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MASS INTENTIONS – JUNE 27 - JULY 5, 2009

5:00 pm Saturday (27th)	Spec. Intent. Sharron Dusesoy req. Madeleine Dusesoy
9:00 am Sunday (28th)	+Bill Solodiuk req. Marilyn Solodiuk
1:00 pm Sunday (28th)	Special Intention req. Ted Hicks
9:15 am Monday (29 th)	Thanksgiving (50 th Wed. Anniv.) Doug & Chris McAuley req. The Family
9:15 am Tuesday (30 th)	+Bernie Kirby req. Glen Dainard
9:15 am Wednesday (1 st)	+Jim Cunnin req. The Family
9:15 am Thursday (2 nd)	+Fernando Bettencourt req. Maria Bettencourt
9:15 am Friday (3 rd)	+Martin Chanas req. Joan & Gary McCallum
5:00 pm Saturday (4th)	+Susan Csizmadia req. Connie & Steve Csizmadia
9:00 am Sunday (5th)	+Ronald Long req. Lillian & Family
1:00 pm Sunday (5th)	For the People's Intentions

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Last Sunday we saw Jesus commanding the wind and the waves with a word. This week, we see Jesus in control of an even more elemental force – death itself. Our prayers and readings recall God’s loving care for every human creature, even – especially – those who seem rejected by others. This is a good day to pray for those who mourn, especially parents who have lost a child, and also a good day to pray for those who struggle with chronic illness.

PASTOR’S VIEWPOINT

This will be my last viewpoint, as next weekend I will have moved south, on the other side of the Assiniboine. I actually wrote my last words last evening but then my computer did its thing and I lost whatever I had managed to put together. So with a fresh start I want my last ‘viewpoint’ to be an expression of my gratitude to all of you for my last six years of a wonderful experience of the gift of the priesthood. I know I have grown and matured (like tomatoes tend to do when exposed to rain and sun) because of who you are as a parish, and the many of you who are striving, like me, to do what God wants us to do, whether exciting or not so exciting. My memories are great and I will celebrate them with gratitude. The icing on the cake was the ‘farewell’ with an opportunity to visit Portugal, some monies to take full advantage of such a pilgrimage and the flat screen plasma TV to watch my favorites. This is not what would be a ‘classic’ send off but more so an adventure into space, propelled to discover and celebrate forever new ways God chooses to come into our lives. Remember that when I lift up the chalice at the altar, you are also part of this life experience with me.

Merci and blessings for you and all your loved ones.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL will be celebrating the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul on Monday morning. They probably will arrive in time for Mass and stay to watch a film. That is one good way to bring the year of St. Paul to an effective close. This is one of the two days in the entire year when the famous statue of St. Peter near the confession altar of the confession in Saint Peter’s Basilica is splendidly dressed in red vestments.

THE 24th LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF MANITOBA, to be sworn in on August the 4th, is our parishioner *Philip Lee*. To my surprise and great honor he has emailed me to invite me to say the invocation at the swearing in ceremony. Will I be seeing some of you there?

(Msgr. Maurice Comeault)

Assiniboia Christian Centre Annual Fall Supper: Both parishes, Bl. John XXIII and St. Chad’s will come together to enjoy our community-building Fall Supper this year on **Sunday, October 18th**. This notice is just to let you know when it will happen. The organizing committee has started the initial preparations; more information will be forthcoming when available.

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please pick up your July & August schedules from the table in the Narthex.

Rummage Sale: \$592.69 was raised at the rummage sale on Friday, June 19th. Many thanks to everyone who helped at the sale and who donated articles. This was the last sale before the summer hiatus; therefore, due to storage restrictions, we request that you **DO NOT BRING ANY RUMMAGE TO THE CENTRE UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Stewardship Reflection: Our understanding of stewardship has a profound impact on our view of the world and how we live in it. St. Paul tells us today, *“I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need.”* As we grow in our faith we grow in our understanding of what it means to be a Christian steward. It is not just about money! Generosity includes the very gift of self. Our lives can be a gift that transforms our world.

Our new Parish website is up and running at www.johnxxiii.ca. Please bookmark (add to your “Favourites”) this URL and visit often. The weekly bulletin will be there, and occasional mid-week updates. Every active parish group will have the option of posting a page of its own. You can also sign on to the Parish Forum where there will be bulletin boards for discussion by and about each parish group and ministry. Remember to “refresh” or “reload” your browser each time you visit to ensure you are viewing the most up-to-date pages. Our aim is to be welcoming and to foster lively parish discussion. Ideas about the website itself can be discussed in the Forum or e-mailed to the new webmaster.

**JOIN US TO WELCOME FR GERALD LANGEVIN, OUR NEW PASTOR, IN
THE NARTHEX AFTER 1:00 PM MASS ON SUNDAY JULY 5TH**

St. Charles Catholic School is currently accepting applications for Kindergarten to Grade 8. Our School offers full-time Kindergarten, as well as middle years hockey, a violin enrichment program and before/after school care. Academy Kids Daycare is also located on the premises. For more information on enrolment, please contact the school at 837-1520, e-mail: sec@stccs.ca

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Emelie Knight; Aline Herner; Madeleine Dusessoy; Ruth Kuch; Karen Kirkpatrick; Lloyd Moist; Bert Whitnack; Luz Buen; Marlene and Ryan Scheffler; Allan Egan; Florence Fleury; Eleanor Kapitany; Stella James; Dolores Mulaire; Jeanie Gatien; Cecile Lepage; Adelle Farkas; David Patterson; Shirley Payment; Jean Foley; Evelyne Gautron; Darcy Uzelman; Ann Moquin; Flora Zaharia; Norma McMurdie; Paul St-Onge;

“A Swing & A Prayer” Golf for Vocations, **Monday, July 27, Breezy Bend Golf & Country Club.** You don’t golf? That’s OK! You can still help. You may make a donation directly to the Vocations & Seminarian Fund, or you may sponsor a golfer or team from your parish. For more information contact: Dan Potvin, Director of Stewardship & Development, phone 452-2227 ext. 228 or e-mail: danpotvin@archwinnipeg.ca. A registration form is available online at www.archwinnipeg.ca

Winnipeg Harvest Food Appeal: Canned Meat or Stew

St. Benedict’s Retreat Centre is looking for a **weekend cook for breakfast and lunch.** Please call Andrew at St. Benedict’s Monastery at 338-4601 or email chefstbenedict@hotmail.com

Justice, Development & Peace Reflection: “Created things belong not to the few, but to the entire human family... It is to the Creator of the universe, then, that we are accountable for what we do or fail to do to preserve and care for the earth and all its creatures... Stewardship implies that we must both care for creation according to standards that are not of our own making and at the same time be resourceful in finding ways to make the earth flourish.” – US Catholic Bishops, *Renewing the Earth*, 1991, pp6-8.

Love these KIDS IN CHURCH quotes:

Three year old Reese: “Our Father, Who does art in heaven. Harold is His name. Amen.

A little boy was overheard praying: “Lord, if you can’t make me a better boy, don’t worry about it. I’m having a real good time like I am.”

After the baptism of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, “That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.”