



# ST. JOHN VIANNEY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition

**September 24th, 2023**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Pastor: Jesus Christ

Assistant Pastor:

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday Mass 8:30am  
 573 Tod Mtn. Rd

**Mass Schedule:** Sundays 10:30 am

**Office hours:** Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am to 1:00pm

**Weekday Masses:** Tuesday to Friday 8:00 in the Chapel

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** by appointment

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**Holy Hour:** Every Friday after 8:00 am mass

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#### Lectors for This Sunday and Next Sunday

Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> Katherine Watson

Sunday October 1st Brian Sezler and Carol McGill

#### Holy Hour on Fridays

Every Friday after the 8:00 am mass there will be Holy Hour.

**Mass at the Hamlets** will restart again once a month on the second Friday of the Month at 10:00 am. The next one is October 13

#### Faith Formation for Children

Faith formation classes have **begun**. Classes are every **Wednesday at 6:30pm**, the cost for this year is \$25.00 to cover cost of books and materials.

You can still enroll your child(ren). If you need more information, please call the office or contact Lesley Boettger phone number 250-579-8720 .

#### Wash Machine in the Rectory

Bill Sanesh Jr. donated the washer. " He thinks of SJV often and misses all the great people that are there".

Thanks Bill and God Bless your generosity!

**Congratulations to Kelly Nystoruk and Dennis laBrie**, who were united in Holy Matrimony on September 16<sup>th</sup> at St. John Vianney. God bless them

#### Faith In Action Campaign 33 be a doer of Faith

	SJV	OLL
Assessment	\$21,765	\$1,768
Project estimated	10,000	
Total Pledged	2,150	350
Number of Pledges	5	1

**Drivers needed to take Fr. Paschal to Our Lady of Lourdes** on Sundays and then brought to St John Vianney. A sign-up sheet will be at the entrance of the church. He needs to be picked up at the Cathedral.

#### CWL NEWS

The CWL of St John Vianney are planning to hold their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>. They need donations of baked goods and some canning

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Ezra 1.1-6 Ps 126.1-2ab,2cd-3,4-5,6 (R.3a)	Luke 8.16-18
Tuesday	Revelation 7.9-17 Ps 124.2-3,4-5,7b-8 (R.7a)	Luke 9.23-26
Wednesday	Ezra 9.5-9 Tobit 13.2,3-4,6abcd,6ef (R.1)	Luke 9.1-6
Thursday	Haggai 1.1-8 Ps 149.1-2,3-4,5-6+9b (R. 4a)	Luke 9.7-9
Friday	Revelation 12.7-12a Ps 138.1-2ab,2cd-3,4-5 (R.1c)	John 1.47-51
Saturday	Zechariah 2.1-5,10-11 Jeremiah 31.10,11-12ab,13 (R. see10d)	Luke 9.43b-45

#### Carole Stricker Funeral Mass

Our dear Carole Stricker passed away on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please take a moment to do a prayer for her eternal rest. Her funeral mass will be on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 with a reception to follow in the parish hall.

#### Faith In Action Campaign 33 "Be a Doer of Faith"

Thanks to your last year's support we were able to change lighting to more energy efficient lights both in the Church and Gymnasium. This year the money raised over our assessment will be used to do some maintenance to the parking lot.

## 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

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## No Bodies discovered in Manitoba Excavation

Fourteen anomalies discovered by ground-penetrating radar in a Manitoba church basement are not human remains, an excavation has discovered. Minegoziibe Anishinabe, also known as the Pine Creek First Nation, carried out the excavation in the basement of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Catholic Church. Animal bones and debris from a fire were among items discovered, but no human remains, Chief Derek Nepinak told media. The reserve's school was run by the Catholic Church between 1890 and 1969. The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation has records of 21 student deaths at the Pine Creek School. The ground-penetrating radar had revealed 57 other anomalies on the grounds around the church and the old school site. The community is now discussing if further excavation needs to be done. "We don't know if those will require excavation or not, they might but it's going to be up to the community and the elders to give us direction on what our next steps are going to be," said Nepinak. Voices within the Church are starting to ask for proof of bodies that have been discovered over the past few years using ground-penetrating radar. The first discovery, of 215 alleged bodies at a former Kamloops residential school, set off a reckoning among Canadian Catholics in particular for past roles in abuse at the former residential schools. It also saw a number of announcements from First Nations across Canada claiming to have found potential unmarked graves.

Leading the charge in seeking proof is Bishop emeritus Fred Henry of Calgary. In an email to the Catholic Register from a Calgary hospital bed, Henry asked: "Why is the Catholic Church not asking the federal government for proof that even one residential child is actually missing in the sense that his (or) her parents didn't know what happened to their child at the time of the child's death?" Henry came to the Register and a former Register columnist who has challenged political accounts of residential school history after not receiving a response from his brother bishops to a similar query in late June. However, Edmonton Archbishop Richard Smith and Regina Archbishop Don Bolen, who have been leadership voices on Indigenous reconciliation, say the bishops as a group have chosen to listen rather than respond to every event and demand arising from the process. "We made a pledge long ago as bishops to make records available to look into the truth of things, and we are happy and very ready to help the Indigenous peoples tell their story. That is our focus right now. Let's see this process finish. Once you have a finished process, you are in a better position to assess it overall and make whatever statements might be necessary," Smith told The Catholic Register. Beyond the Church, journalists such as National Post columnist Terry Glavin, independent researcher Nina Green and former Manitoba provincial court judge Brian Giesbrecht have sounded a similar trumpet to Henry in denoting narrative anomalies and disturbing exaggerations in reports of missing and murdered indigenous children.

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<https://bccatholic.ca/news/catholic-van/no-bodies-discovered-in-manitoba-excavation> sing and murdered Indigenous children.