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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024

“What were you arguing about on the way?” (Mk.9:33)

“The Way” was the name early Christians gave to the Church. Jesus is “the Way”. In last week’s gospel, we met the Lord Jesus turning from being a wandering rabbi to setting out on the way to Jerusalem. St. Peter did not want to hear that this way was one including betrayal, killing ... and resurrection (what did that mean). Mark’s gospel continues to show that all the other disciples as well “*did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.*” (Mk.9:32)

So what did they do in their confusion and in their fear? They argued with each other about who was the greatest.

Let us not be too hard on them – confusion and fear almost always leave people fighting with each other. Just look around at what our culture has become (do we even have a culture anymore?). It is a place of deep division and fighting for power. Why? For a student of history, one observes that folks tend to respond to natural disasters with a common effort and unity, but divisive internal conflict arises during war-time and persecution. Are we at war? Is there persecution?



We should not insult the reality of newly arrived refugees from hell of armed conflict by melodramatically claiming that we in Saskatoon are “at war”. Nonetheless, as Catholics know that there is always a deep spiritual battle against evil – the gates of hell have crumbled before Jesus but the forces of Satan want only to leave a scorched world behind them. Ours is a culture in which people when not hating God, live as if there were no God. But it is all too easy not to listen to the Lord’s teaching, “*Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account*” (Mk.9:32), and instead let fear and confusion lead us to be divided and angry. “Diabolic” literally means “that which divides.”

There is also another spiritual battle as St. James teaches us this Sunday, “*your cravings are at war with in you*” (Js.4:1). Too easily we see division outside of us and do not recognize that *we have allowed this division into our souls where our own “envy and selfish ambition”* are – to use a modern term – triggered. Our arguments for Truth (to which we are called) then become fights where we want to be the one “*who is the greatest*” (Mk.9:34)

What to do? Stop letting voices of division into our minds. If we listen to dividing voices than we speak with a divided voice. We simply must turn to prayer before the Blessed Eucharist and with the Holy Scripture – especially the gospels – so that what enters us is “*the wisdom from above, full of mercy and good fruits.*” (Js.3:17) One cannot harvest grain with a plow. With Jesus in the Holy Word and Blessed Eucharist we shall gather in “*a harvest of righteousness sown in peace for those who make peace.*” (Js.3:18)

“**Finding the Passion of Christ in Our Story**” is a 10-session weekly Grief Group Study providing faith-based grief support for individuals and couples who have experienced the death of a child at any age, from pregnancy through adulthood This diocesan Red Bird Ministries program will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday evenings from Sept. 26 to Nov. 28 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre library, 2nd floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/241705076122246>. Cost is \$4. For information about the program, contact Marilyn: mjackson@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5836 or Monique: westcoastleblancs@gmail.com (306) 850-1596

Saskatoon Pregnancy Options and Support Centre 25th Anniversary Gala and Silent Auction will be held Friday, Sept. 27 at Prairieland. Keynote speaker is Dr. Laura Lewis, executive director of Pregnancy Canada. Come and support women and families, helping them to better cope with issues related to pregnancy, parenting, and pregnancy loss. Reserve free tickets online at: <https://shop.authentigate.ca/store/prairieland/1139>. For info call (306) 665-7550 or e-mail: contact@saskatoonpregnancy.com

Dealing with divorce? The diocesan Office has launched “Anew” – a ministry for those who are separated or divorced to regain hope and restore peace in their lives. A 13-session program will be offered 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, starting **Sept. 24**, at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, second floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family. Register online through the diocesan website at rcdos.ca/anew

OFFERING for September 15, 2024

Cash Donations	\$ 1,151.50
Envelopes	\$ 2,660.00

~ Line Dancing at Lourdes ~

Friday, September 27
1235 12th Street East
All Ages.

Instruction starts at 7pm. Dancing until 9:30pm.

Bring a friend and a snack to share.

For more information, call or text Andi: 306-373-3393

Are you called to serve as a Catholic school board trustee? Civic elections will be held this fall. Catholic school board trustees serve an important role to help maintain the uniqueness of Catholic education and keep Christ as the heart and soul of each of our school communities. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools has a 10-member board consisting of seven at-large trustees representing Saskatoon, one representing rural areas around Saskatoon, one representing Humboldt, and one representing Biggar. **Nominations will open Sept. 23, 2024.** For more information see: www.gscs.ca/elections.

Saskatoon Church Curling League is a non-competitive, friendly, weekly league that includes people from Saskatoon and area churches of various skill levels and ages held on Wednesday evenings at 8:45 p.m. at the Sutherland Curling Club. Join as an individual, or as a partial or complete team, To register, contact David and Rhonda Kitsch at rdkitsch@sasktel.net or (306) 230-9771

Ordination to the Priesthood – Bishop Mark Hagemoen will ordain Deacon Luke Tran (Van Tam) to the priesthood during a diocesan celebration beginning at 7 p.m. **Friday, Oct. 18, 2024** (the Feast Day of St. Luke), held at the Cathedral of the Holy Family. Everyone is welcome!

MONDAY, September 23, 2024
St. Pius of Pietrelcina (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*SI Julie Simonot*)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, September 24, 2024
Bl. Émilie Tavernier-Gamelin (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*SI Gord Arstin*)
4:45 pm - Children's Choir

WEDNESDAY, September 25, 2024
St. Cosmas & St. Damian (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*SI Francesca Fortugno*)
1:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration until 5:00pm

THURSDAY, September 26, 2024
St. John de Brébeuf & St. Isaac Jogues & Companions (F)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*SI Yvette LaFleche*)
4:00 pm - Eritrean Choir Practice
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, September 27, 2024
St. Vincent de Paul (M)

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

SATURDAY, September 28, 2024
St. Wenceslaus (OM) & St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*SI John Benesh*)
4:00 pm - Open in Spirit to God

SUNDAY, September 29, 2024
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of Migrants & Refugees

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

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
Mass & Procession

Saturday, October 5 at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral

Holy Mass at 5:00 pm

Holy Rosary Procession with the
Blessed Sacrament

Benediction

Fellowship in Bishop Mahoney
Hall



Check out the diocese's Catholic Resource Guide

The 2024-2025 edition of the Catholic Resource Guide is now available, providing information about programs and ministries in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon. A link to download a PDF of the guide -- along with links to register for a number of our upcoming programs -- can be found on the diocesan website at: <https://rcdos.ca/resource-guide>

Marriage Preparation Fall Session

7- week program on Tuesday evenings at 7pm from
October 8 to November 19

For more information or to register, please contact
Liz at marriageprep@stpaulcathedral.ca

Attention all altar servers! The first training session of the fall season will be Oct 3rd from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Please come. If there are any boys or men of the parish who have an interest in serving at the altar, please feel free to attend. If you are unable, but still would like to explore the idea, please contact the server trainer Daniel Joosten @ 3067159344.

Upcoming Sacramental Preparation

For more information or to register for any of the following, please contact Sister Peter Mary at srpetermary@stpaulcathedral.ca or call 306-986-3885

First Reconciliation

Classes for grades 4 and 5 will start Tuesday October 29th at 4:30pm and classes for Grades 2 and 3 will start Wednesday October 30th at 4:30pm. Registration is open until October 22nd.

Are you interested or know anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church?

RCIA is a course for Adults wanting to enter the Catholic Church or who have not yet received all of the following sacraments: 1st communion, 1st Reconciliation, Confirmation. Classes begin Thursday October 24 at 7pm. They run weekly until Easter Vigil. Registration is open until October 17th.

Do you have a child over the age of 12 who needs more than one sacrament?

Sr Peter Mary will be starting RCIC classes for children 12 - 18 who would like to enter the church or are in need of 2 or more sacraments (Baptism, First communion, First reconciliation, confirmation) Classes run weekly until Easter Vigil. Registration is open until October 10th.



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"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

Catherine of Siena Institute

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DISCERNMENT PROCESS

UNCOVER THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE.

STEP 1 - WORKSHOP

October 4th
(Friday 7 pm - 9 pm) &
October 5th
(Saturday 9 am - 3:30 pm)

STEP 2 - GIFTS INTERVIEW

STEP 3
GUIDED SMALL GROUP MEETING
4 Sessions in an 8 week period

Note: This discernment process requires approximately a 2.5 months commitment.



Venue for STEP 1 (Workshop):
CPC Library
Cathedral of the Holy Family
1123 Nelson Road Saskatoon

COST: \$75

REGISTER AT

<https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/saskatooncalledandgifted2024>

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Blessed Émilie Tavernier-Gamelin (1800 - 1851)

Feast Day: September 24

Blessed Émilie Tavernier-Gamelin grew up in Montreal. She married and had 3 children, two of whom died shortly after birth. By the time she was 27, her husband and third child had also died. Through her grief, Émilie turned to works of charity, as her contemplation of the Blessed Mother at the foot of the cross awakened within her a deep compassion for those who are suffering. She dedicated her finances and her life to serving the poor, especially elderly women left abandoned, the sick, handicapped, and prisoners. The Bishop of Montreal took note, and founded a diocesan order of women to carry on Émilie's good works. She became the first Superior General of the community, the Sisters of Providence. May the last words of Émilie inspire us in our daily lives: *humility, simplicity, charity, and above all, charity.*



Blessed Émilie Tavernier-Gamelin, pray for us.