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*“To transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice”*

- Parish Mission Statement

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 2018

### PARISH TEAM

**Reverend Fr. Darrin J. G. Gurr**  
Pastor

**Reverend Fr. Kelly Wilson**  
Parochial Vicar

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Deacon

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**Rachel Suarez-Banmann**  
Pastoral Associate responsible for Family Faith Formation

**Kristi Stubbings**  
Pastoral Associate responsible for Global Awareness & Social Action

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Living Waters Columbarium - Director of Sales, Marketing & Promotions

**Reg & Jane Todd**  
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### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**TUESDAY, October 16, 2018**

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

**7:00 p.m. Liturgy – Novena Mass in Honour of St. Gianna**

*Intention: Marc and Maillie Garcia / Armand & Mary Ann Garcia*

**WEDNESDAY, October 17, 2018**

**9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial**

*Intention: Jerome & Margaret Strachan / Joan McCallum*

*Mass in Nazareth - Basilica of the Annunciation*

*Intention: Abe Sarmiento / Fr. Darrin*

**THURSDAY, October 18, 2018**

**9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial**

*Intention: George & Fran Van Walleghem / Leanne & Charlotte*

*Mass at the Sea of Galilee - Place of the Multiplication of Loaves & Fish*

*Intention: + Cristina Colina / Maria Pagdato*

**FRIDAY, October 19, 2018**

**9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial**

*Intention: + David Coombes / Barry & Joan Coombes*

*Mass in Bethlehem - Shepherd's Cave*

*Intention: Kristina Louise Taporco / Eva Kristine Taporco*

**SATURDAY, October 20 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:30 p.m. Liturgy**

*Intention: + Adelaida & Tiburcio Salazar Sr. / Maria Dano*

*Mass in Jerusalem - The Upper Room of the Last Supper*

*Intention: + Jesus Pagdato Sr. / Maria Pagdato*

**SUNDAY, October 21 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 a.m. Liturgy**

*Intention: Meinard Garcia / Armand & Mary Ann Garcia*

**11:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners**



### Remembering Those Entombed or Memorialized in Living Waters Columbarium:

October 14 - Denise Boudreau

October 17 - Michael McCallan

October 18 - Bernard A. Lopez

October 21 - Roman W. Buchok



“Christian author C.S. Lewis once wrote that Christianity is not so much about being nice people but in being “new men.” We see this contrast in today’s Gospel. “Good teacher, what

must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus first answers in the predictable way. Follow the commandments! “Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth.” Perhaps for some of us it’s easy to answer this way. “I’m a good person!” he seems to reply. Does he truly follow all the commandments he professes to follow? Does he — in word and deed — check off all the boxes of the moral law? Perhaps. Whether he’s being honest or fudging the truth, Jesus accepts his answer at face value with compassion. “Jesus, looking at him, loved him.”

But he’s not done yet! Jesus wants to remind us that this attitude alone is not enough. “Go, sell what you have ... then come, follow me.” Jesus’ invitation to the young man is radical. Abandon everything that gives you any sense of security. Give it all up for an unknown future with a wandering preacher.

The Christian life is not easy. “How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!” It’s easier, Jesus says, for a gigantic camel to squeeze itself through a tiny needle’s eye. But the God of the universe creates out of nothing, breaks the bars of hell, and raises the dead to life. Is a needle’s eye really such an obstacle? Jesus’ invitation is always bigger than our own limitations. This week, what do we need to offer up? How is Jesus inviting us to follow him?

**CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL**

*“May you use the gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you.”*

- St. Teresa of Avila

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Are we content and satisfied with the bare minimum and essentials of our faith, or do we desire excellence and proficiency? The Ten Commandments represent the minimum and, if we are honest with ourselves, are pretty easy to keep. The fullness of the Gospel, however, is another story. Truly living as Jesus taught often comes with great self-sacrifice, self-emptying, and possibly leaving the things of this world behind. Are we ready to pursue this kind of life? God wants us to live and love abundantly not superficially. Love asks that we extend ourselves beyond the status quo and the bare minimum and venture into that which is risky, countercultural, and even radical. What we possess can no longer be important. When Jesus laid this out before the rich young man, he went away sad because he had much. When Jesus lays it out before us, how do we react?

**KIDS' CORNER**

The man in today's Gospel reading thought he was pretty good. He had

been careful to obey most of God's rules. But he forgot the most important rule of all—love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. When Jesus asked the man to give away all he owned, the man went away sad. He loved money more than he loved God.

**Dear God, help me to love you more than all the gifts you have given to me.**



Thank you to all parishioners who have renewed their Stewardship of Treasure Commitment for 2018.

**Sunday's Offertory - October 7, 2018**

Pre-Authorized Giving:	\$ 14,000.00
Noah's Buddies	\$ 16.00
Loose:	\$ 1,065.20
Votives:	\$ 270.35
Novena Mass	\$ 351.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 15,702.55</b>

Our minimum weekly offertory income requirement: \$20,000.00

Christian Stewardship acknowledges that everything we have and hold comes from God, given to us for our good and the good of the world. A Stewardship response calls us to return to the Lord the first fruits of all that had been given. Traditionally for many, this means the first hour of our weekly income. At St. Gianna's, all are asked to consider this measure of Stewardship as the beginning of their annual parish financial support. In Manitoba, the hourly minimum wage is currently \$11.35. Therefore, the starting point for our financial offering should at least reflect this minimum. If the household is a dual income family, then the starting point of our gift would be \$22.70. The goal of Christian Stewardship is to eventually grow toward true Christian Tithing, which means 10% of our total household income. All gifts that we give to God always comes back manifold.

**A Testimonial on G.I.F.T. - Family Faith Formation**

*"When the GIFT program was first announced at church, I was immediately intrigued and knew that it would be an excellent fit for our family. From a logistical perspective, having an extended Faith Formation only once a month is much more convenient. Being already at church for Mass makes this a very easy "event" to attend! More importantly, knowing that the GIFT program is designed for us to learn together as families will allow us to keep nurturing our faith, as we are better equipped to deepen our relationship with God and with each other. I can't wait for the upcoming family discussions after the GIFT sessions!"*

- Heather, Maurice, Xavier, Naomi, Sebastian & Gabriel Cadieux



**GIFT: Growing in Faith Together Family Faith Formation**

This year, our Faith Formation process launches a new and fresh approach to children's faith formation. Beginning in October, parents and children are invited to come and learn about our Christian Catholic Faith together. Families with children in Grades 1-6 will explore and discover the great gift of our faith in meaningful and interactive ways. Prayer and music, hands-on activities and discussions will be a part of each of the gatherings. Families will have the opportunity to learn and grow together in faith with the support to develop the skills and knowledge to nurture faith-learning at home. The gatherings will be held one

Sunday per month, October to May, beginning immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy and concluded by 4:00 p.m. This whole family faith formation process is replacing the current Wednesday Evening Weekly session. To register your family for our 2017/2018 experience or for more information, please contact Rachel Suarez-Banmann, our Family Faith Formation Coordinator at [rbanmann@stgianna.ca](mailto:rbanmann@stgianna.ca).

**St. Gianna's Women's Faith Group - November 8**

The challenges of living a faith-filled life in the midst of the demands at work, in our home and in our daily lives can be overwhelming. St. Gianna's Women's Faith Group is in its early stages of growth and is welcoming any woman who is interested in sharing their faith with other women. In order to include everyone, we will alternate meetings between the daytime and evenings on a monthly basis. If you would like to participate, please email [cwl@stgianna.ca](mailto:cwl@stgianna.ca). Our next meeting will be Thursday, **November 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church.



*Jerusalem our Destiny...*

Please remember to keep in your prayers our Pastor, Fr. Darrin and 23 of our fellow parishioners, who will join 21 pilgrims from St. Mary's Cathedral on a nine day Pilgrimage of the Holy Lands. Please pray for their safety and well-being.

Follow their journey on Instagram: [stgiannawppg](https://www.instagram.com/stgiannawppg)

**All Saints Liturgy - Thursday, November 1 at 9:30 a.m..**

The Solemnity of All Saints will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. On this day, the church celebrates those who have gone before us and have been declared as Saints for our inspiration and hope.

**All Souls Liturgy - Friday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m.**

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. at St. Gianna's. On this day, the church celebrates those who have died and that we now assist with our prayers as they come into the fullness of eternal life in heaven.

During the month of November, we take time to remember our beloved dead in a special way. Through our individual and communal ritual prayers and celebrations, we continue to proclaim that in death, life is changed, not ended. During this month take time to:

1. Remember your beloved dead in daily prayer. Perhaps keep photo(s) on display graced with flowers and candles.
2. Attend the All Souls Day Liturgy and include their name(s) in the vessel of remembrance.
3. Offer a Mass to be said on the anniversary day of their death. See special envelopes, make a request through our website, or call the parish office.
4. Make time to visit the place of burial during November.

**Annual Sowing Seeds Award Banquet - November 18**

The two Awards to be presented are made possible through the Grain of Wheat Legacy Fund, serving as a perpetual memorial for the beloved dead, by supporting groups/ organizations that endeavour to transform the world. Each year, a portion of the fund is designated for the Awards, monetary gifts to support the initiatives of an organization selected through a nomination process.



**Date:** Sunday, November 18, 2018

**Time:** Dinner 5:30 PM

**Place:** St. Gianna's Church

**Tickets:** \$85.00

Tickets are may be purchased online at [www.livingwaterswpg.ca](http://www.livingwaterswpg.ca) or in person at Living Waters Columbarium. Tickets are limited!



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