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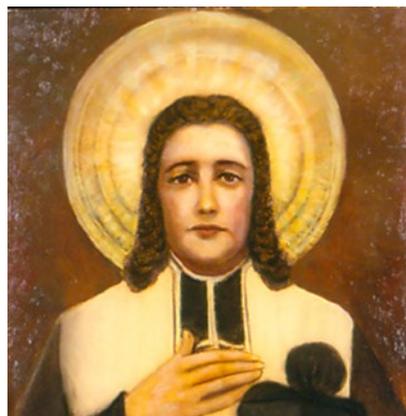
***For who can learn the counsel of God?
Or who can discern what the Lord wills?
For the reasoning of mortals is worthless,
and our designs are likely to fail***

Sobering words of the Book of Wisdom. The older one gets the more one realizes that every “plan” is tentative. It is not that we become grim and pessimistic - but we do become less presumptuous and hopefully less impatient when life gets in the way of our designs. How many postponed suppers and meetings I your pastor inflict on you as urgencies arise and discombobulate (I like that word) everything. Some people easily *go with the flow...* but that isn't so with children and (so I find) older people. Now this isn't a license to cancel appointments at the drop of a hat. Indeed, our modern technology makes it far too easy to drop appointments with a *text message*. Do we drop appointments because “something better comes along” or we are just too tired? That is not good – I am conscious that every time an appointment gets moved or missed there is always the possibility that a tiny whisper “you are not important” might be communicated. And so I, we, should strive to show up for our appointments.

But what about when our hopes and plans don't work their way out? Is this God whispering, “you are not important”? Hardly, all we must do is look at the Crucifix to see “*the favor of the Lord our God be upon us*” (Ps.90:17). Yet God is showing us that we are not the center of the universe and that our appointments and plans must be followed (and that we get to not show up when it doesn't suit us). Providence has eternity as its vision, and we – as the Psalmist says – have perhaps 70 or 80 years and “*they are soon gone and we fly away*”. God teaches us “*to count our days, that we may gain a wise heart.*”

When I set out to fly somewhere, experience has taught me to begin with the expectation that *there will be a delay or a problem on the way ...* so I am not really upset when things go badly – and I am pleasantly surprised when things go well. Still, this is tolerable only on occasion. God's Providence is not like the airline industry, for it is the weave of every moment of our life. Our vision is limited by time (so short!) and space (so tiny!) and so often restricted to desiring a comfort and fulfilment that is short and tiny. God's vision is beyond all time and space, it is utterly concerned with our entering fully into His Love. So, we people of faith do different kind of planning, the kind of planning Jesus teaches us in the Gospel today. We look with *wisdom at the reality of resources before us* → we reasonably evaluate the prospect of the outcome → we remember that we are not the center of the universe ordering everyone and everything → we lift our minds to God and surrender to God's vision knowing His will for Love → we pray with the psalmist, “*O prosper the work of our hands*” → and we show up to our appointments with a confidence that *God's kindness awaits us at daybreak*. This is a Christian life – not holding our breath expecting problems, but pressing on knowing that *God's kindness awaits*.

Then our lives are not shaped by being cynical, expecting everything to go wrong, nor bitter that things don't go our way, but attuned to see that Grace is all around us – for this is the “*glorious power of God*” (Ps.90:17).



**Blessed André Grasset, Victim of the
September Massacres of the French
Revolution, 1792, pray for us**

MONDAY, September 5, 2022
Labour Day - Office Closed

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Connie Schwab**)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group (meet outside at Holy Spirit Parish when the weather is nice)

TUESDAY, September 6, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Francis Sarich**)

WEDNESDAY, September 7, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Dan Sarich**)
3:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration until 5:00pm

THURSDAY, September 8, 2022
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Nicole Gendron**)
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, September 9, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Lionel Lafreniere**)
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

SATURDAY, September 10, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI James Sidloski**)

SUNDAY, September 11, 2022
24th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Mass *
5:00 pm - Eritrean Mass
7:30 pm - Vespers
8:00 pm - Mass

*Please note there will be no livestream until further notice



The baptism of a child is a profound moment and the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith. If you would like to

have your child baptized in the faith, the next baptismal preparation class will be **Sept. 18 & 25** at 2pm. For more information, please contact the office or the facilitator, **Shelley Timmons** at goodshepherd.catechist@gmail.com

RCIA PROGRAM

Baptism & Confirmation & First Eucharist for Adults



Meetings on Thursdays 7pm
starting October 20, 2022

Please contact our parish office for more information or to register.

Illness Support Group

Do you or someone you know have an acute illness or living with a chronic illness? Come & share or come and just listen to inspiring stories that show that there is always hope! Drop in Monday, **September 12th** at 7pm (Zoom available.) Contact Angela at 652-0033 for more info.

Children's Choir

Children ages 7-12 are invited to join the **Children's Choir** directed by Katrina MacKinnon! Rehearsals are **Fridays** at St. Paul's from **3:30-4:30pm** starting **Sept. 16**. Children who are registered are encouraged to join in singing at the 8am or 10am mass on Sundays under the direction of Michael Raney. Special goals for the choir include: Advent Concert, Mother's Day Concert, Participation in the Saskatoon Music Festival, and Special Masses for Feast Days. For more information and to register, contact Katrina MacKinnon at katrina.a.mackinnon@gmail.com



Marriage Preparation

Marriage preparation classes begin **Tuesday, October 11** at 7:00 pm. Call or email the office to register.



Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays 3 - 5 pm
Monday to Saturday 11 am- 12 pm

LITTLE SISTER PARISH



For the week of **Sept. 4** we are asking for **SMALL CANS OF SOUP & CRACKERS**. Guadalupe Parish always needs Ziplock storage bags. Drop-off bin is in the welcome area.

OFFERING for August 28, 2022

Cash Donations	\$ 997.20
Envelope Donations	\$ 1662.00
Renovations	\$ 110.00