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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2023 Sunday of the Word of God Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Carissima Famiglia – Dearest Family,

We are sad. On Tuesday, January 17 we received news of the death from acute malaria at the age of 41 of our dear Fr. Solomon Menger while home in Gboko, Nigeria for the Christmas break. He was the eldest child in his family, leaving mourn his mother, Patricia, and his siblings Dooshima, Clement, Jacob, Timothy, and Fidelis. His Father Philip predeceased him.

Since January of 2022, Fr. Solomon was in residence at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral while he pursued a doctorate in Education at the University of Saskatchewan. The diocese of Gboko, which during the last years has suffered the depredations of the Islamicist Fulani tribesman, had sent Fr. Solomon for studies with the aim to founding a Catholic University. Concern for his homeland often left him downhearted (and the -47C at his arrival did not help!) but when he smiled he lit up the room. During his time here, Fr. Solomon provided ministerial assistance in the parish and was loved and supported by parishioners. You wrapped him in new clothes, fed him with new food (though he insisted that pasta was a terrible thing to eat), and shared your lives with him. Thank you for loving my little brother in the priesthood. *Requiscat in pace.*



Fr. Solomon was such a disciplined and hard worker. There would be days going by without seeing him because of his studies. The famous incident of his sleeping through my being I was locked out of the rectory reveals just how tired-out he could be. Eventually, we laughed about it. It was only when I found a thick file that I discovered that every time I asked him to take mass (often at short notice) he would set his heavy work aside to carefully prepare a homily. What a fine passionate preacher he was. He came alive when opening the Word of God with us.

Two months before his own death, Fr. Solomon reflected on Luke 19 – *Jesus weeping over Jerusalem*. He wrote:

“The tears that we shed often speak volumes about the feelings that we have for someone or something. The tears of Jesus in today’s gospel expresses sadness over the failure of the city to welcome him. We weep over people and things we love. Jesus had a deep love for the city of Jerusalem and its inhabitants. The tears of Jesus are the tears of love that the people of Jerusalem reject. The people of Jerusalem rejected Jesus for many reasons. Their wealth, comfortable lifestyle, and refusal to accept Jesus as the God who can give them what money or humans cannot. Jesus cried because the material things that made them happy wouldn’t last forever. Jesus saw that Jerusalem and its magnificent temple were to be destroyed, showing that no earthly glory, power, or privilege, can endure forever. Those who depend on those things will be disappointed and humiliated. Let us not be too comfortable let us not reject Jesus in our lives. The things that make us forget Jesus will pass away, but Jesus will always be.”

Fr. Solomon sees clearly now the Mysteries he celebrated. Eternal Rest be his.

JESUS WILL ALWAYS BE.

MONDAY, January 23, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Leon Gendron**)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, January 24, 2023

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

WEDNESDAY, January 25, 2023 Feast of The Conversion of St. Paul

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Fr. Denis Phaneuf**)
3:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration until 5:00pm
7:00 pm - Baptismal Preparation

THURSDAY, January 26, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Leon Gendron**)
7:00 pm - RCIA
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, January 27, 2023

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

SATURDAY, January 28, 2023

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

SUNDAY, January 29, 2023 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Mass
7:30 pm - Vespers
8:00 pm - Mass

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18 - 25

Message from Bishop Mark at rcdos.ca/wpcu-2023

New Bible study series! Walking Toward Eternity:

Daring to Walk the Walk by Jeff & Emily Cavins is an inspiring series designed to help you live your faith more fully. As you prayerfully reflect on God's Word, you will begin to hear the subtle ways God is speaking to you, and you will be challenged to set aside those things in your life that keep you from growing closer to him. This is an 8 week series beginning **January 31** at **7:00 PM** in the welcome area. All are welcome! For more info please contact Kelly Donald at 306-716-4134

Adult faith diocesan Awaken series

"The Eucharist: Christ Our Strength & Sustainer"

Continues Tuesday evenings in January with Fr. **Stefano Penna, January 17, 24, & 31** from **7:00 pm - 8:30 pm** at **Holy Spirit Parish**. Through the dynamic presentations and prayer reflections, participants will learn the importance of the Eucharist for the life of the Church, and for our own spiritual lives. There is also an online zoom option. Cost: \$40/person. To register, visit: <http://form.jotform.com/222236197984264> or contact Astrid Alas at (306) 659-5858 for more information.

Arise Catholic Movement invites all women from high school age and up to the retreat, **Arise: Seen. Known.**

Loved. held **Feb. 11 & 12** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family. Inspired by the scripture "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." *Isaiah 43*. For more info on the retreat or to register, please visit <https://arisecatholicmovement.ca/>



The baptism of a child is a beautiful beginning of a lifelong journey of faith. If you would like to have your child baptized, the next baptismal preparation class will be **Wednesday January 25 & February 1** at **7pm**. For more info or to register for this course, please contact **Shelley** at goodshepherd.catechist@gmail.com



Eucharistic Adoration

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

The renovation committee invites you to stay up to date with the progress of this important project by **subscribing for email updates**. Please visit the renovation page on the parish website at www.stpaulscc.com/reno and type in your email address. We have a number of exciting next steps planned for 2023 that we can't wait to share with you.

OFFERING for January 15, 2023

Cash Donations	\$ 695.50
Envelope Donations	\$ 1746.00
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 930.83
Renovation	\$ 230.00