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

- Parish Mission Statement

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2019

PARISH TEAM

Reverend Fr. Darrin J. G. Gurr

Pastor

Deacon Gilles Lorteau

Deacon

Rachel Suarez-Banmann

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John Eisma

Pastoral Associate responsible for Liturgical Music Ministry

Ernest Lacuna

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Donna Sorokowski

Columbarium Representative

Reg & Jane Todd

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**No Weekday Liturgies this week,
Clergy Attending Annual Study Days**

The Following Mass Intentions will be offered
by Fr. Darrin during the week at the Clergy Study Days:

For + *Florence Thabrew / Lileena & Felix Mendis*

For + *Pacita Marquez / Rodilliah Viray*

For + *Constante Ilag / Florentina Ilag & Lorna Aquino*

FRIDAY, October 11, 2019

No Mass

4:30 p.m. *Nuptial Celebration - McCallum / Slevin*

SATURDAY, October 12, 2019 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Liturgy

Intention: + *Espirita V. Mina / Will & Lesa Pagat*

SUNDAY, October 13, 2019 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Liturgy

Intention: *Mary & Malachy Gorman / Martin & Mary Mannion*

11:00 a.m. Liturgy

Intention: *For All Parishioners / Fr. Darrin*



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

October 2 - Elizabeth Desjardins

October 14 - Denise Boudreau



"When you have done all you have been commanded, say 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" The metaphor in the story could seem harsh to us today. A servant has worked hard

all day, and rather than receiving a much-needed respite, the master commands an additional task. Jesus, however, is appearing to their sensibilities. This was a hierarchical society in which everyone had a place. His listeners would know this. No servant would presume a reward for good deeds. It's important to remember that we do have a place at God's table. But we don't "earn" it. Dining with the Lord at the heavenly wedding feast requires surrender. It requires deep faith in God and His promises. It also requires commitment. The kingdom takes work! There are fields to plow and initiatives to prepare. There are sheep to tend to and family to care for. There are people waiting for our yes to generous service. When we serve dinner at a homeless shelter, we are waiting on the table of Christ. When we visit an ill relative, we're imitating the Good Samaritan. We're visiting Jesus! We're growing his kingdom of life and love. The Gospel today reminds us to check our motives. Are we serving because we're seeking a reward? Or because we have faith that this is who we're meant to serve? That is, is this where we're meant to be? The Gospel reminds us that this faith can do powerful things! "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." But, ultimately, we're not the ones doing the deeds. We're not the ones "earning" the grace. Faith, and the good we do for others, is a gift.

CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

"The Rosary is the "weapon" for these times."

- St. Padre Pio

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

All of the violence and unrest we regularly witness in our world can easily distress us. We can also find ourselves wondering how long it will take before God intervenes and does something about it. Then we remember our call to discipleship and spreading the Good News of the Gospel. We recall the persecutions the early disciples endured and the fate of so many martyrs throughout history, both past and present. It is not God's responsibility to fix our mess but ours. God has given us the power of love and a strength of endurance that comes from Him alone. Our request of God becomes that of the disciples: "Increase our faith." It is our task to stand up for the values of the Gospel and live them regardless of the price.

KIDS' CORNER

Being part of a family means that everybody works together. Your

parents work to give you a good place to live, food to eat, and clothes to wear. You probably help with jobs around the house, too, like picking up your toys, taking the garbage out, or setting the table. Each person in the family has work to do. The same is true in God's family. God has special work for us to do, especially to help others. Find happiness in your work.

Dear God, help me enjoy helping my family and others.



Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - How Much Is Enough? During a conversation about good stewardship of money and time, my daughter shared that sometimes doing the best thing was so hard for her to do. It wasn't always a matter of right and wrong, black and white, but a matter of better and best. I began to reflect on the truth of her statement. When confronted with a decision, we can sometimes be given a choice of good, better, and best. We fool ourselves into believing that the good choice is not a bad one, so it must be enough. However, we have essentially placed a limit on our generosity or commitment with our false sense of good stewardship. Jesus calls us in different ways every day. Sometimes the cost to us is clear. Yet sometimes there is no clear metric. When called to love, how much love is enough? When someone needs our time, how many hours is enough? When a small gift will bring about a positive outcome, what could a larger gift accomplish? Don't be fooled by Jesus' teaching of the mustard seed. He was speaking to those who were caught up in concerns of status, uncertainty of heart, and lack of true faith. Jesus taught with parables and then demonstrated true faith and generosity by his crucifixion. Perhaps the mustard seed of faith allows us to move mountains and trees so that we may see through to the horizon of the cross. In the cross, we find the real metric of love and generosity that is for all who follow Him.

Family Faith Formation - Registrations Still Accepted!

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 now starting in November to May. Parents and children come together for a 3-hour period on Sundays. Please contact Rachel at rbanmann@stgianna.ca to register or for more information.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - 3 Spaces Remain!

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.



Praying the Rosary - October 8

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!



Please Note: Clergy Study Days

The clergy of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, priests and deacons, will be attending their annual Study Week from **October 7 to 11**. Please note that there will be NO weekday liturgies celebrated at the parish during this time.

Save the Date: Sowing Seeds Award - November 10

The upcoming Sowing Seeds Award celebration will be held on **Sunday, November 10th at 2:00 p.m.** This year's celebration will consist of a special prayer service in which the Sowing Seed Award will be given. The celebration will conclude with a reception in the Narthex. There is no charge to attend this special event and is open to all. More information to follow.



Knights of Columbus presentation

Our Knights of Columbus presented our parish with a cheque of \$6,500 from the proceeds of the gift card program where the Knights receive a 5% commission. These proceeds were donated to the parish to help offset operating expenses. Sobeys, Safeway, IGA, Superstore and Foodland gift cards are available for purchase after each Sunday Liturgy at the Knights table. 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!

WEEK 16:



"Embracing Discipleship"

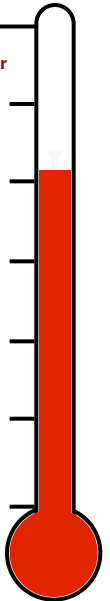
2019 SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Only \$25,000 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 sixteenth week, \$62,000 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



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.

Archdiocesan Workshop Opportunity - October 10

All are invited to attend the public presentation "Healing the Church from Clergy Sexual Abuse: The Catholic Faithful". The session will be held at St. Augustine's Parish in Kenny, SC, who is an acknowledged expert in the psychology of clergy sexual abuse. She is also a theologian, ethicist, professor, well-known author, and consultant to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. There will be two sessions: Wednesday, **October 9, 7:00 p.m.** at **St. Augustine's Parish** in Brandon, and Thursday, **October 10, 7:00 p.m.** at **Petrus Hall in Winnipeg.**

CANCELLED

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



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