

Parish Bulletin for 9 July 2023, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sat. July 8 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - R.I.P. Sherwin Bautista, req. by Roger & Melanie Bautista

Sun. July 9 - **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30am OL – R.I.P. Tomaž & Maria Pikel, req. by Frances Pikel & family
11:00am SA – Special intention: AC Ugalde, req. by Ilagan & Omaga families

Mon. July 10 - NO MASS

Tue. July 11 - 3:00pm SA - R.I.P. Julita, Carlos & Juanita Guerrero, req. by Ranie & Carol Rara

Wed. July 12 - 10:00am OL - R.I.P. Vinko & Francesca Stegne, req. by B. Stegne

Thu. July 13 - 9:00am SA - R.I.P. Guy Savoie, req. by Paul & Dolores Mulaire

Fri. July 14 - 10:00am OL - Thanksgiving: Abigail & Bernarda Stegne, req. by family

Sat. July 15 - 5:30pm SA - Sun Vigil Mass - R.I.P. Juanita & Aida Cruz, req. by Robert & Evelyn Thordarson

Sun. July 9 - **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30am OL – R.I.P. Randy Mabb, req. by Frank & Frances Kriz family
11:00am SA – Thanksgiving, req. by Carliana Herezo & family

Thank you for your donations last weekend:

Our Lady of Lourdes (Slovenian) RC Church - \$870.00

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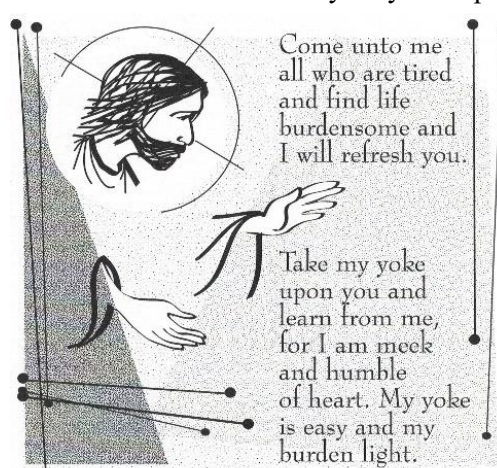
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PASSION PLAY, Oak Valley Outdoor Theatre, La Riviere, MB. July 7, 8 & 9, 2023; 6:30pm Nightly (Gates open at 4:30pm). July 14, 15 & 16, 2023; 7:30pm Nightly (Gates open 5:30pm). Ph: 888-264-203. www.passionplay.ca

MATTHEW 11:28-30 [NRS]. 28 *“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

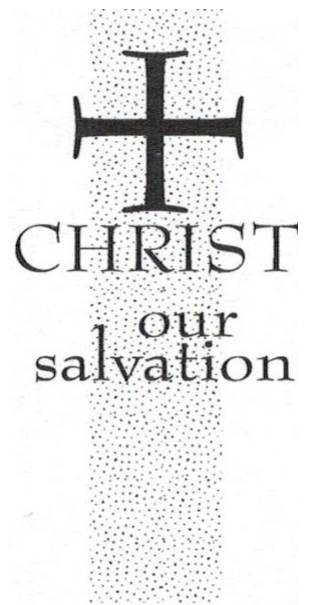
JESUS THE YOKE MAKER: There is a wonderful legend concerning the quiet years of Jesus, the years prior to his visible ministry. The legend claims that Jesus the carpenter was one of the master yoke-makers in the Nazareth area. People came from miles around for a yoke, hand-carved and crafted by Jesus, son of Joseph. When customers arrived with their team of oxen Jesus would spend considerable time measuring the team, their height, the width, the space between them, and the size of their shoulders. Within a week, the team would be brought back and he would carefully place the newly made yoke over the shoulders, watching for rough places, smoothing out the edges and fitting them perfectly to this particular team of oxen. That’s the yoke Jesus invites us to take. Do not be misled by the word *“easy,”* for its root word in Greek speaks directly of the tailor-made yokes: they were *“well-fitting.”* The yoke Jesus invites us to take, the yoke that brings rest to weary souls, is one that is made exactly to our lives and hearts. The yoke he invites us to wear fits us well, does not rub us nor cause us to develop sore spirits and is designed for two. His yokes were always designed for two. And our yoke-partner is none other than Christ himself... (*Sermons.com*)

“SEED ON GOOD GROUND”: God has wonderful ways of communicating His word to us. He also has wonderful ways of getting us to accept that word without in the least interfering with our free will. Here is a remarkable story that proves both points. Father William Naughton was pastor of the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Elmira, New York, in the late 1940’s. In 1946 he started a class for sixteen people who had asked to be instructed in the Catholic faith. To break the ice at their first meeting, he asked each of the sixteen to tell the rest what had prompted them to seek entrance into the Church. Most of those questioned probably gave interesting but not unusual reasons: they had been baptized Catholics but never raised as such; they had married Catholics, or planned to do so; and so forth. One woman, however, told a tale that startled everybody and opened up new vistas on God’s ways of working.



On a certain day, said this housewife, she heard a dog barking loud and long outside her house. Looking out the window to see what was happening, she saw that the dog was dragging somebody’s coat along the ground. He would tug it a few feet, stop and bark, and then tug it a few feet farther. The housewife at once went out, snatched the coat away from the dog, and sent him packing: She took the garment indoors and began to inspect it. At this point it was soiled and rather badly ripped. Whose was it? She looked into the pockets for some identification of ownership. All she found was a Catholic prayerbook, and, this had no owner’s name on it. But the prayer book now caught her fancy. She started reading it, and went on until she had finished it. *“I had never thought of religion before,”* she told the instruction class. *“But after reading the book, I decided to attend some Catholic services. I liked what I saw, so here I am!”*

In Luke 8:8, it says, *“The seed that falls on good ground, will yield a fruitful harvest.”* This housewife was evidently **“good ground.”** But the way God sowed the seed of His word was certainly striking. As St. Gregory the Great would have said: *“It was not by chance but in God’s providence.”* Who but a tender, even a playful God, would have thought of using a barking dog as a messenger of the Good News? (*Father Robert F. McNamara*)



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