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

- Parish Mission Statement

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2019

PARISH TEAM

Reverend Fr. Darrin J. G. Gurr

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Deacon

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, September 23, 2019 - Memorial - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

No Mass

TUESDAY, September 24, 2019 - Ferial

1:30 p.m. Rosary Prayer

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

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

Intention: + *Ronaldo Aguila Datuin / Perla Javate*

WEDNESDAY, September 25, 2019 - Ferial

9:30 a.m. Liturgy

Intention: + *Mrs. Sunitha Mendis / Felix & Lileena Mendis*

THURSDAY, Sept. 26, 2019 - Feast - St. Jean de Brébeuf & St. Isaac Jogues

1:30 p.m. Liturgy at Lindenwood Manor

Intention: + *Filomena Malabanan / The Franista Family*

FRIDAY, September 27, 2019 - Memorial - St. Vincent de Paul

9:30 a.m. Liturgy

Intention: + *Dominga Elmido / Chris Santos*

SATURDAY, September 28, 2019 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Liturgy

Intention: + *Linda Cruz / Perla Javate*

SUNDAY, September 29, 2019 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Liturgy

Intention: + *Florence Thabrew / Larry Gagné & Lee Hopper*

11:00 a.m. Liturgy

Intention: *For All Parishioners / Fr. Darrin*



Remembering Those Entombed or Memorialized in Living Waters Columbarium:

September 17 - Carolina P. Raymundo

September 19 - Steven Thompson

September 21 - Jim Probetts

September 22 - Veronica P. Vitug



Compartmentalization or consistency?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top. Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done. "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time? Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? "No servant can serve two masters." These week, take stock of your life. All of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go?

CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

"Patience is power... it is "timing"; it waits on the right time to act, for the right principles and in the right way."

- Ven. Fulton Sheen

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"No servant can serve two masters." We struggle with where we put and give our allegiance. Who has the ultimate authority and claim over us? While our minds want to answer "God," our lives often reveal other conflicting allegiances. Because we are made in the image of God, we are not given a ticket of entitlement or privilege. On the contrary, we are given a level playing field where we are one among many and called to live just and trustworthy lives. To serve God is to serve others and to see the primary purpose and focus of our lives as being good stewards. As God lifts up the poor, so too do we. As much as we want the world and God to serve our own self advancement, we have to resist this temptation at all costs. Injustice has no place in the kingdom of God.

KIDS' CORNER

Jesus wants you to be honest. When you tell lies, your friends will not be able to trust you. Tell the truth. If you find a wallet, bring it to the police station. If you see someone drop some money, pick it up and give it back to them. If someone left a jacket or toy on the playground, don't take it. Turn it in to "lost and found." When you are honest with small things, people will see that you can be trusted with bigger things, too.

Dear God, help me to be honest.



What's Most Important? - I hold to the belief that you cannot have allegiances to both Duke and UNC, the Packers and the Bears, or the Yankees and the Red Sox. In Matthew 6:24, it says, "He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other." That verse isn't talking about sports! It's talking about God and money. Most of us love both of those and that can be a problem. If you were to love any of the sets of teams mentioned above, you have a huge problem as well. Simply put, you can only have one thing that is the most important in your life. When I ask my children what is the most important thing in their lives, they know to respond, "God." But just because you know that is the right answer doesn't make it the truthful answer. Total allegiance to a sports team seems easier. You won't find a Packers fans secretly wearing a Bear's jersey. However, we can find Christians secretly hoarding their money or doing things based solely on the love of money. Maybe the problem lies in the fact that, at times, we are merely lukewarm fans of Jesus and not disciples. If we truly have matured in our faith and strengthened our relationship with him, then real commitment comes easier. There will always be a temptation for money to take the place of Jesus, but the more committed we are, the harder it is to allow anything to come between us and our God. The question we all must continually ask ourselves is, "Is God truly the most important thing in my life?"

" Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Registration Open!

We are now accepting registrations for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, for children aged 3-6 (Preschool-Kindergarten). The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a unique and beautiful faith formation experience for children where they come to know more and fall deeply in love with God through the scriptures, liturgy and prayer. Our opening session will begin on **Saturday, October 5** and will continue every Saturday until May from **9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** Register now as space is limited. The cost for the process is \$100 per child. Please contact Rachel at rbanmann@stgianna.ca to register.



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Family Faith Formation - Registration Today!

G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together) is a family faith formation journey that brings parents and children (Gr.1-6) together to learn, live and love in Christ. Gatherings are once a month from October to May. Parents and children come together for a 3-hour period on Sundays. To register or for more information, please contact Rachel at rbanmann@stgianna.ca



Praying the Rosary - September 24

This Tuesday at **1:30 p.m.**, St. Gianna's Women's Faith Group will pray the Rosary in the worship space. All are welcome to participate.



Anniversary Celebrations - September 27, 28 and 29

This Friday, we will celebrate our 15th anniversary as a parish community with a dinner social on **Friday, September 27** at the Marlborough Hotel. There will be door prizes, a 50/50 draw and a silent auction. 60's & 70's attire is encouraged!



Next Sunday, we will continue our celebratory weekend marking our 15th anniversary as a parish community with hospitality gatherings following each of the liturgies.

Please plan on joining us for refreshments, cake and fellowship after the liturgy that you will be attending!

Catechumenate - R.C.I.A.

The process for preparing non-Christian adults for Baptism, Confirmation and the reception of Holy Eucharist will be offered this fall at St. Gianna's Parish. If you or someone you know is desiring to become a Christian in the Catholic tradition, please see Fr. Darrin in-person or via the parish office.



Missing in Action

If you or someone you know finds themselves with an extended hospital stay or homebound for a significant period, please let Fr. Darrin know and he can provide a pastoral visit with communion and/or anointing of the sick.



Visitor or Special Event Envelopes: Please indicate ID # and/or street address with your name whenever possible.

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WEEK 14:



"Embracing Discipleship"

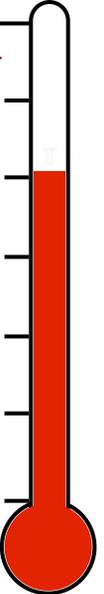
2019 SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Only \$27,000 more to go from the remaining 75% of our parishioners. We can do it!

On June 16th, we formally launched our parish's participation in the Archbishop's Appeal: *Sharing God's Gifts*. This annual appeal is in support of our Archdiocesan pastoral services which includes: youth ministry, social justice and community outreach, First Nations ministry, children's faith formation, adult lay formation, university chaplaincy, the priest's pension fund, and the formation/education of future priests. St. Gianna's parish joins with all the parishes in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg to ensure the continued pastoral ministry of our Archdiocese. Our parish target has been set at \$87,000. Gratefully, after our fourteenth week, \$60,000 has already been contributed. Thank you to all those who have made this possible! **As a part of the Archdiocesan community, it is important for us to make our Archdiocesan appeal goal. Like all other parishes, we have a responsibility to share in the overall work and ministry of our Archdiocese. In addition, the Archdiocesan offices have been especially supportive of our parish. The financial department continues to work closely with our finance council, providing financial support and other elements of professional support to help us achieve our long term goals. Our financial support back to the Archdiocese by way of the Archdiocesan Appeal is what makes the support they provide possible.** All parishioners are asked to share in achieving our parish goal. All are asked to consider their gift and to return it with their next Sunday offering. Forms are available in the narthex and on our progress sign. Our goal is to ensure the highest participation in this effort as possible. The greater the participation the more successful our campaign will be. All monies that surpass our target are returned to the parish for our pastoral work. *Thank you for being a part of Something Great!*

\$ 87,000

2019 Assigned target for St. Gianna's Parish



Knights of Columbus Gift Cards Program

Sobeys, Safeway, Superstore and Woodland gift cards are available for purchase after each Sunday Liturgy at the Knights table. On each card sold, the Knights receive a 5% commission which is turned over to the parish to help offset operating expenses. Moving forward this continues to be an important part of the equation as we strive to reach monthly financial solvency. Please join the effort as together we share in being a part of something great!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter - October 18-20

Looking for ways to increase love, intimacy, and communication in your marriage? Do you need time for just the two of you? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience may be the answer. Come celebrate and enhance the love that is already within you. It runs **October 18-20, 2019** at St. Charles Retreat Centre, Winnipeg. To apply, contact Edward and Char Arreza vwme.wpg@gmail.com or 204-583-0148.





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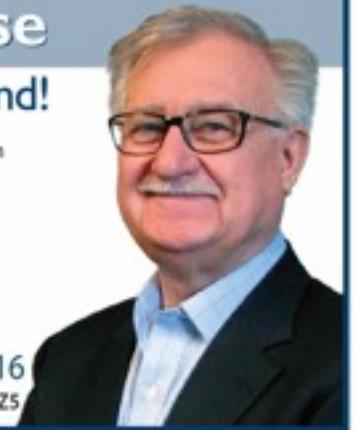
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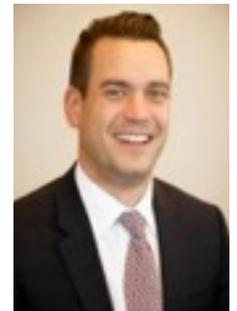
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