



St. John the Baptist Parish, Estevan



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Grace Hall

Katherine Kawecki

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Happy Anniversary!!

David and Karen Meckler

Happy Anniversary



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Prayer For The First World Day For Grandparents And The Elderly - July 25, 2021

I thank You, Lord,
for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank you for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life
and for those that are still ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness
to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach
the ends of the earth.
Send your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age.

Amen.



For more information and resources about World Day For Grandparents And The Elderly and other current Church information, please visit the Archdiocese website at:

<https://archregina.sk.ca/>

Homily Corner



Last weekend, we celebrated the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Jeremiah 23:1-6, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 23, the second reading was Ephesians 2:13-18 and the Gospel reading was Mark 6:30-34.

This week we are continuing the theme of mission discipleship that we have been seeing for the past two weeks. Today we are seeing some fruits from the disciples mission. In today's Holy Scriptures we are blessed with two assurances of God's special grace so we can continue to adore, admire and love Him. The first is God's unconditional love and care for us and the second is Jesus' invitation to us to take leisure and rest.

Last week the disciples were sent out two by two having been given all power and authority from Jesus. Today they come back and excitedly tell Jesus they healed people, proclaimed God and performed miracles. As we see in the other Gospels, the disciples tell Jesus that they gave new life to people. Jesus says He saw the power of life coming from heaven through them. He is very proud of them. Seeing the success of their mission, He invites them to come away with Him for a time of leisure.

The first reading we heard last week, showed us prophets, kings and the responsibility of leadership. In the first reading today, God is angry. He is calling out past shepherds, saying that He made them shepherds, but they did the opposite. They have been using their power for themselves. He tells them that He will cleanse the prophets, kings, and priests and *He* will shepherd the people because He loves them. He will also gather other shepherds for us. God is continually caring for us. We see many terrible things in our world. Sometimes our leaders devour the welfare of the people for their own good. But we know that God is awesome. He cares for us with unconditional, sacrificial love and nourishes us with His Body and Blood.

As we go back to the Gospel, Jesus provides us with time to enjoy the pleasure of a successful mission. It is required and blessed by God. Sometimes we know people who are negative and hopeless. They may think that God is demanding, punishing and cruel. But we know God is love. In the Gospel of Matthew, we see Jesus saying, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yolk upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." When we are stressed, hopeless, burdened, He will redeem us. Sometimes we don't unload our burdens on to God. Instead we blame Him and become negative people. We don't care about the steadfast love and care God gives us. We don't take the leisure that is offered after a successful mission. We don't speak up when we are around negative people. That is not the way of discipleship. We are called to proclaim the unconditional, steadfast love of God. As the Psalm said today, "The Lord is my shepherd." He invites us to trust in Him and be relieved of all stress. We must serve as shepherds, too, serving God given grace.

As we reflect on the Holy Scriptures this week, contemplate your trust in God's love. How can you proclaim His love to all? How can you take time for leisure? How can you be a better shepherd?

God Bless!

—Father Antony

Summer Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday from 9am until noon

Summer Adoration Schedule

Tuesday to Friday from 9:30am until 5pm