



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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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.*



August 27, 2023 | Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23 | Rom 11:33-36 | Mt 16:13-20

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

God is not looking for perfection when it comes to his leaders, he is looking for true and loving hearts. In the first reading, God is not impressed with the master of the palace as a father for the people of Jerusalem. Eliakim the servant has the heart God desires. God will give Eliakim whatever he needs to guide his people – the right clothes, authority, and a place of honor. And we learn in the Gospel that Peter has the heart of love Jesus knows is necessary to guide his followers after he is gone. There are more learned and powerful men, but they lack Peter's faith. Jesus knows Peter is not perfect and he has much to learn, but Peter has the right foundation for the Church. We don't need to be the smartest people or have money and influence to be God's leaders. We need hearts of love and faith, and God will give us the tools we need to do the work.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

There is much to be done in our parishes and God needs our hearts and faith to get to work. How can we use our gifts and talents to help make the parish a welcoming place? For some it might be liturgical ministry, but every church needs people to work behind the scenes. Dusting and cleaning the church is not a glamorous job, but caring for the house of God is a blessing in itself. Helping the parish office with special mailings or weekly tasks is welcome to the staff who have so many responsibilities. Why not use the eyes of the Father to look in our hearts and see how we can make our parish a foundation of faith for all our family? We can also use God's sight to look for people at Mass who need an invitation to be more active in the parish, sharing the reminder none of us have to be perfect people to participate. We just need hearts of love.

ACT Look over the bulletin this week and reflect on where your talents could make a difference in your parish. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the wisdom and guidance you need to find where God wants you to be and what he wants you to do. Extend an invitation to one person to join you in participating in a church ministry.



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 September 13!

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“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.”



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Holy Spirit Parish Finance Committee August 2023 Financial Report

This report provides an update with respect to the financial position of the parish up to the end of July 31, 2023.

With respect to contributions, they have increased marginally compared to last year, but are still less than the average which existed prior to the COVID pandemic.

We note that loose cash contributions have increased substantially on a year over year basis. Please try to take advantage of envelopes or pre-authorized payment for your collections so that you can receive a tax receipt at the end of the year for your contributions. If you require envelopes, please contact the office to make this request.

As a finance committee, we endeavour to budget on a break-even basis, however it is becoming apparent that contributions will have to increase over the coming years to upkeep and maintain our church property. Over the course of 2023, the finance committee has undertaken a number of projects with respect to the upkeep and maintenance of our property such as rectory renovations, roof repairs, paving repairs and outside yard maintenance. Further, we have established a Building Sub-Committee of finance, including representatives from the finance committee, as well as parishioner members-at-large. This committee is currently preparing a plan and budget with respect to the long-term repairs, replacement equipment, maintenance and upkeep for the church to ensure that we will have the financial ability to undertake major repair and maintenance projects as they become necessary. A report specific to this work will be provided separately in due course.

Parishioners should note that our current savings, along with annual break-even budgets, will likely be insufficient to cover all building maintenance and upkeep requirements of the church on a long-term basis. As such, it is anticipated that separate major fundraising campaigns may be required in the coming years. Please keep this in mind when planning for your own financial giving in the coming years.

Thank you for your ongoing financial stewardship of the parish.

Financials to July 31, 2023	Year to Date
Envelopes	\$159,554.31
PAD	\$176,330.31
Loose	\$59,696.31
Other collections	\$26,352.53
Other Income	\$7,869.80
Total Income	\$541,694.18
 Expenses	 \$526,912.33
 Surplus/(Shortfall)	 \$14,781.85

Sunday, Aug 27, 2023

The value in variety

A founder of the NAACP, W.E.B. Du Bois knew the cure for racism wasn't simply telling the truth. It was inducing people to act on it. The first African American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard in 1895, Du Bois dreamed broadly of a world of "valuable variety ... in height and weight, color and skin, hair and nose and lip.... Each effort to stop this freedom of being," he argued, "is a blow at democracy—that real democracy which is reservoir and opportunity.... There can be no perfect democracy curtailed by color, race, or poverty." Let us act on this truth.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20 (121). *"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."*

Monday, Aug 28, 2023

The great romance

Saint Augustine is known as a great thinker—arguably the most significant Christian theologian after Saint Paul. But his writing is as much heart as head. He is also known for leaving behind a life of hedonism. But he remained a passionate man—only, after his conversion, passion for God alone. "Late have I loved you, O Beauty, ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you!" he lamented. It's never too late to be swept away by what Augustine has to say: "To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement."

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22 (425). *"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You lock the Kingdom of heaven before men."*

Tuesday, Aug 29, 2023

Prepare the way

Painting after painting shows John the Baptist pointing to Jesus. John knows it's not about him: "He who is coming after me is mightier than I" (Matthew 3:11) and "I am not the Christ, but I have been sent ahead of Him.... He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 2:28-30). Christian tradition also calls him John the Precursor and John the Forerunner, prepping us for the Messiah by being something of a prototype. Like Jesus, he's conceived miraculously. Both preach repentance, have disciples, and suffer in death. But as Saint Peter Julian Eymard knew, "The true secret of love consists in this—we must forget self like Saint John the Baptist and exalt and glorify the Lord."

MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (426); Mark 6:17-29 (634). *"We drew courage through our God to speak to you the Gospel of God."*

Wednesday, Aug 30, 2023

Make a better choice

A mother of 11 foster children always had a gaggle of kids buzzing around her. They were happy and well cared for. When there was even a hint of one crossing the line from lively to obnoxious, she simply said, "Make a better choice." Amazingly, they did. Those are powerful words. How can you make a better choice today?

What will help you walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into his Kingdom and glory? This advice from Saint Francis de Sales might prove useful: "Never miss an opportunity to do good."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:27-32 (427). *"We treated each one of you as a father treats his children, exhorting and encouraging you and insisting that you walk in a manner worthy of ... God."*

Thursday, Aug 31, 2023

Education for the whole person

As a school year begins anew, it's worth taking a moment to appreciate the proud tradition of Catholic education. In the United States, Catholic religious orders have built an extensive network of primary, secondary, and college-level institutions whose shared mission has been education of the whole person: spiritual, intellectual, and human development. Millions have been positively impacted by these schools, including many poor people who have improved their quality of life. Offer a prayer of thanks for the educators and others who pour their energies into this holy and wholistic education.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51 (428). *"Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."*

Friday, Sep 01, 2023

Celebrate the season of creation

In Catholic culture we use the phrase "care of creation" in our work to protect the Earth and develop sustainable ways to live. This phrase is deliberate because it underscores the inherent connection between God and all that is. Pope Francis writes in *Laudato Si'*, "The ultimate destiny of the universe is in the fullness of God, which has already been attained by the risen Christ." On this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, let us renew our commitment to care for one another, land and sea, all creatures great and small, as together we move into the fullness of God to which all are called.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13 (429). *"Therefore, whoever disregards this, disregards not a human being but God, who also gives the Holy Spirit to you."*

Saturday, Sep 02, 2023

Talent contest

The parable of the Talents is about much more than money. It speaks of the gifts that God has given to each of us and how we choose to "invest" those gifts in the community. Are we seeking only the most limited return, for ourselves? Or are we sharing our gifts, doing our part to help build up the community? The questions are more than hypothetical, for one day, at an unexpected hour, we will be called to account. Invest wisely for a generous return!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30 (430). *"Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return?"*

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



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Family Connection

Today's Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. Peter announces the core of our faith, that Jesus is God's only Son. The family, as the domestic church, has this same faith as its foundation.

As you gather together as a family, talk about people whose faith has helped you to be a member of the Church and talk about what you have learned from leaders in our Church today. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 16:13-20. Talk about what you know about Peter and his importance to the early Christian community. Talk about what we can learn from Peter and his profession of faith about Jesus. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm or an *Act of Faith*.

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.



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- 3. Parish Offertory:** <https://dscf.ca/parish-offertory/>
- 4. Mail envelopes to the church:** 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon, SK, S7J 3V7
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Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

August 27, 2023

Who's in Charge?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

There are lots of reasons one could be in charge. You might be the only one left to do the job. Or, in the case of babysitting, you might simply be older. You could be in charge because you are a bully with the biggest fists, sticks, or guns. Or you might be in charge because you are the best qualified for the job. Today's readings offer us two stories about being chosen for leadership.

In the Old Testament reading, Shebna, an official in King Hezekiah's court, overreached his position of authority. He was demoted and replaced by Eliakim. Carrying the key symbolizes authority

over the entire household. Placing it on the shoulder suggests an investiture ceremony. In the Gospel, entrusting Peter with the keys to the kingdom of heaven suggests similar authority, though in a significantly different household.

In both instances the position of authority is meant to be exercised for the benefit of the members of the respective household. It was precisely because of his failure in this matter that Shebna was demoted and Eliakim placed in charge. What about Peter? The Gospel tells us that the choice of Peter followed his remarkable statement of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

These stories tell us that God chooses very ordinary people for positions of leadership. Why them? Are they the only ones left? Are they the oldest? Were they the best qualified? It was not because they were bullies. Obviously God thought they could do the job. †

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 22:19-23

What he opens, no one will shut, what he shuts, no one will open.

Romans 11:33-36

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever.

Matthew 16:13-20

[Jesus said,] "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

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A Word from Pope Francis

Charity is always the high road of the journey of faith....But it is necessary that...works of charity...not divert us from contact with the Lord Jesus. Christian charity is not simple philanthropy...it is looking at others through the very eyes of Jesus and...it is seeing Jesus in the face of the poor.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 23, 2020



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Do you pray for leaders, even those you wouldn't have chosen?
- Have you ever thought of volunteering to serve on a church committee?

Put On the Clothes of Christ

By Paige Byrne Shortal

Years ago, while browsing through a used bookstore, I came across a novel by Alfred Alcorn titled *Vestments*. The premise is intriguing. A spoiled, self-centered, yuppie-type man stands to inherit a fortune from his pious Catholic aunt who is dying in a nursing home. But there's a hitch: in her confusion, she thinks her nephew is a priest. To ensure his inheritance he begins wearing a Roman collar when he visits her.

Our man not only enjoys how people treat him as he dresses as a priest ("Can I check your oil, Father?" "Would you like more coffee, Father?"), but he also begins to enjoy how he treats others. He finds that he is more beneficent, kinder, more helpful, understanding, compassionate. He is even patient! And there are other changes as well. He drinks less, stops "fooling around," thinks about the purpose of his life, begins to believe maybe there is a God



and that Christianity is more than foolish superstition. What starts as simple fakery begins to change him.

An ancient baptismal acclamation sings, "You have put on Christ; in Him you have been baptized. Alleluia!" It is not the collar or the chasuble or the habit that we put on to be imitators of Christ. It is the robes of the baptized—the white garment. As we grow into the life of

***We will live a better life
if we make a habit of
imitating our Lord.***

the baptized, some of us may don other special clothes—the vestments of a priest, the habit of a vowed religious, the collar of a deacon who promises to serve the poor. These are garments we most readily recognize as belonging to those trying to lead a holy life. But all are called to put on Christ. All are called to holiness.

In today's Gospel, Peter could be our inspiration. He, too, had to grow in the life of faith. The cowardly fisherman put on Christ and became a courageous disciple. The doubtful Peter and the other disciples proclaimed Jesus to be truly the Son of God. The rest is history. †

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In almost all the great religions of the world we find special groups of men and women who separate themselves from the ordinary life of society, take upon themselves particular and difficult obligations, and devote themselves to one task above all: to deepening their understanding and practice of their own religion in its most basic implications.

Thomas Merton,
In My Own Words

PRAYER

***For the Church: for the courage
to preach the Gospel, to give
voice to the voiceless, to stand
with those treated unjustly, and to
minister to those in need. Amen.***

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 28—September 2

Monday, St. Augustine:

1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10 / Mt 23:13–22

Tuesday, Passion of Saint John the Baptist: 1

Thes 2:1–8 / Mk 6:17–29

Wednesday, Weekday:

1 Thes 2:9–13 / Mt 23:27–32

Thursday, Weekday:

1 Thes 3:7–13 / Mt 24:42–51

Friday, Weekday:

1 Thes 4:1–8 / Mt 25:1–13

Saturday, Weekday:

1 Thes 4:9–11 / Mt 25:14–30

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