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MASSSES

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 12:05 noon

Saturday 10:00 am

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:30 am

Holy Hour:

Friday 11:00 am

Confessions:

Saturdays 4:30 - 4:55 pm

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11 - 11:25 am

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Sunday 11:30 am

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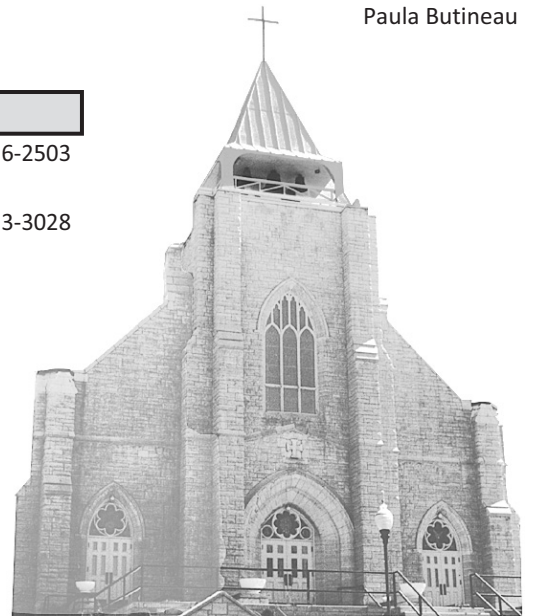
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Tuesday, Sept. 24th

12:05pm + Nadine Adams

Requested by Sharron Bradshaw & family

Wednesday, Sept. 25th

12:05pm Special Intention for Don Perrault

Requested by Velma Perrault

Thursday, Sept. 26th

Sts. Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs

12 :05pm + Josie Toldo

Requested by the O'Sullivan family

Friday, Sept 27th

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

12:05 pm + Danilo Bautista

Requested by the Montemayor family

Saturday, Sept. 28

St. Wenceslas, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; Martyrs

10:00 am Private Intention

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Sept.28

5:00 pm + Waclawa Bobek

Requested by The

Milevwski Family

Needs of
the Church
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Sunday, Sept.29

9:00 am + Sue Hardcastle

Requested by the Ditomaso Family

11:30 am Mass for the People

The Pope's Prayer Intention for September

For the cry of the earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Be It Ever So Simple

The readings this Sunday contrast our human tendency to exert our superiority over others, with the Kingdom of God, where, as Jesus puts it, the person who wants to be first has to make himself last of all and the servant of all.

Power is not just something that is wielded by wealthy politicians or rich businessmen, but rather a basic motive that influences everyone. The desire to have things, to accumulate and possess material objects, is a deep-rooted drive in our human nature and so is the desire to control people and situations, to dictate or manipulate things to get the results that we want.

Whenever people act out of personal ambition or push themselves forward or try to manage situations so that they look cleverer, more talented or in any way superior to others, they are acting out of this basic power motive. Most of the time, we do not notice it because it is so fundamental. It is second nature in our consumer-focused capitalistic society, where we are taught to value competition and to glamorize wealth and material success. One of the basic assumptions in our society is that we all have an inviolable right to pursue our own self-interest. Getting what we want, and defeating others in the process, is the road to happiness. Conversely, people are often miserable and resentful if their desires are frustrated—if they end up as "losers" rather than "winners."

When human relations are reduced to a competition for power over each other, conflict is the inevitable result; and when this happens, we usually like to rationalize our real motives and persuade ourselves that we are doing something because it is right on principle, rather than just an assertion of our own will. Even with the people we are closest to, this power motive constantly comes in, and we play games, competing against each other in various ways, some less subtle than others. In today's gospel, this is what Jesus' disciples are doing.

The disciples were close friends, but even they were competitive: "Who is the greatest? Who is at the top?" Jesus' answer is to set a child in front of them and tell them to be like a child; but that does not mean he was recommending childishness or naivete. Jesus was advocating simplicity: being free from the calculating motives at work in so many adult relationships and accepting the subordination and "smallness" inherent in childhood. Jesus' suggestion is not that some people should be willing servants while others take advantage of them. Jesus' teaching aims to create a situation in the Christian community where every member acts as the servant of everyone else, so that the power motive, relationships of superiority and inferiority, are abolished altogether.

What Jesus is recommending to his followers is that they adopt a mentality that liberates them from the sort of motivations that St. James talks about in the Second Reading: "You want something, and you haven't got it... You have an ambition that you can't satisfy; so, you fight to get your way by force." Being free from those motives is not being childish; it is being an adult with the right priorities and a detachment from corrupting influences.

To treat other people with kindness, compassion, and consideration, as St. James puts it, is more grown-up than getting our own way by honing our expertise in manipulative strategies, which only show how shallow we are morally and spiritually, how far we remain locked in the prison of our own selfishness. Of course, a mentality rooted in worldly ideas of happiness is never able to comprehend this. For people absorbed in the struggle to win and come out on top, Jesus' talk about deliberately making ourselves last of all and servant of all, deliberately choosing the role of service of others, is thoroughly bizarre.

It is only when we have taken the first steps on the pilgrimage toward God that we start to see the need to embrace the qualities of service, willing powerlessness, smallness, which are so unattractive from the worldly point of view, as the means of enlightenment and closer union with God.

We know the ways of the world; we know that we and others as well are influenced by selfish motives. But under God's influence, our corrupt motives are undone, selfish patterns of behavior are unlearned. In that sense we gradually learn how to make ourselves "last of all and servant of all."

As followers of Christ, believers in the power of God's grace to change our motives and our characters even in their most deeply rooted tendencies, we are invited to look inside ourselves and to admit the extent to which we are influenced by the desire for power. The readings today invite us to turn to God and to ask him to free us from the will to power and to replace it with the spirit of simplicity and a "will to serve" instead.

Grace and peace,
Father R C RA

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Parish Givings Report for Sunday Sept. 15, 2024

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Sunday October 6, 2024

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Fall Cemetery Cleaning

Thank you to all the parishioners who help keep our cemetery beautiful. It is time to prepare for fall and winter while the weather is still warm. Water will be available until October 15th, 2024, and we will be closing the gate upon snowfall.

We kindly ask that **all summer decorations be removed by October 15th** and consider placing a winter wreath that will withstand the winter winds and weather. Our Cemetery Coordinator, Rose Ladouceur is happy to assist you with monument and plot purchases through the winter before the 2025 rates come into effect January 1st.

Thank you from St. Margaret's Cemetery.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following people in your

prayers: Esther McCallum, Barb Ledoucer, John Charlebois; Corwyn Ophelders, Grant Robitaille, Geraldine Diamago, Ralph Ladouceur, Claude Moreau, Carol Jackson, Carmen Desroches, David Morton, Dan Camp, Elaine Chiasson; Lisa Wright; Judy Martin; Michael Pontze; Frank Whitkins; Bob Dorion; Carol Quesnelle; Barrett Smith; Alex Latondress; Malachy Maguire; Nick Tardif; Lynda Stanek; Mary Fletcher; Sherry Archer; Abigail Brown; Romelda Morson; Nicole Marchildon; Stephen Roach; Lilah Bates; Shelley Smith; Peter Pattenaude; Brenda Bylow; Betty Laurin; John Gunther

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