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Ordinary Time
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“The children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.” (Lk. 16:8)

This is one of those weeks that a pastor finds himself praying the Novena of Surrender, “*Lord Jesus Christ, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything.*” Funerals come in threes: Joshua Dutchak, Rita Ehr, and Sylvia Gaco. Powerful moments of grace amidst sorrow – especially when it is journeying with parents and grandparents burying a son. Our Lady of Sorrows feast anchoring all of these rites this week. Then, a staff day, parish council meeting, diocesan administration day, financial reports, renovation reports, my sister broke her foot, clergy reflection day ... “*Jesus take care of everything*”.

In the middle of this I drove a dear friend who is an Archbishop to the airport, he confessed that with the recent death of his brother, his “get up and go got up and went”. Like most parents, I can feel that way at the end of the day. But this Archbishop said this with the humble kind humour that has always marked him. I wish I had the “get up and go” that was left him after some “got up and went”. He had just finished leading the priests of our diocese in a reflection on the beautiful talk Pope Francis gave to the bishops, clergy, and religious of Canada. He joined the Pope in reminding us that in the face of secularism we *must not become negative*. This is so easy to do. Jesus tells us Himself that the worldly shrewdness that shows through those who manage this generation by constantly breeding fear, division, anger, and cynicism *is not to be our way*. Instead, we are called, “*to have a view similar to God, who discerns what is good and persistently seeks it.*” Simply, we are called to be “children of light” who reflect what is really real: God.

The Pope suggested to Canada three ways of being children of light and not shrewd children of this age. First, we must **make Jesus known**. How do we bring Jesus to people where they are living? Secondly, we must be **credible witnesses**. We confess our sinfulness and show that the shame brought upon us by those who have abused has led us to conversion that impels us to have **missionary zeal**. No retreating into ourselves – the age of Christian Civilization is over, the time of renewed Apostolic Mission is upon us. Finally, we are called to **fraternity**. A parish of quality relationships, of listening and attending to each other is indeed a light in a divided world.

This is what emerges from surrendering ourselves to Jesus – this is what I see practically happening in St. Paul's Parish. Each of the funerals, all of the meetings, the family crises and family joys, all are moments of making Jesus known, being credible witnesses, and allowing the Eucharistic Lord to shape our fraternity.

Hey, just writing about this renews me – “get up and go” comes back with the voice of our heavenly Patron, St. Paul, “*I was appointed a herald and an apostle, a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I am telling the truth, I am not lying.*” (1 Tim. 2:7) Renovation is happening in our building to be a holy place of meeting Jesus. Renewal is happening in our community that does not turn in on itself frightened by the shrewd lies of the Accuser but responds with outward looking **MISSION** of celebrating the **truth** of Jesus and witnessing to faith by shining as an inviting community that really loves.

So, let's get up and get going.



MONDAY, September 19, 2022
National Day of Mourning - Queen Elizabeth II

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Marie Julie Boisvert**)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group
7:00 pm - Bible Timeline

TUESDAY, September 20, 2022

10:00 am - Funeral (**Sylvia Gaco**)
11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Japon Family**)

WEDNESDAY, September 21, 2022

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

THURSDAY, September 22, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Ann Prpich**)
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, September 23, 2022

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Julio Salem Sr.**)
3:30 pm - Children's Choir
4:30 pm - Wedding Rehearsal
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

SATURDAY, September 24, 2022

10:00 am - Baptism
11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Erling Lefsrud**)
2:00 pm - Wedding

SUNDAY, September 25, 2022
26th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 am - Mass (Baptism)
10:00 am - Mass *
2:00 pm - Baptismal Preparation
7:30 pm - Vespers
8:00 pm - Mass

*Please note there will be no livestream until further notice

Next Sunday, **Sept. 25**, please join us for the **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast** following the 8:00 am & 10:00 am masses



Baptism & Confirmation & First Eucharist for Adults

Meetings on Thursdays at 7pm
starting **October 20, 2022**
Please contact our parish office for more information or to register



Catholic? Wanting to go deeper into the Faith? You are welcome to join our RCIA program this year!

We meet Thursday evenings starting **October 20**. For more information, contact Angela at (306) 652-0033



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** at goodshepherd.catechist@gmail.com

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

Registrations are open for **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**. I invite your 3 - 6 year olds to the atrium downstairs at St. Paul's, where we use the Montessori approach to offer Scripture and Liturgy through engaging the child's sense of wonder. For more information, please contact Shelley at goodshepherd.catechist@gmail.com



Marriage Preparation



Christ in the Middle meets Tuesday evenings from 7 - 9pm **Oct 11. - Nov. 22**. For more information or to register, call Angela at (306) 652-0033

OFFERING for September 11, 2022

Cash Donations	\$ 849.45
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