

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

June 17, 2018

Immaculate Conception

Major

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MASS TIMES: June & July

Major Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Luseland Saturday 7:30 p.m.

Dodsland Sunday 9 a.m.

Kerrobert Sunday 11 a.m.

Attendants: June 23rd

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| Readers | Sharon Stang | Marlene Chotowetz |
| Offertory | Ron Cook Family | |
| Wine Ministry | Duane Bazylinski | Sharon Stang |

WEEKDAY MASS: Weekday mass, Tuesday, June 19th at 7 p. m.

COLLECTION: \$155

GOSPEL READING – Mk 4:26-34

Faith works wonders. To walk by faith, and not by sight, is one of the greatest challenges and joys of the spiritual life. This is the invitation to all in this Sunday's Scripture readings.

The saints show us how to grow in faith in the daily circumstances of life. Holy men and women, known and hidden, have over the centuries witnessed to the power of walking by faith. Take the life of St.

Aloysius Gonzaga, whose feast day the church celebrates this coming week.

Born into an aristocratic Italian family, the young Aloysius was set to inherit his family's wealth and pursue a life of fame and public honor. He was sent to Florence and later to Mantua for his education and began reading the "Lives of the Saints" while recovering from an illness. It was then that he heard the Lord's call to give his life in self-giving love as a missionary.

He was drawn to the Jesuit order, but his family did all they could to prevent him from answering the call to the priesthood. His family forbade his entry to the priesthood with the threat that he would have to renounce his inheritance and social status. He continued on, walking by faith, as he gave up all rights of inheritance to enter the novitiate of the Society of Jesus in Rome.

Soon after, he dedicated himself to teaching the faith to youth and to caring for those suffering from the plague and other contagious diseases. The witness of his holiness and purity of life spread among the people, like branches of a tree. He died with the name of Jesus on his lips, radiating the peace and love of God.

In the Gospels, Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a mustard seed. This smallest of seeds when sown in the ground, grows into the largest of plants, putting forth branches that spread out as shelter and shade. This imagery continues the teaching of the prophet Ezekiel in the first reading when God promises to plant a cedar on the mountain heights.

This cedar plant will, by God's nourishing, become a majestic cedar in which birds of every kind dwell and find shade in its branches. The Lord God promises that he will bring low the high tree, and lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree and make the withered tree bloom. God's mighty hand will do this.

As we ponder the word of God today, we are invited to walk by faith, and not by sight. This journey of faith begins in the grace of God, who plants the seed and gives growth to the gift of faith in our lives. Our daily challenge is to let go of self-reliance and to grow in friendship with Jesus as we say in faith, "speak to me, Lord."

- What does it mean to walk by faith, and not by sight?

Happy Father's Day!
Have a wonderful week!

THE REWARD PILGRIMAGE

The Pilgrimage at Reward will be held on Sunday, July 8 with Mass celebrated at 4:00 p.m. (Please note corrected Mass time!). Beginning at 2:00 p.m. there will be adoration and confessions in the historic Holy Rosary Church, with Anointing of the Sick and praying of the Rosary before the 4 p.m. Mass July 8. Supper is available afterwards (freewill offering). The Holy Rosary Shrine site is located 3 kilometres south of Reward, SK (Reward is about 30 km southwest of Unity, SK, on Grid 675, south of Highway 14).

IGNITE

July 29-Aug. 3 is a summer experience offered by FacetoFace Ministries for youth going into Grade 9 to graduating from Grade 12 - Grow in knowledge of Christ and the Church and be empowered to go forward striving for holiness. Details and registration online at: www.f2f.ca/ignite

BLACKSTRAP YOUTH CAMP

The Youth Camp offers week-long camps for children/youth ages 8-14 years, throughout July and August at a facility developed by the Knights of Columbus south of Saskatoon. Blackstrap Youth Camp provides amazing outdoor adventures, while giving youth opportunities to grow in their faith. Details and registration online at: www.blackstrapyouthcamp.org

MY SOUL STILL DANCES

My Soul Still Dances: Living with Parkinson's is a book written by Sister Adelaide Fortowsky, OSU, with Sr. Rosetta Reiniger, OSU, chronicling Sister Adelaide's journey from the time of her diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease, until her death in July 2016 at the age of 86. This Ursuline Sister of Prelate drew on her decades of teaching, clowning, worship and life experiences to bolster her hopeful perspective on living with this debilitating illness. It was Sister Adelaide's faith in God that kept her living with vitality through the most difficult times, focusing on service to others with her "little acts of magic" to bring joy to those around her in the midst of coping with her own deteriorating health. This book can be purchased for \$19.95 (or \$25.95 with shipping and handling) by contacting Sister Rosetta Reiniger, 125 Cree Crescent, Saskatoon, SK S7K 7J1 or (306) 361-8034.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O, like the tiny mustard plant, give us your roots.

Dig down deep in our souls, storm into our hearts and minds.

Grow into so large a plant that all of our actions all of our ideas, all our loves and selves nestle and shelter in your branches. AMEN

DINNER By Joseph J. Mazzella •

When I was a boy growing up, after church on Sundays, we would always have a delicious Italian dinner. My Nana's slow cooked sauce was the key. In it were cooked potatoes, chicken, steak, and meatballs. Mounds of spaghetti would also be boiled and dropped into the red sauce. We also had loaves of homemade Italian bread covered in butter. Every now and then there were also big chunks of Provolone cheese. We would all eat, talk, and laugh until both our bellies and hearts were full. After Mom and Nana passed away my Dad would still make the sauce from time to time and invite me and my brothers over to his little home for a dinner full of fine food and happy memories.

When my Dad died he passed the family recipe on to me and my daughter. We often made the sauce for dinner but for some reason it never tasted quite right. At first I thought we had gotten the recipe wrong but one day I realized what was missing. On that day right before dinner I closed my eyes, opened my heart, and imagined my Dad, Mom, and Nana all sitting at the table around me with smiling faces. Then I placed the pasta on my fork and slowly slid it into my mouth. It tasted perfect just as it always had when I was a boy growing up. The secret ingredient was, of course, what it had always been: Love!

Love is the secret ingredient that makes all of life taste better. Love is the meal that God wants all of us to feast upon. In the book of Proverbs it says: "Better a dish of herbs when love is there than a fattened ox and hatred to go with it."

Make all of your meals with love. Fill all of your days with love. Live all of your life with love. Share your love with everyone you meet. Then you will be truly ready for the reunion dinner that awaits you in Heaven.