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

- Parish Mission Statement

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 10, 2019

PARISH TEAM

Reverend Fr. Darrin J. G. Gurr

Pastor

Deacon Gilles Lorteau

Deacon

John Eisma

Pastoral Associate responsible for Liturgical Music Ministry

Rachel Suarez-Banmann

Pastoral Associate responsible for Family Faith Formation

Kristi Stubbings

Pastoral Associate responsible for Global Awareness & Social Action

Ernest Lacuna

Administrative Coordinator

Romeo Suban

Operational Business Manager

Donna Sorokowski

Columbarium Representative

Reg & Jane Todd

Custodial

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, February 11, 2018 - Ferial

No Mass

TUESDAY, February 12, 2019

6:00-6:50 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

Intention: + *Erlinda Aguilar / Cecilia Bautista & Family*

WEDNESDAY, February 13, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial

Intention: + *Don Kramer / Mildred Njegovan*

THURSDAY, February 14, 2018

1:30 p.m. at Lindenwood Terrace - Memorial - St. Cyril & St. Methodius

Intention: + *André & Thérèse Cyrenne / Doug & Paulette Sutherland*

FRIDAY, February 15, 2018

No Mass

SATURDAY, February 16 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Liturgy

Intention: + *Jim Bobby / Bernice Bobby*

SUNDAY, February 17 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Liturgy

Intention: + *Constante Ilag / Florentine Ilag*

11:00 a.m. Liturgy

Intention: *For All Parishioners*



Remembering Those Entombed or Memorialized in Living Waters Columbarium:

February 11 - Erlinda A. Aguilar

February 12 - Bernard Wilman

February 14 - Claudette Brisebois

February 17 - Constante Ilag



"Do you have enough? Many of us come from a nation of material abundance. We have all the things we could possibly need not only to survive, but to thrive - food, shelter, mental ability, income, access to

medical care. Most people in human history lived with far less than we. So why are we so dissatisfied? Some Christians can be drawn to the "prosperity Gospel." This is the idea that following God will bring us material abundance in this life.

That surely seems to be the story of today's Gospel! Peter and his friends chose - with some faith - to put out their nets a final time at Jesus' command. "They caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking." What gift! What abundance! What prosperity! Peter and his friends caught more fish than they'd ever seen. Yet what is their response to this material abundance, this gift from God? They leave it behind. "When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."

Praying for God to meet our physical, material needs is not a bad thing! Jesus himself includes "give us this day our daily bread" in the prayer he teaches his disciples. The question is, how do we respond when our prayers are answered? Do we thank God briefly, or perhaps ignore Him completely and move on with our lives? Or do we respond as Peter did? "God? You showed up in an area that has no bearing on my eternal salvation. You gave me a gift I didn't even really need. You love me! You really do love me." Is our gratitude only surface level? Or do we allow ourselves, like Peter did, to respond with wonder, awe, and deeper discipleship?

CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

"Community is a sign that love is possible."

- Jean Vanier

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Have you ever felt a compelling urge to respond to a situation and then found yourself questioning whether you should do so? Fear often takes hold of us, and we find ourselves making excuses for why it is better to just mind our own business. There is a voice within each of us that is saying, "Follow me". What does this prompting mean? The purpose of discipleship is not to secure our own station in life and enhance our comfort zone. Discipleship is about taking risks and venturing forth into the unknown, tending to the needs of others and being prophetic voices of change. We will not drink deeply of life until we listen to the voice of God within. When God asks, "Whom shall I send?", will you reply, "Here I am, send me!"?

KIDS' CORNER

Jesus was powerful enough to control the fish in the sea! Peter caught no fish by himself one night.

With Jesus' help, Peter caught more fish than his boat could carry. When Peter saw what Jesus did, he was afraid. How would you feel?

Dear God, your power is so amazing!



Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the mission and ministry of St. Gianna's Parish

Sunday's Offertory - February 3, 2019

Pre-Authorized Giving:	\$ 14,000.00
Noah's Buddies	\$ 6.00
Loose:	\$ 650.20
Votives:	\$ 114.70
<u>Novena</u>	<u>\$ 256.10</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 15,027.00

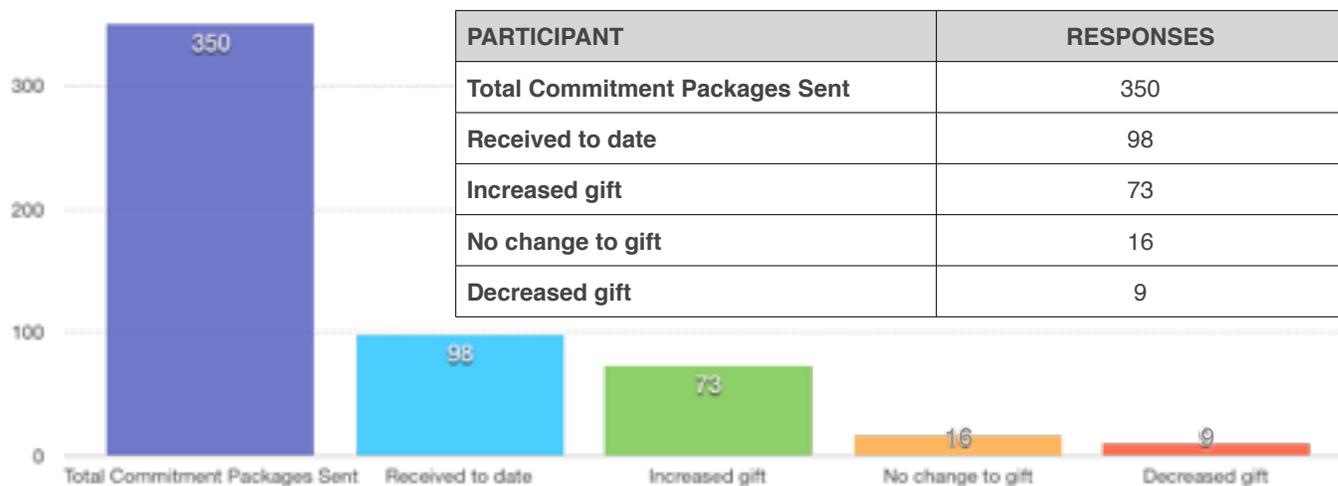
Our 2019 monthly Pre-Authorized total will be updated starting March 1st, once all commitments are completed.

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.



Thank you to all who have responded to “Close the Gap” - Our Annual Renewal of Treasure

Thank you to all our parishioners who have already made their financial commitment for 2019. As shared by the finance council on the weekend of January 19 & 20, we have a few challenges before us in 2019 as we work to close the gap between our income and expense deficit. However, we know that with the continued commitment of all of our parishioners, along with a true spirit of sacrificial giving, we can achieve this task together. We count on a supportive response from the 296 commitments still to be made. The future success and viability of our church is in our hands, God has given us an extra-ordinary work to be a part of and is counting on our faith response. The building up of a new church and faith community is the greatest witness and legacy that we as Christians could ever share in. Every time we bless God with a generous and free response in this sacred work God always blesses us with even more! May our parish mission statement continue to be our inspiration and guiding force at this important time: ‘to transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice’. Thank you for being a part of something Great!



*** We appeal to our registered households who have not yet made a formal commitment to support our parish financially and invite you to do so today, through pre-authorized giving. We are counting on you!**



From Fr. Darrin...

I am pleased to announce that Donna Sorokowski begins her role as *Representative of Living Waters Columbarium* at St. Gianna’s Parish on Tuesday, February 12th. Donna comes to this position with over sixteen years of experience in professional funeral service. She is known in Winnipeg among pastors and funeral directors and brings a wealth of connections and resources. I welcome Donna as a part of my pastoral team and look forward to the contributions that she will make to our parish community.

The Columbarium Office Hours will now be:

Tuesday 11:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.



Infant Baptisms at St. Gianna’s Parish

We are now preparing for our next two upcoming Baptism Sundays. If you are a registered member of our parish community and would like to celebrate your baby’s baptism on one of the upcoming Sundays, please contact the parish office. The celebration of Infant Baptism is always an extraordinary event at St. Gianna’s. Celebrated within the context of the Sunday liturgy, it is truly a transformative event.

Our next celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism:

Sunday, **March 3rd** at 11:00 a.m. and
Easter Sunday, **April 21st** at 11:00 a.m.



Commitment of Talent - Next Sunday!

Ministry catalogues and commitment cards were distributed for our annual commitment of talent for 2019 this weekend. Please bring your completed card and place it in the offertory basket next Sunday. A liturgical ministry workshop will be held on **Saturday, March 9** for those participating in the apostolates of Reader, Usher, Welcome and Liturgical Server. We look forward to a great response as we continue to “*be a part of something great!*”

Praying the Rosary - February 14

This Thursday at **1:30 p.m.**, St. Gianna’s Women’s Faith Group will be praying the Rosary in the worship space. Men and women - All are welcome to participate.



Prayer Ministry Orientation Session - March 4

Our next Information / Orientation Session is on Monday, **March 4th** at **7:00 p.m.** The Perpetual Prayer Ministry invites participants to become part of a growing twenty-four hour a day prayer chain that keeps a prayer vigil in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!



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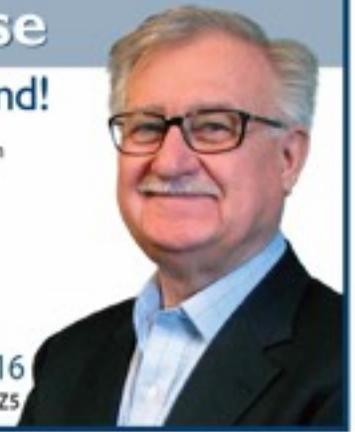
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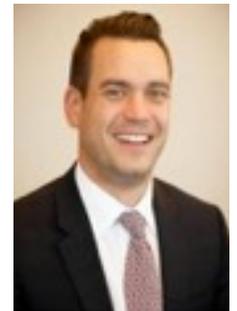


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