

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) October 7th, 2007

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This Week In Our Parish LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 6th 5:00 pm mass:	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time †Marie Ell / Bert and Fran
Sunday, October 7th 9:00 am mass: 11:00 am mass:	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time For all parishioners, living and deceased †Pearl Ferby / Ross and Elaine
Monday, October 8th 9:00 am mass: 10:30 am mass:	Ferial / Thanksgiving Day †Jerry Palko / Lynda and Kevin Hughes Southwood Care Centre: †Vern McLeod

There will be NO Masses from Tuesday until Thursday, October 9th – 11th, inclusive, as our priests will be away for the annual Priests' Study Days in Banff. Please pray for Father Patrick and Father Leo during this time. You are requested to phone the office to re-schedule any Mass intentions for these days. Thank you.

Tuesday, October 9th	Ferial / Saint John Leonardi / Saint Denis and companions
Wednesday, October 10th 6:30 pm:	Ferial Prayers for the Sick
Thursday, October 11th	Ferial
Friday, October 12th 7:00 am mass: 9:00 am mass:	Ferial †Lucie Maurice / Marie Bourassa †Ernesto Obispo / Family
Saturday, October 13th 9:00 am mass:	Ferial / Our Lady's Saturday †Jack Bradley / Angela Anderson
Saturday, October 13th 5:00 pm mass:	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time †Emma Barry / Fraser Family
Sunday, October 14th 9:00 am mass: 11:00 am mass:	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time †Annette Desrochers / Lucille and Family Deceased Family and Friends / Bill Panko

The 49th International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Quebec City from June 15th to June 22nd, 2008.

The Diocese of Calgary is offering seven workshops to develop the themes of the document. Please refer to the bulletin board for locations and times of these workshops. As well, please check the poster in the library window for a list of books and other material in preparation for this event.

My Dear Parishioners,

After doing a lot of hard work and offering it for the glory of God, the last thing we want to hear from him is, "You're an unprofitable servant."

Whether the work we do is at home, on the job or in ministry, instead of getting appreciated and rewarded with time off, we get more work. In families, parents barely start to relax after a busy day when one of the kids gets sick. On the job, conscientious employees are given more work because of the failures of lazy colleagues. In the parish, most of the work gets done by only 10 to 20% of the people!

Jesus says that our reaction to all this should be: "Lord, I'm an unworthy servant of your kingdom because I have only done what's expected of me."

Is he implying that it's right to be burdened with more to do when we're tired? Not at all! What he is telling us is that there's a difference between doing what is required because we're obedient and volunteering to go the extra mile because we love and we care.

Resting is important as well. Jesus took time out to pray and to recover his energy. Delegating work to others is right, too, so that we don't burn out. Jesus is the supreme example of a delegator who is also a servant.

However, most of us stop short of going the extra mile, and it's because we have an unbalanced view of faith. We're satisfied with a mediocre, self-centered attitude of servant hood, and so we're also satisfied with a mediocre effort at spiritual growth.

Here's the connection between doing more than the minimum and having a supernatural faith: For both to occur, we have to know that God's love is complete and unconditional and available all the time, and that from this comes his desire to serve us. Knowing this, we're confident that he can accomplish anything he wants in us and through us. If we care as much as he cares, we go the extra mile with him. If we get hurt or tired, he restores us.

Monday is Thanksgiving Day. It is a time to be thankful, and a time for fun! God provides and blesses the earth with plenty of food for all to be nourished. We gather the first fruits of the earth and give thanks. It's a time to be grateful for all that we have received - for our family, friends, community, and our nation. Thank God for the gift of life you have been given. Take a stand for life to be protected on this "Respect for Life" Sunday!

May God bless you with plenty to be shared.

Yours in Christ,

Father Leo Monroe, SAC



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Application forms for our Sacramental Preparation Registration are now available at the back of the church until the deadline date. The deadline date for each sacrament is printed in the blue Sacramental Preparation brochure, along with the dates for classes, parent meetings and retreats. Please attach a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Following are the dates for the sacraments:

First Reconciliation: Saturday, December 8th, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation: Sunday, April 20th, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Mass

First Holy Communion: Sunday, May 4th, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Mass