

NEW ROSARY LISTS are ready for pick-up at the back of the church. Also NEW MINISTRIES LISTS are ready. Anyone who would do any ministries please contact Rita Walters 642-4398; 640-7463; 642-3361 at work. Thank you!

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Volunteer Drivers for Meals on Wheels are needed for the weeks of August 19-24 and August 26-31. Please if you are able to help out with 1 or more days of those weeks, reach Lynn at 306-642-7803 or n.rogers@sasktel.net

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Remember : Rama Parish is warmly inviting you to attend the 78th Pilgrimage on August 14th & 15th. Posters on bulletin boards.

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Please pray for the recently baptised, and for their families: Katie Marie Costley, daughter of Jeremy and Tara, at St. Louis, Mossbank; also Gracie Ann Geis, daughter of Martin and Kisanne, at St. George's, Assiniboia.

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Pastoral Reflection: 19th Sunday Gospel - Luke 12, 35-40

The Second Coming

Seasons change. And our plans try to anticipate that change. Parents buy school clothes and supplies for the coming year. Children dread the loss of vacation time. Business people make plans for the yearend holidays. Farmers look forward to the fall harvest. We all look ahead, to plan, anticipate. It's part of our culture and our being. The theme of the end times might seem out of place in the lazy days of summer. As church people, we have this theme preached to us in late

November and early December, when we celebrate Christ the King and the first Sundays in Advent. Nonetheless, this reading shakes us out of our doldrums, like the little voice in our heads that remind us fall is coming. Just as we anticipate the autumn, we anticipate the coming of the Lord!

Christ calls us to anticipate his return. While we might not have fervor the early Christians had, we are to still look forward to his arrival. At the end of the world, Jesus will return to judge everyone according to their actions and their faith. Then, good will definitely triumph over evil. Until that time, we represent Christ to others by our actions and our faith. Our example, then becomes part of our anticipation.

Why do we look for Christ to return? There are many reasons. One would be our devotion to him. Another would be our return to earth after death in the "resurrection of the dead." As Christians, we believe not only in life after death, we also believe that God will reunite our souls and bodies together at the end of time. At the resurrection of the body, we will have a body like Christ's, a "spiritual body."

Have you ever reflected on Second Coming? What insights have you had? How does the belief in the Second Coming change your outlook on the future? Your actions today?

Why study the coming of the Lord now? Actually, we celebrate the his return every time we break bread with him in the Eucharist. We taste him now. But we will realize him in his fullness at the end of time. So, in the Eucharist, we have a "partially realized eschatology."

In these brief parables, Luke understood the relationship between the weekly fellowship and the coming of the Lord. The next time we celebrate Eucharist, let us remember we receive what we hope for, we touch what we yearn for. The presence of the Jesus as Lord over all! Prepare for Eucharist this Sunday in prayer. Reflect on the Lord's presence in the sacrament and at the end of time. Connect the two in your longing for Jesus.

Church Finances

Sunday Collection JULY 28 - \$ 1173.85

Sunday Collection AUG 4 - \$ 1774.25

Maintenance Fund – \$ 225.00

Thank You !

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THEMES:

- We can see what we will be in the future by looking closely at what we are right now.

- How well are we preparing for the next life?

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Today's gospel invites us to ask ourselves this question: Are we less honest, less understanding, less prayerful than we were a year ago – or five years ago ?

If our answer to that question is yes, then we should take steps to change this downhill trend in our lives.

First, we should admit our failure.

Second, we should ask God's forgiveness for it.

Finally, we should begin a daily program to modify or change whatever needs modification or change in our lives.

A prayer on theme:

Lord, help us see our lives as you see them – and as we ourselves will see them at the Last Judgment.

Help us see those areas in our lives that need improving or changing.

Help us take those steps necessary to bring our lives into accord with the life you had in mind for us when you created us.

Sunday Ministries

Sunday, AUG 18	
Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Martin & Cathy Tendler
Rosary Leaders	Cordelia Scheltgen Irene Klein
Readers	Janice Erfle Paulette Lapaire
Communion Ministers	Gayleen Thomson Rita Walters Ben Pasloski
Altar Servers	Anette Philip Lynn
Collection Counters	BEV / BEN / DAVE / ANETTE
Sunday, AUG 25	
Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Brad & Debbie Auchstaetter
Rosary Leaders	Maureen Beauchesne Mary Chipak
Readers	Lynn Rogers Baillie St. Jacques
Communion Ministers	Al Farwell Denise Farwell Jo-Ann Girardin
Altar Servers	Tara Aidan Dylan
Collection Counters	GERALD / DENISE/AL