



The readings today focus on relationship and care of the other. These are not just any relationships, but the difficult and complex ones. Ezekiel cautions us not to give up on the wicked but rather warn them that their behaviour is unacceptable. However, if they do not heed our warning, then at least we will know that we tried to enlighten them.

The Gospel is very specific on how to deal with issues of conflict and disagreement. The scenario Jesus paints could apply to any family, community, workplace, or environment which breeds conflict or confusion. It takes courage for us to be persistent and confront contentious issues first in private, then with witnesses and finally in front of the assembly - to provide evidence of injustice or wrongdoing. If after all these measures have been taken still there is no resolution, we must turn away and move on, knowing that we have done everything humanly possible to rectify the situation.

This is true love of self and neighbour. It in no way means we give up or are passive; rather, it shows us when to let go and let God. Sometimes this kind of act of integrity comes at a great cost. Yet is the price too great for the sake of building up the kingdom of God?

- Marilyn Elphick

#### In Our Prayers Are ...

Amelia Adamski, Marie Bomek, Jean Boutillier, Steve Bradley, Judy Bryant, Bernice Deurbrouck, Jules Declercq, Ron Ediger, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Eugene & Margaret Fitzpatrick, Colette Garlinski, Jenny Hamill, Colin Hardy, Emily Jaffray, Ralph Jonasson, Angela Lau, Carol Linster, Diane Lomas, Doris McMullen, Paul Malabar, Millicent Mychasiw, Norman Mymko, Hermine Nintiema, Paul Omilanow, Walter Poruchny, Katherine Pouch, Daniel Roy, Bonnie Schellenberg, Bob Young and the homebound.

#### Coping With the Death of a Loved One

Brockie Donovan will host a series in their facility on the subject grieving with counsellor Shelley Wray. Each session will begin at 07:00 PM and is free of charge. The sessions are:

13 Sept. Surviving Grief & Learning to Live Again

11 Oct. Is My Grief 'Normal'?

15 Nov. Coping During the Holidays

Join in Praying for Life. Each Wednesday of September the rosary will be prayed at 12:00 PM in the chapel of the Assiniboine Centre at the BRHC. The intention of these prayers surrounds the respect and dignity owed to all human life.

#### **Praying with Pope Francis**

The prayer intention of Pope Francis for September is that our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, be places where faith is communicated and charity seen.

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** is collecting furniture and household items which it will then give to those in need. For more information contact the Parish Office at (204)-727-4728.

#### **Christian Initiation**

St. Augustine Church offers session for adults on Catholicism. Sessions focus on the teachings of the Church and prepare people to celebrate the sacraments of baptism and confirmation and Eucharist. For those with an interest in becoming Catholic or for those who are Catholic but have yet to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation contact the Office for more information.

#### **Faith Formation of Children**

Registrations for catechism classes continue to be accepted. For more information contact Sister Therma at the Office or by email (stiajoc@staug.ca).

#### **Marriage Preparation**

An expectation exists that engaged couples complete a marriage preparation course prior to marrying at St. Augustine Church. Preparation courses consist of one evening session per week over a span of six weeks. The next preparation course will be offered from 05 October to 16 November. For more information contact Bob & Annette Boucher at (204)-727-6035.

If you are new to the church please come in to the Parish Office to register. *Welcome*!

**Dear Padre:** I want my children to be merciful and forgiving like Jesus, but I don't want them to be permissive of sin because someone else thinks it's okay. How can I teach this balance?

**Father Byron Miller, CSsR:** The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "Education in the faith by parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel" (CCC 2226). The balance of advocating the magnitude of God's mercy without diminishing the severity of sin is best taught through witness. You should hold your children accountable (and vice versa) and explain with loving candour how lax attitudes and actions have consequences. As we are taught in Proverbs 27: "Better is an open rebuke than a love that remains hidden".

A relationship with God also helps. It's easier to instill greater compassion in ourselves and in others when we've experienced God's infinite mercy firsthand. Jesus asked the woman caught in adultery: "'Has no one condemned you?' She replied, 'No one, Sir'. Then Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go and from now on do not sin anymore'" (John 8:10-11). Christ loves the sinner and despises the sin but he doesn't dwell on the sin. Instead, Jesus rejoices when sinners enter a newfound relationship with his merciful Father, knowing that the experience of God's mercy is the catalyst for ultimate change and lasting conversion where neither the sinner is condemned nor the sin condoned.

#### **Financial Report**

That which was collected over the weekend of 02 & 03 September amounted to an approximate \$9,721.40.

The expenses of St. Augustine Church divided over fifty two weeks amounts to an approximate \$ 11,000.

For the week ending 02 & 03 September the church met an approximate 88% of its expenses.

#### St. Augustine Garage Sale

The St. Augustine Church garage sale collected an approximate \$2400 which will be directed toward a more suitable front entrance stairway!

#### In the Week Ahead

Monday @ 07:00 PM Prayer Group

Wednesday @ 10:00 AM Serra Club @ 02:00 PM Food Bank

@ 07:30 PM Knights of Columbus

Thursday @ 09:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Society @ 06:30 PM Mass with Catechism Classes

Friday @ 03:00 PM Benediction @ 07:00 PM Synod Information Session

Sunday @ 09:45AM Catechism Begins

#### **Mass Schedule**

Tuesday. 12 September @ 07:00 PM

**Jim Ray †** (from the Fitzpatrick family)

Paulette Shewfelt † (from the Shewchuk family)

Wednesday. 13 September @ 09:30 AM

**Hunter Cross †** (from the Cross family)

**Angie Van Achte** † (from the Mackenzie family) @ 07:00 PM.

**Deceased Knights of Columbus** (from the KofC)

Thursday. 14 September @ 09:30 AM

**Muriel Malazdrewicz †** (from the Malazdrewicz family)

**Casper Manshanden †** (from Rod Ferris)

@10:30 AM at Fairview PCH

**Steve Mychasiw** † (from the Smith family)

**David White †** (from the Boulet family)

This will be the first school Mass of the year!

Friday. 15 September @ 12:30 PM

**Sr. Teresa Kreiser** (from the Mackenzie family)

**Carol Jennen †** (from the Fitzpatrick family)

Saturday. 16 September @ 09:30 AM

Emidio & Louise Buccini † (from the Kehler family)

Philip & Laurissa Sieklicki (the Fitzpatrick family)

@ 04:00 PM

**Gerry Martens †** (from the Bourdeaud'hui family)

Michael & Jeanette Sadowski † (the Allen family)

Sunday. 17 September @ 09:00 AM

**For the people...** (from the pastor)

@11:00 AM

**A special intention** (req. by the Anderson family)

**Cavden Cross** (from the Cross family)

@ 07:00 PM

Tessie Dawal Uchida † (from the Kokonas family)

**Jim Ray †** (from the Markmann family)



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