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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2023

How to exercise authority

I hope that every couple who set out on the journey of making a family are filled with ideals. I pray that there is an excitement to do things in a new way. Often, I ask couples who come for marriage prep, “do you want your marriage to be like that of your parents.” The reaction of most, happily, is a strong yes... The reaction of some others is a strong no, others are mixed, they want their family to be both like and unlike their parents.

The early community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote were the kind of idealists who really wanted nothing to do with the way the Jewish community they had left behind organized itself. The Jewish community had very rigid roles linked to titles like “Abba”, “Master”, “Rabbi” – Matthew’s community young and idealistic wanted complete egalitarianism.

Well no matter what they try and do, young couples often end up like their own parents, the question is have they improved upon what one has inherited. The fact of the matter is, no family can be egalitarian, there has to be someone who takes charge there has to be some structure and roles or else... chaos. So too for the Church led by the Holy Spirit, very quickly Matthews community – Christian communities had to write things down and organize themselves. Roles arose because that is just the way a community must organize itself. “Fathers”, “Abbas”, “Teachers”, all took their emerged (c.f. Paul on the gifts). Oh yes every time a new Christian sect tried to reform itself it espoused egalitarianism but that never lasted more than a few years. The question then is not a superficial response to avoiding the titles “father, teacher, master” but how fathers (and mothers, aunts and uncles), teachers, and masters conduct themselves: they must do it the way of Jesus.

That is the way of never challenging others with the necessary demands of living a virtuous life without living the demands of a virtuous life oneself. This is very important. No father no mother can expect children to receive teaching of being virtuous without modelling that virtue. It would be certainly a lot easier for mothers and fathers to not demand anything of their children because then their children could not expect anything of their parents. But that’s not very healthy in fact we know that children who are totally indulged by parents do not feel themselves loved because their parents had not risked being disliked by their children in order to love them by disciplining them and teaching them.

There is another way... It is the way of Christ. It is the way of humbling oneself and one’s own desire to be liked and exalted in the eyes of others. It is the way of loving those entrusted to us as children so thoroughly that we dare to teach the truth and we model our teaching by loving rather than looking to be loved. Makes perfect sense because the word teaching comes from an old German word, “teik” which means “to show, to make visible”. This is the way our community at St. Paul’s co-Cathedral in its priests its elders its parents exercises authority because this is the way St. Paul exercised authority: “though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ, we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves because you have become very dear to us.”

Let not run away from authority but exercise it the way of Jesus and of Paul of Tarsus, even if it leads to the Cross and the sword – for martyrdom for love by loving is the way of Salvation.

Fr. Stephen (trying hard to be a true “father”)



St. Paul by El Greco

MONDAY, November 6, 2023

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

TUESDAY, November 7 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Vivian Derald)
2:00 pm - Pre-Planning Your Final Wishes
7:00 pm - Marriage Preparation
7:45 pm - Devotion to the Holy Face

WEDNESDAY, November 8, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Tahn family)
1:00 pm - Eucharistic **Adoration** until 5:00pm
3:00 pm - Prayer Cenacle
7:00 pm - Faith Study

THURSDAY, November 9, 2023

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F)

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

FRIDAY, November 10, 2023

St. Leo the Great (M)

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

SATURDAY, November 11, 2023

St. Martin of Tours (M)

Remembrance Day

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

SUNDAY, November 12, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle

St. Paul's Co-Cathedral

Wednesday, November 8th @ 3:00 pm

Call Edna at 306-382-1680 for more info

Pre-Planning Your Final Wishes – Learn how planning ahead will reduce stress for your family, save you money and give you peace of mind. This free workshop by Saskatoon Funeral Home will be hosted at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral this **Tuesday, November 7th at 2:00pm**. Registration is required. To register, call Vanessa at (306) 652-0033 or email parish@stpaulcocathedral.ca

Mark your calendars!

The **St. Paul's Children's Choir** is once again happy to present an Advent Concert with the Melodia Singers. **Saturday, December 2 at 7:00 pm** at St. Paul's.

Monthly Devotion To The Holy Face Of Jesus

Tuesday, November 7 @ 7:45 pm

All are welcome!



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 1 - 5 pm

Monday to Saturday 11 am - 12 pm

Eucharistic **Adoration** on Wednesday afternoons is extended to 1 - 5pm. **We are still asking for volunteers to stay with Our Lord between 1 and 5pm.**

Please consider volunteering your time for this ministry. If you are able to sign up for any duration of time, contact the office at 306-652-0033.

OFFERING for October 29, 2023

	Weekly Collection	Monthly Total
Cash Donations	\$836.50	\$4,386.15
Envelopes	\$2,397.00	\$22,562.50
PAG		\$9,162.50
E-transfers	\$259.20	\$1,707.40
		\$37,818.80
Less: Monthly goal		\$40,000.00
	Net:	-\$2,181.20
Renovations	\$270.00	\$12,240.00