

NEW ROSARY LISTS are ready for pick-up at the back of the church. Thanks to all who prepare the list and who lead the Rosary!

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THANK YOU to all people who help in any way to maintain, input, comment, use, keep our Facebook page(s) operating and ... interesting! This goes for 'St Louis Catholic Parish' as well as 'St. George's Parish Assiniboia'. Everyone have a look at both pages soon, for info / photos, etc. as well as Fr. Dennis's usual pastoral reflections.

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78th RAMA GROTTA PILGRIMAGE is August 14th & 15th at Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Rama, Sask. Please see posters on bulletin boards.

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Vacation Bible School HELP NEEDED: Please contact Lynn Rogers 306-642-7803 or n.rogers@sasktel.net Thank you.

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13th Sunday Pastoral Reflection

This Sunday's readings underline the requirements of discipleship. Following the Lord Jesus is not a walk in the park. A person who is considering to follow a new direction in his life has first to make up his mind and make a decision. He must be willing to pay the price for his decision. He must be committed to his course of action. The first reading shows the call of the prophet Elijah calling Elisha to succeed him (1 Kng: 19-21). Elijah threw his cloak over Elisha while the latter was plowing his field. Literally, Elisha was being given the mantle of a prophet. Like his oxen, he was being yoked to this heavy burden. At first Elisha hesitated and wanted to make his goodbyes to his family. When Elijah reprimanded him, he made up his mind and slaughtered his oxen. Using his plowing

equipment as fuel. He cooked the meat and gave them to his people to eat. There was no turning back.

In the second reading, St. Paul advises the Galatians to throw away the yoke of slavery. They have been freed by Christ. They have been freed from the yoke of sin and even from certain cultural and religious requirements such as the Jewish practice of circumcision. They must therefore follow Christ. The law that matters is the law of love, "Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service" (Gal 5: 13). The Gospel speaks of Jesus undertaking his final journey to Jerusalem. This would be a decisive journey. Unlike previous visits to Jerusalem, this time He knew that He was walking towards His death. Along the way, some people volunteered to follow Him and Jesus showed to them the requirements for discipleship.

There is a cost to discipleship. It will cost one his convenience and comfort, "The Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head" (Lk 9: 58). To be a disciple is to make Jesus and His mission Number One in his life. Even what is culturally sacred such as one's family obligations take second place. "Let the dead bury their dead" (v. 60). To be a disciple is to be committed to the task and to be single-minded in purpose, "Whoever puts his hand to the plow but keeps looking back is unfit for the reign of God" (v. 62). Even if one has to make allowances for the Mediterranean style of hyperbole in order to drive home the point, it is clear that following Jesus is a serious decision. Sacrifices have to be made. One must burn his bridges behind. To follow Jesus entails commitment and perseverance.

There is an indicator to know if we are truly following in the footsteps of the Lord. Is it costing us anything at all? If it does not cost us anything, perhaps we are not really following in His footsteps. (Rev. A. Pueyo)

Church Finances

Sunday Collection JUNE 16 - \$ 1734.00

Sunday Collection JUNE 23 - \$ 1371.50

Maintenance Fund – \$ 275.00

Education of Priests - \$ 300.00

CMIC / Pentecost - \$ 350.00

Thank You !

FOUND: a pair of adults' eyeglasses, gold frame, in Knights of Columbus Room – noticed them JUNE 6, 2019

THEME: The secret of not looking back is keeping our eyes on Jesus. If we're having trouble keeping our eyes focused on Jesus, if we're having trouble keeping our hand to the plow and not looking back, if we're experiencing an emptiness in our life, maybe we should seriously consider making some daily commitment to Jesus.

What should that commitment be ? No one can answer that question for us. We must answer it ourselves. But we should do something. "What's important is the commitment."

PRAYER:

Lord, teach me to be generous.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve;

To give and not count the cost;

To fight and not to heed the wounds;

To toil and not to seek for rest;

To labor and not to ask for reward,

Except to know

That I am doing your will.

Sunday Ministries

Sunday, JULY 7	
Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Dave & Cathy Tolentino & Family
Rosary Leaders	Ron Scheltgen
Readers	Sue Robinson Baillie St. Jacques
Communion Ministers	Ben Pasloski Lynn Rogers Walter Agopsowicz
Altar Servers	PLEASE VOLUNTEER
Collection Counters	RENE / KEN / BRIAN
Sunday, JULY 14	
Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Denis Antonovitch Diane Antonovitch
Rosary Leaders	Irene Clermont Rita Walters
Readers	Jackie Moneo Walter Agopsowicz
Communion Ministers	Al Farwell Denise Farwell Carla Ieduc
Altar Servers	PLEASE VOLUNTEER
Collection Counters	IRENE / MAUREEN