

SUNDAY BULLETIN # III JANUARY 22 2012

Sunday Missal:

Call, Reluctance & Repentance: With reference to our call/task in life, we may go through periods of Today's Gospel calls us to repentance & conversion; time and again, avert yourself from evil in all its forms and turn to the perfect love of God. Mark relates another call of the disciples referred to as "call-vocation" in particular to total dedication to Christ as an ongoing process. The disciples have just spent the day with our Lord. In today's reading we see a definitive decision. "They abandoned their nets (their father) and became His followers." The first call to repentance is addressed to all Christians, the second one to those whom God calls to a life of service in the ministerial priesthood and/or religious life. It requires generosity to respond. Pray that it always may be found among God's people!

Reverence: Reception of Holy Eucharist

Celebrating the Holy Eucharist
By Francis Cardinal Arinze

The individual Catholic who receives Jesus in of the Holy Eucharist shows reverence in many ways.

The most important proof of a communicant's reverence is given by his being in a state of grace.

Any Catholic who is unfortunately in the state of mortal sin is bound to go to confession and receive absolution before approaching the Eucharistic table. The Council of Trent declared that it is necessary "by divine decree to confess each and every mortal sin" (Council of Trent, DS 1680). And the 1983 Code of Canon Law says clearly: "Individual and integral confession and absolution are the sole ordinary means by which the faithful, conscious of grave (mortal) sin, are reconciled with God and the Church; only physical or moral impossibility excuses from such confession, in which case reconciliation can be obtained in other ways" (can. 960). Pope John Paul II, in his April 7, 2002, Apostolic Letter *Misericordia Dei*, requested bishops and priests to do everything possible to make individual access to the sacrament of Pen-

ance readily available to the faithful. The Synod of October 2005 repeated this appeal (see prop. 7).

It is therefore to be deplored that in more than one parish, many people regularly go to receive Holy Communion but rarely or ever go to confession. And some of them may be walking around with the weight of mortal sins on their consciences. Some such people are misled by erroneous views that very few people are able to commit a mortal sin or that one lone act cannot be a mortal sin or that they need not bother following the Church's teaching authority when she declares certain actions (such as abortion, contraception, premarital relations, or euthanasia) to be mortal sins but that it is all right just to follow their own consciences. The Catholic who wants to show genuine reverence to the Holy Eucharist will make sure to be in a state of grace before approaching the Eucharistic table.

We also show reverence by the way we receive Holy Communion, kneeling, standing, on the tongue, or in the hand. Even how we dress, how we walk, and how we share in the congregation's



invitation

Dear Catholic parents of elementary aged school children in the Wilkie area,

Grace and peace to you. A few weeks ago, Church and School representatives met to discuss the forthcoming closure of St. George's School at the end of this school year. There are a couple of issues which need to be reflected upon together with the Catholic parents of elementary aged school children from the Wilkie area.

Accordingly, I would like to invite you to a meeting with Ken Loehendorf, Executive Director Saskatchewan Catholic School Board Association, Herb Sutton, Director of Education Light of Christ RCSSD #16, Fr Andrew Wychucki, Pastor, Fr. Ron Beechinor, Vicar General, and myself on the evening of Tuesday, January 24th, at 7:00 pm at the St. James Church in Wilkie.

I would be grateful if you could attend, as the issues to be discussed are of significant importance.

Looking forward to meeting you on the 24th.
Yours in Christ,

† Donald Bolen
Bishop of Saskatoon



Come to daily Mass and offer it for those who don't go to Church on Sunday... A Child, a Grandchild, a Neighbour, a Friend and an Enemy...

DAILY MASSES

Monday, January 23, 10:am
St. James †Ann Schurman

Tuesday, January 24, 10:am
St. James †Tony Bauml

Wednesday, January 25, 10:am
Bethany Cecilia Komadoski

Thursday, January 26, 10:am
St. James †Lena Elder
7:pm HOLY HOUR

Friday, January 27, 10:am
Poplar Courts †Lorraine Beloin

Saturday, January 28, 10:am
Villa †Tillie Heilman

acts of singing, standing, sitting, listening, and kneeling can show our faith.

Personal prayer prepares us for proper participation in the liturgy and helps us to savour its fruits. This applies particularly to the reception of Holy Communion. Bearing in mind that "the sacred liturgy does not exhaust the entire activity of the Church" (SC 9), we appreciate the need for personal reflection and meditation, internal prayer, continuing conversion of heart to God, and ever greater desire of union with Christ. These promote reverence for so great a mystery.

According to personal devotion, a communicant may wish to kneel or to sit in quiet thanksgiving after Communion. Both the priest celebrant and the choir should make room for this. And the diocesan Office for the Sacred Liturgy should not try to regiment movements at all such moments.

Thanksgiving after Mass has traditionally been greatly esteemed in the Church for both the priest and the lay faithful. The missal and the breviary even suggest prayers for the priest before and after the Eucharistic celebration. There is no reason to believe that this is no longer needed. Indeed, in our noisy world of today, such moments of reflective and loving prayers would seem indicated more than ever before. Proposition 34 of the October Synod of Bishops dwells on this.

It is a beautiful testimony to hear parishioners say of their pastor: "Father is making his thanksgiving after Mass and will be available to us about ten minutes later." And why should this not be applicable to the congregation, too? Reverence is not automatic. It has to be nurtured, to be built up, to be kept up.

Announcements

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FREE THROW: St. George Gym, Monday, Jan. 23, 3:30p.m., ages 9 - 16 welcome.

St. James Parish Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 5th after Mass. All are welcome to attend. Brunch will also be served.

St. George School News:

Monday Jan. 23rd - Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw 3:15 - 4:30 in our gym. Good luck everyone and have fun. A very sincere thank-you to Darrell Gruber and our local K of C for sponsoring this event each year!

Tuesday Jan. 24th - Our school will be attending daily Mass at 10:00.

- Hot dog lunch at noon

- St. George School Idol Talent Show @ 1:30 with surprise Celebrity Judges!! - Parent Meeting with the Bishop at 7:pm

Thursday Jan. 26th - Little Hoops basketball

Friday Jan. 27th - No School - Teacher Planning Day- Enjoy your long weekend students!

Mount Carmel Knights of Columbus Scholarships:

Students from Landis, Leipzig and Handel areas (who graduated in 2011) are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Apply to Bernard Cey at 658-4556.

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTION

During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray as a diocesan family for the work of the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism. May the Holy Spirit lead and inspire all Christians to journey together in love and to grow in understanding and unity, always grounded in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday Collection at St. James for January 15: Envelopes: \$1750
Loose: \$37.25

MINISTRIES-CONTACT-COLLECTIONS

CATHOLICISM PROJECT
at the church basement
7:00 pm: February 1 & 8

January 29th

9:am Leipzig

Lectors: Sarah & Jeff
Offertory: Todd Miller
Altar servers: Kyra & Megan

10:30 Wilkie: Senior choir

Shut-ins: Marie Mohr & Viv Sieben
Sacristan: Bev Wagner
Counters: Helen Miller & Stacy Hawkins
Lectors: Kim Lorenz & Greg Mamer
Offertory: James & M.J. Rohs & Family
Eucharistic ministers: Henry & Irma Gutting, Karen Johnson & Mary Koch
Main: Tony Lorenz
East: Val & Kim Lorenz
West: Ken Cey Family
Altar servers: Jolene Gruber, Breann Squires, Amy Gruber, Kylie Delainey & Kenzie Wildeman

A Uniting in Faith wind-up

celebration originally set for Jan. 20 has been rescheduled. This diocesan event will instead be held April 20. It will feature Mass with Bishop Donald Bolen, tours of the new Cathedral of the Holy Family and a reception. All donors and volunteers from across the diocese are invited. Contact 659-5851 or toll free: 1-877-661-5005 Ext. 851

"Damien" a play about the Catholic missionary who devoted his life to ministering to the lepers on the Hawaiian Island of Molokai will be staged at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road at Attridge Drive, Saskatoon. Father Edward Danylo Evanko will perform the one-man play written by Aldyth Morris. A free will offering will be collected at the event; pre-registration is not required. All are welcome.
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