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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

On Indulgences *continued*

More painful is the recognition that death will not end the consequences of our sins towards others. Pope Benedict writes, “*With death, our life-choice becomes definitive—our life stands before the judge: (SS#45).* When we die, our damage to our bodies ceases, but for how many generations might the wounds we inflict on others endure? There is a mistaken religious idea in the East of *karma*, mistaken because the sense of karma is that we ourselves alone can pay for the consequences of actions over a number of lifetimes. There are no “number of lifetimes” and were it up to us what possibly could we do to stop the potentially infinite consequences of our sins being passed on from generation to generation? And we know that we never end our relationships with others: even after death the good we have done and the brokenness we have wrought are present to us when we stand before the Face of God. Purgatory is the continued echo of sins – forgiven by God but still wreaking pain in others... and so wringing pain in those standing before the God whom we have failed.

Let us pause for a moment here because this requires of us to go beyond our modern culture in which we are tempted to succumb to the modern expression of an old vice: *presumption*. Have we not become people who, thinking themselves the center of everything important, just *assume* if not expect that *everyone will just go along with our choices*? Do we not think that our journey in life is about self-discovery? Too often I have found people abandoning their family in favour of a new relationship and voicing astonishment that not everyone around them is happy for this development. The thought of breaking up a relationship entailing “sin” is replaced by convoluted justifications of one’s actions as simply a “moment of growth”. Oh indeed, we are quite willing to find in the “sins” of our forebearers the explanation (and justification) for our broken behaviour – but that our behaviour affects others who follow after us forever we ignore. What then when we stand before the God who loved us so much that He asked His Son to bear our sins and recognize that our choices have resulted in sinful *forever effects* on others ... **on God?** Comforting presumption is replaced by purgatorial pain. Yet, this painful recognition of one’s lack of love before the God who is Love cannot be undone by any attempt by those in Purgatory – because the ability to change died along with their bodies. Those who are dead cannot say, “I take it back, I take it back”, like little children. Indeed, children discover (or should discover) that it is impossible to take anything back. One cannot unsay what is said, one cannot undo what is done. Purgatory is standing before the Face of God and encountering the wounds of Christ caused by our sins, wounds that bear the faces of those living the consequences of our sins.

But this is where the Good News of Jesus breaks in with a shout of joy: God in **Christ Jesus has paid the price of sin** – even the consequence of the sins we so justly merit and which we leave behind as an unmerited burden for others. “*For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*” (2 Cor. 5:21)

And

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree” (Gal. 3:13)

And

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers and sisters, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you; by this Jesus everyone who believes is set free from all those sins from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses (Acts 13: 37-39)

MONDAY, February 17, 2025
Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (OM)

Family Day - Office Closed

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Tony Keane*)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, February 18, 2025

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Gladys Komadoski*)

WEDNESDAY, February 19, 2025

11:00 am - Confessions, & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*SI Veronica Thoms*)

THURSDAY, February 20, 2025

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*SI Rebecca Farthing*)
4:30 pm - RCIC
7:00 pm - RCIA
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, February 21, 2025
St. Peter Damian (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Gary Jones*)
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group
5:30 pm - Baptismal Prep
7:00 pm - Rehearsal

SATURDAY, February 22, 2025
The Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle (F)

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*SI Elouise Davis*)
1:00 pm - Lectio Divina
2:00 pm - Wedding

SUNDAY, February 23, 2025
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Please note: **Vanessa will be away from the office until Friday, February 21**

K of C Council #1517 Jubilee Year Feast

Saturday, March 1 at St. Paul's

Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner served at 6:30pm, featuring a chicken and rib main course, cake raffle, 50/50 and bar.

Adult tickets - \$40, Youth Ticket- \$25 (under 15)
Tickets will be sold after all 3 Sunday Masses

Contact: kofc1517@gmail.com

The Saskatoon Emmanuel Community invites you to a **Sacred Heart of Jesus evening on Friday, February 21, 7:00-9:30pm** at our Lady of Lourdes. There will be a time of praise, teaching, and adoration/confession. Guest Speaker: Fr. Benoît Guédas who was rector of the Basilica in France for 8 years. Refreshments provided; no childcare; admission by donation. Please RSVP by texting 306-291-3288.

Annual Knights of Columbus "In Support of Life" Fundraising Gala will be held **Saturday, Feb. 22**, at Holy Family Cathedral, with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and supper at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each; there will be a silent & live auction, as well as a 50-50 raffle. For tickets or more information, contact Murray Geenen at mgeenen@sasktel.net or (306) 222-9952 or Louis Roth, at louisroth062@gmail.com or (306) 221-4198. Proceeds support the work of various organizations dedicated to enhancing the respect and dignity of life at every stage.

Next Sunday, join us for the **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast!**



OFFERING for February 9, 2025

Cash Donations	\$ 487.30
Envelopes	\$ 2,220.00
Renovations	\$ 5,859.00