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

- Parish Mission Statement

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2019

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Pastor

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Deacon

**Rachel Suarez-Banmann**

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Pastoral Associate responsible for Liturgical Music Ministry

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Operational Business Manager

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Columbarium Representative

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### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**MONDAY, September 30, 2019 - Memorial - St. Jerome**

No Mass

**TUESDAY, October 1, 2019 - Memorial - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus**

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: + *Justin Silicz / Grant & Rebecca Skinner*

**WEDNESDAY, October 2, 2019 - Memorial - The Holy Guardian Angels**

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

Intention: + *Constante Ilag / Florentina Ilag & Lorna Aquino*

**THURSDAY, October 3, 2019 - Ferial**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, October 4, 2019 - Memorial - St. Francis of Assisi**

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

Intention: + *Fred Johnson / Manuel & Marcela Decebal-Cuza*

**SATURDAY, October 5, 2019 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Intention: + *Filomena Malabanan / The Franista Family*

**SUNDAY, October 6, 2019 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Intention: + *Antonio Mina / Will & Lesa Pagat*

**11:00 a.m. Liturgy**

Intention: *For All Parishioners / Fr. Darrin*



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

October 2 - Elizabeth Desjardins



"If you saw someone dead come to life tomorrow, what would you change about your life? Would you say "nothing"? That's what Jesus seems to hope. After all, we already know what to do. In this Sunday's Gospel, a rich man and a poor man pass away, the former to damnation and the latter to peaceful rest alongside the Jewish patriarchs. The rich man asks if the poor man can appear to his brothers and advise them to live a more virtuous life. The parable offers a strong rebuke: "*They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.*" In other words, they should already know what to do.

We, too, know what to do. More than Moses, Jesus Christ himself has spoken, and continues to speak through his Church. The rich man did not heed the wise words, despite knowing them. If we are convicted against certain Christian teachings in our heart, how much good will miraculous "proofs" do? We know more than the law and the prophets — we know the prophetic law of love proclaimed by Jesus Christ. Are we living like we believe it?

Where in our lives are we like the rich man? Do we know how to treat the poor but still we ignore them in our excess? Do we know the third commandment, but the Sunday liturgy feels "optional" when other weekend commitments arise? Have we heard Christ's teachings on sexuality, but consider them out of reach for us? We have received a great many truths as Christian people. We are blessed by God with the sacraments and the abundance of His graces. We have what we need — in Him — to begin to live a virtuous life now.

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

"Never get tired of doing little things for others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts."

- St. Thérèse of Lisieux

#### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

People often think that if they witness something miraculous, it would bring them to a greater faith and motivate them for greater involvement. Such is not necessarily true, as coming to a real and authentic faith still requires that we struggle with ourselves a bit and change our approach to living. Authentic faith is acquired when we see wisdom and life in the words of the prophets and in the teachings of Jesus Christ. All of these point us to a God who has a particular set of priorities for how life is meant to be lived. We have to avoid the trap of complacency that is rooted in preserving our own self-interests and living lives that pursue "*righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.*" (1 TM 6: 11) Complacency keeps us stuck in the status quo and prevents us from working toward respect for life, equality, and justice, and from advocating on behalf of the needs of the poor, the homeless, and the alien. Are you complacent?

### KIDS' CORNER

Today Jesus told a story about a selfish rich man who ignored God and refused to share with other people. All his money did him no good when he died. He didn't go to heaven. He had his whole life to learn about God, and he could have helped many people with his money. Instead, he forgot about God. He wasted his riches and bought a lot of nice things for himself. Learn from the rich man. Live for God, not for money.

**Dear God, help me to share the things you have given me.**



**Called to Compassion** - What does a homeless person need? That may seem like an odd question since being homeless would indicate they certainly need a home. Beyond that though, what does a homeless person need? Most would guess the person needs food, money, clothing, medical care, and toiletries. Many parishes put together drives for those items. Is that all the person needs? It is easy to get caught up in all the things that easily come to mind so that we miss a key thing needed by someone homeless as well as all human beings: to be seen. How many of us pass by homeless people and pretend they are not even there. We don't have money in our pocket, we don't have food to give, and we don't have material items that they need, so we offer them nothing. We don't even offer ourselves. Welcoming someone with a kind word is free. Amazingly, we act like it costs us more than anything else. It is easier to hand someone \$5 than it is to engage in a 15-second exchange of words. We talk about being generous, but we need to remember that sometimes the greatest gift we have to give is simply ourselves. The Jesus in me meets the Jesus in you. One day, you or I may find ourselves in a tough spot, and we will be looking for compassion. Let's hope that all those who profess to know Jesus don't simply pass on by pretending not to see us.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - 4 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](mailto: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](mailto:rbanmann@stgianna.ca)



## Praying the Rosary - October 1

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.



## 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**. This year the topics included "Healing the church from the clergy sexual abuse". Please note that there will be no weekday Mass celebrated during this time.

## The Novena Mass Schedule

Due to a number of scheduling conflicts, the Tuesday Novena Mass will only be celebrated on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> during the month of October. The weekly regular weekday schedule of Masses, including the Novena Mass will resume on November 5<sup>th</sup>.



## 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 [wwme.wpg@gmail.com](mailto:wwme.wpg@gmail.com) or 204-583-0148.



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

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## WEEK 15:



## "Embracing Discipleship"

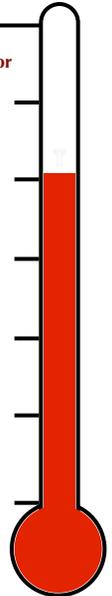
2019 SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Only \$26,000 more to go from the remaining 75% of our parishioners. We can do it!

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 fifteenth week, \$61,000 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



## Archdiocesan Workshop Opportunity - October 10

All are invited to attend the public presentation, "Healing the Church from Clergy Sexual Abuse: A Call to the Catholic Faithful". The session will be given by Sr. Nuala Kenny, SC, who is an acknowledged expert on the pathology of clergy sexual abuse. She is a medical doctor, ethicist, professor, well-known author and speaker, 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.**

## Save the Date: Sowing Seeds Award - November 10

The upcoming Sowing Seeds Award celebration will be held on **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



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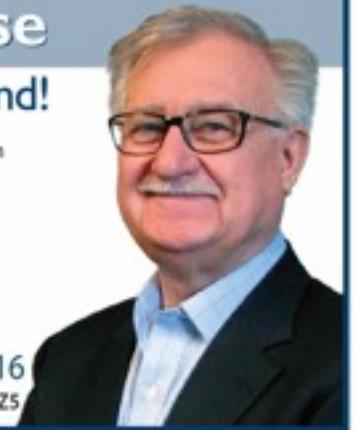
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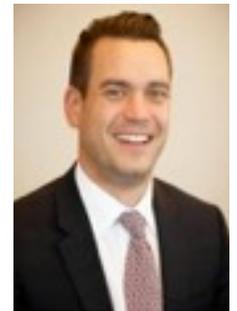
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