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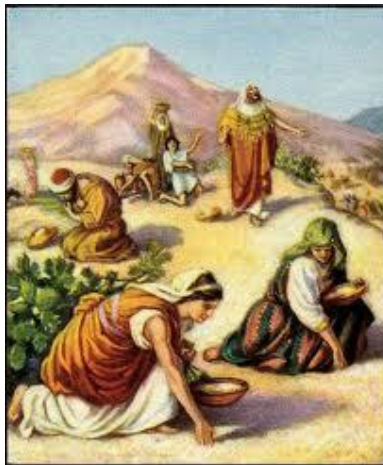
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**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

September 21<sup>st</sup> , septembre

2014

**25<sup>e</sup> dimanche du temps ordinaire**



**Welcoming New Parishioners:**

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

**Sunday Masses:**

Sat. 5:00 pm English

Sun. 9:00 am English

11:00 am Bilingual

**Weekday Liturgies:**

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

**Sacrament of**

**Reconciliation:**

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

**Baptism:**

Usually any Sunday of the month at mass.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

**Marriage/Wedding:**

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

**Sacrament of the Sick:**

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.

## Focus of the Sunday Readings

*Let us seek the Lord so we may receive the many good gifts he wishes to lavish upon us.*

The first reading offers a beautiful admonition: “Seek the Lord while he may be found, call on him while he is still near.” Some reasons why it is important to do this is because God is good and loving, gracious and merciful, and offers us peace and salvation. Let us seek the Lord so that we may receive God’s good gifts.

The reading from the Philippians reminds us to conduct ourselves in a way that is worthy of the Gospel of Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a landowner hiring laborers to work in his vineyard. Its lesson is that the first shall be last and the last shall be first.

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## RCIA

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, you’ll hear about something called RCIA. The initials stand for the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.

If you’ve never been baptized, and you are old enough to read this, you begin your preparation with the **precatechumenate**. During this time you have some spiritual conversation about God and the church.

Once you decide to follow Jesus Christ, you celebrate the **rite of acceptance into the order of catechumens**. As a catechumen, you are considered a member of the Church in a broad sense. Unmarried catechumens may have a Catholic wedding; deceased catechumens may have a Catholic funeral. During the period of the **catechumenate**, you become acquainted with what the church teaches, you follow the Christian way of life, you engage in liturgical prayer, and you help spread the gospel. The time span for this preparation varies.

This period of formation closes with the **rite of election**, when the church proclaims that God has chosen you for the sacraments. Usually the bishop leads this ceremony at the cathedral on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent.

During the period of **purification and enlightenment**, you make your spiritual preparation for baptism. This period usually coincides with Lent.

Finally you celebrate the **sacraments of initiation**: baptism, confirmation and communion. This usually takes place during the Easter Vigil at your parish.

As a new Catholic, you deepen your participation through the period of **mystagogy** by meditating, praying and doing works of charity. If you have already been baptized, this preparation can be tailored to your needs.

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**The First meeting or interested persons who either wish to be baptized, receive First Communion and/or Confirmation become Catholic or learn more about their Faith will be held on Tuesday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm downstairs in the Rectory.**

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## Marriage Preparation Session

We are planning to have a Marriage Preparation this fall in Morinville, on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. For more information and to register there are brochures at the back of the church.

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There are some “the Word among us” reflection booklets at the back of the church. Please feel free to take one home and use it to journey for the month of September.

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### **Children’s Liturgy**

If you would like to volunteer or to help with this ministry or just be a helper to the leaders please call Lisa St. Onge 780-939-5185.

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### **Automatic Bank Withdrawal**

If you missed the presentation from the Finance Committee last weekend we are moving forward with the automatic bank withdrawal the forms are available at the back of the church the forms need to be handed in by October 5<sup>th</sup>. The Parish needs to have 100 of these forms back before we will proceed with the automatic bank withdrawal.

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### **Developing a Safe Parish Community**

The Diocese of St. Paul has developed a policy to ensure that our Parish Community is a safe place for all our parishioners, our volunteers, our staff, and our Church. Our safe Parish Community Committee will be responsible to ensure that the Diocesan Policy is implemented locally.

Every Ministry has been assessed for its risk level—general risk or high risk. For example a communion minister in church is a general risk ministry while the Angel Liturgy instructors and helpers are high risk ministries. Everyone who volunteers or is an employee of the parish will be required to sign a safe parish pledge, high risk ministries will have to submit letters of reference, submit a criminal record check, and attend an orientation session on “Developing a safe parish community”. **The meeting will be taking place on Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at St. Emile Parish in Legal.**

So when you register to volunteer for ministries, there will be some extra paperwork to be filled out and submitted. We hope that you see this as a positive step to ensure safety for everyone in our parish community and work with us to implement this new policy.

**More information to follow.**

St. Jean Baptiste Parish,  
Safe Parish Community Committee.

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### **First Friday Adoration**

On the **First Friday of October** we will have a day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The church will be open between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm and everyone will be able to come for longer or shorter period of time to spend with Eucharistic Jesus. We begin with Mass at 8:30 am, then the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration and prayer till 7:00 pm. We will finish with the **Mass at 7:00 pm.**

There is a **sign up sheet at the back** of the church so that at least 2 people sign for each hour to make sure there is always someone present in the church with Blessed Sacrament exposed.

# Masses For The Week

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Sept 20 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Ted – Marge & Family	Twenty-Fifth
Sept 21 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Rita Schlachter – Frank & Ellen	Sunday Of
	11:00 am	RIP Hormidas & Aline Boissonneault – Norman & Louise	Ordinary Time
Sept 23 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP Roger Vansevendt – Mark & Kerry	St. Pius
Sept 24 Wed - mer	10:00 am	<b>(Lodge)</b> Deceased McSheffrey Relatives – McKale Family	
Sept 25 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	<b>(Aspen)</b> RIP Lionel Hebert – Rita & Family	
Sept 26 Fri - ven	8:30 am	Deceased Pittman Family – Pittman Family	St. John Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues
Sept 27 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Ettiene Allarie – Louie & Joan Allarie	Twenty-Sixth
Sept 28 Sun - dim	9:00 am	Special Intention for Kendra, Taylon, Clayton Sieben - Dad	Sunday Of
	11:00 am	Deceased Family Members – Claude & Irene	Ordinary Time

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...** Carol Jean, Kiah Courtney, Irene Dupuis, Claire Hebert , Link Byfield, Normand Boissonneault, all those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments; expecting mothers; peace in our families, community and the world.



## Dear Parishioners:

On Sunday November 2, 2014 there will be a special mass for all parishes in the West Deanery of our Diocese of St. Paul. Bishop Terrio mandated that there will be no Masses celebrated in our individual parishes that weekend (including the Saturday Mass at the Chateau). Instead we will gather in the Westlock & District Community Hall in Westlock at 3 pm for a special Mass for the Year of the Family. We would like full participation of all members of the parish at this event. We are talking of getting buses for those who may not wish to drive or who have no other way to get there. There will be representatives from each parish involved in one way or another. The Knights will have an Honour Guard and also help taking up the collection, they will also provide ushering, including for the Communion procession. The CWL have been asked to provide a banner and be part of the Entrance Procession. Each parish has also been asked to carry a banner or flag of their parish. Please keep this date open for this important event. Fr. Brian op



**KC Breakfast** Next KC Breakfast will be on September 28<sup>th</sup>.  
from 9:30 am till 12:30 pm at the Rendez -Vous Centre .



COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES

Sept 14<sup>th</sup> – \$ 3713.50

THANK YOU! MERCI!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels

- Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> , Monday 8:00 am

Church