as shepherd of his flock. **All women – single, married, widowed, consecrated religious – are welcome to discern this apostolate of prayer and sacrifice for the sanctification and support of our priests.** Find more info at <https://rcdos.ca/smop> or contact Jacqueline Saretsky for more information at smop@rcdos or (306) 659-5839.

Are you being called to ANOTHER WAY of living Consecrated Life? Members of Secular Institutes can be found in a classroom, a care home, a marketplace or tilling a field. Consecrated seculars live ordinary lives, but their hearts belong first to the Lord who calls them to a total commitment, and who sustains them in their daily lives where they bring their love of the Lord to the world. INFO: Marian Grady at mariangrady@sasktel.net or Bernice Daratha, Company of St. Ursula, Saskatoon, at bdaratha@sasktel.net

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CWL Clothing Depot continues to offer an important ministry and service to local residents, as well as newcomers and those in need of new or gently-worn clothing, cutlery, pots and pans, blankets, towels, and small appliances in good working condition. **Donations will be gratefully accepted** when dropped off at the Depot at 619 20th Street West, Saskatoon. Please use the back door. New drop-off hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday. **Volunteers play a vital role** in this caring and community-minded ministry. Come and join the team of volunteers and you will be warmly welcomed. Volunteers are asked to work during store hours, Tuesday to Friday 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. and/or Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – this involves one three-hour commitment at a time. Please call Bea at (306) 242-5042 to volunteer.

Palliative Care Resource - The Catholic Bishops of Canada have created a workshop called “Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care.” This four-module workshop seeks to empower and educate parishioners and address questions about palliative care, dying, death, suffering and bereavement. Each module includes Catholic moral and pastoral theology and medical expertise through video presentations. **The goal is to for this workshop to be presented in every parish community across Canada!** Parishes, CWL and Knights of Columbus councils, or anyone interested is invited to contact diocesan Coordinator of Hospital Chaplaincy Jacqueline Saretsky at jsaretsky@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5839.

Seeking ways to help those who are fleeing to Canada from war-torn Ukraine? The Ukrainian Canadian Congress of Saskatchewan was established in 1972 and is the provincial council of the national UCC. The UCC represents and serves nearly 150 cultural and other Ukrainians grassroots organizations throughout the province. UCC Saskatchewan has also been engaged with the settlement of Ukrainians and other newcomers for well over 15 years. To receive updates and/or find out about a range of ways to help, please visit the UCC website: <https://www.ucc.sk.ca/>

Help for Ukraine - Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) - The Ukrainian bishops of Canada are working together with their churches to join CNEWA's campaign to provide humanitarian relief in Ukraine: <https://cnewa.org/campaigns/ukraine/>

Scam Alert – Fraudulent messages continue to circulate via e-mail, as well as via text and message apps, allegedly coming from our priests, bishop, or others in the Catholic community, asking for money, gift cards, or other gifts. **DISREGARD** all such messages! Do **NOT** reply or engage with the individuals sending these messages. The e-mail addresses typically look like they could be real (using names, titles, etc.). Do **NOT** send gift cards, money, or cash transfers if requested to do so over e-mail or via text message. If you receive messages asking for help like this from our bishops or priests or other leaders, either contact their offices directly to check whether the messages are authentic, or just ignore. If you are the victim of fraud, contact your local police or RCMP office.

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Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre welcomes you!

Queen's House programming combines in-person and online events using Zoom.

Address: 601 Taylor Street W, Saskatoon; **Phone:** (306) 242-1916;

E-mail: programming@queenshouse.org; **Website:** <https://www.queenshouse.org/>

Growing in Wisdom: Seeking Deeper Generativity - Two Years of Learning and Exploring for Those Seeking a Spirituality for their Wisdom Years, will be offered from September 2023 to June 2025 through Queen's House, Saskatoon. Growing in Wisdom: Seeking Deeper Generativity is an ecumenical program, rooted in the *Forest Dwelling Program* created by Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI, grounded in the mystical Christian Tradition, open to learning from other interfaith and spiritual traditions, and designed for those seeking to engage in their maturing years with wisdom and grace. It is a program that welcomes participants who have the time, interest, and energy to engage in a dynamic two-year adventure of learning and exploration. This is a time in which we can begin to look back on the life we have lived and find openness to new or previously undeveloped inner vistas. It is a time to begin to come to terms with our own mortality and the grace we find in facing this part of our lives with wisdom and satisfaction. This two-year program, offered on zoom to welcome people from across Canada and beyond, is a dynamic interplay between and among each participant, the Growing in Wisdom Community, and Divine Mystery, assisting in the inner transformation of participants as the journey unfolds. Growing in Wisdom: For info or to apply, visit our website: www.growinginwisdom.com

Knights of Columbus Brothers' Keepers Breakfasts are held on the second Tuesday of each month, with the next gathering is 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. **Tuesday, Aug. 8.** Please contact Brendan Bitz for additional details and to register your attendance: (306) 242-1916, Extension 225.

Camp Compassion: A Day Camp for Kids at Queen's House will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Tuesday, Aug. 8 to Friday, Aug. 11.** Families are invited to consider signing their kids up for Camp Compassion, a four-day summer camp where kids will explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world. These themes will be explored through music, play, art, and friendship. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Open to kids, kindergarten to grade 6. Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre is excited to be offering our beautiful facility, grounds, and qualified staff in offering this camp for children, in partnership with the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and several Saskatoon churches. The theme of compassion will flow in the program from Psalm 104, a psalm which exalts God as the Creator and Provider of all good things. Camp limited to 45 kids - register soon on the Queen's House website: https://qh.retreatportal.com/events/?p=EVENTS:2:::PO_EMBED,PROGRAM_ID:0,12314

Spiritual direction: If you are interested in having a mentor and companion to accompany you on your spiritual journey contact Sr. Adeline Behm: (306) 242-1916 Extension 228 or e-mail spiritualdirection@queenshouse.org or visit <https://www.queenshouse.org/spiritual-direction/> to see a list of affiliated spiritual directors. In-person and online meetings are available.