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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

August 21st, 2005



**21^e DIMANCHE DU TEMPS ORDINAIRE
le 21 août 2005**

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Shebna, the master of the palace, has sought his own comfort and fame rather than serving the Lord. God promises to replace him with Eliakim who will be a true servant.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

In this reading we are warned by Paul not to presume that we can understand the mystery of God. God is beyond our ability to comprehend.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus questions his close disciples about the rumours surrounding him. "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" Peter then makes his profession of faith and is acknowledged by Jesus as having a unique role in the future Church.

A Church In Conflict

In our gospel today, Jesus points out that the Church will always be in a struggle against the forces of death. "...upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." It seems that Jesus was saying that as long as the Church exists there would be forces in the world trying to fight against it. Yes, Jesus promised us that conflict would always be a part of the life of the Church.

There are many kinds of conflict in which the Church must engage if she is to remain faithful to her calling. An extreme example of conflict is seen in those countries where the government is clearly and brutally oppressive and yet where the Church bravely and boldly speaks out on behalf of the oppressed. In these countries, the Church cannot choose to remain silent while injustice and brutality roam freely throughout the land.

As a Church, we must raise our awareness of the needs that exist around the world and in our own community. When we discover a serious human need that is not being met, we have the duty of speaking out on behalf of those who might not have a voice of their own. And often, this means entering into a situation where we need to challenge official policies and procedures as they affect certain groups of people.

If we are used to seeing our faith as a private and personal affair, then all of this will seem strange and out of order. But our faith is not a narrow, self-serving kind of faith. Our Catholic faith is a faith that reaches out in service to those who need caring for. Pope John Paul in "Crossing the Threshold", declared that "The gospel is not a promise of easy success. It does not promise a comfortable life to anyone. It makes demands..."

Fr. John Vella

PARISH ACTIVITIES

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please note that Fr. Ron will be away from August 3rd to August 24th.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER !

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus of Manitoba will be holding their *Drive, Chip & Putt Golf Competition* this year on Saturday, August 27th at the Lorette Golf Course. The competition is open to all Manitoba kids up to and including 17 years of age. Registrations will take place from 9:00 am to 10:00 am with competitions beginning at 10:00 am. For advance registrations, please contact Roxanne at 237-3068 during office hours to get a form.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

ENGAGEMENT DISCOVERY WEEKENDS – VILLA MARIA

Here are the dates for upcoming Engagement Discovery Weekends:

November 4-6, 2005
January 20-22, 2006
February 17-19, 2006
March 24-26, 2006
April 21-23, 2006
May 12-14, 2006

Please register by calling 269-2114. Sessions are filling up fast so please call ASAP.

ST. NICHOLAS/IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

St. Nicholas/Immaculate Heart of Mary School is celebrating its centennial this year from October 7-9. Festivities include Wine & Cheese with historical displays, Gala Banquet, Divine Liturgy and Family Barbecue. For more information, go to www.ihms.mb.ca or call 582-5698.

ST. BENEDICT'S RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE

Full-time experience cook required for the preparation of home-style meals for between 20-60 people. Preparation will be from established menus. Will direct a small support staff in the preparation of attractive and wholesome meals. Position requires the gift of hospitality. Please fax resume to Human Resources at 339-8775.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Topic: *Dilemma of Our Time, Finding the Spiritual in a Secular Society*

Speaker: *Fr. Fred Olds, pastor of Saint Bernadette Parish*

Date: *Thursday, September 15th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm*

Place: *Maxime's Restaurant (1131 St. Mary's Road)*

Food and refreshments available for purchase at this event. Opportunity to participate in discussions. Please call Bruce Dawson at 489-0023 to register.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience (BE) program is a non-profit, peer support organization that provides support to widowed, divorced and separated individuals. BE offers three 10-week sessions (next start September 14th) and three weekend retreats annually (next October 21-23). For further information, please call 275-3090.

SUPPORT GROUP

A compassionate church, an open heart & door for YOU who suffer. A spiritual treasure made of prayers, sharing, hope & mutual support for persons and families suffering from a mental health issue(s). Meetings will be held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Mgr. Désorcy Room at St. Bernadette Church. For more information, please call Sr. Gabrielle at 233-1618 or Dorothy at 231-2963.

ANTIQUES AND MOVING SALE

The Residence Jesus and Mary (321, avenue de la Cathédrale) is having a Antiques and Moving Sale on August 26 (2:00 pm – 6:00 pm) and August 27th (9:00 am – 12:00 pm). There will be a variety of items such as furniture, dishes, flatware, collectibles etc. Cash only; no cheques or credit cards. All are welcome!!