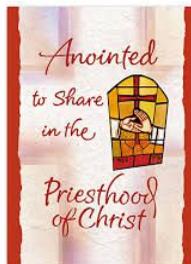


ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1- Marian conference will be held here in St. Paul Church on Saturday, October 20, 2018 At 1:00-5:00 PM.EVERYONE is invited.
- 2- Starting November 2018, the Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated outside of the Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 2:00pm.
- 3- Join us every Thursday for a 10 week multi-parish small-group retreat that delves into the simplicity and grandeur of Consoling spirituality. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, Consoling the Heart of Jesus.
Start Date: October 11th, 2018 Duration: 7:00pm - 8:30pm Venue: St. Paul Hall Please contact the following to sign up; Aaron Bessong: 780 880 4440
Maria E Hernandez: 780 880 8496
- 4- CWL is having a Bazaar on October 27th from 10:00-3:00. Table rent price is \$ 50.00 . If any parishioners are interested in renting a table to sell items they can call Joanne @ 780-743-8419.
- 5- For the Church Altar Flowers: We are requesting your generous hearts to bring fresh flowers for the Altar.

Why did you become a priest?

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." (Jn 3:16).
I believe that every vocation story to the priesthood is a love story of falling in love with God. I started to fall in love with God when I joined as an altar boy back in high school. I still remember telling Him: Lord, I love you and I want to become your priest. So after my graduation, I entered the seminary and spent 10 years in formation. In those 10 years, I came to know more about God and I learned that it is God who loved me first. My vocation to the priesthood is therefore my personal response to His love - by loving Him and His people. Now that I am a priest, I want to become an instrument of love, by bringing the love of God to others. In doing so, hopefully, people will also fall in love with God, the God who loves us so much.
Fr. Jestoni Porras

Congratulations to Fr. Jestoni Porras for his first Anniversary to the Priesthood on October 18, 2018.

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October 14, 2018 — 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Monday-Thursday

Rosary & Mass 8:40 am

Friday Adoration after Mass at 7:00pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

RCIA- Every Wednesday at 7pm at St. Paul's Church

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BAPTISM

Baptism preparation on every third Tuesday of the month. Next one will be held on **October 16th** at 7 pm at St. Paul Church. and The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on weekend masses Saturday 7pm, Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am..until end of October only.



COLLECTIONS

(Weekly—September 30, 2018)

Loose Bills & Coins :	\$ 1,092.75
Envelopes:	3,344.75
PAP	2,408.25
Missions	300.50
Needs / Stole Fees/Rental	545.00



Total \$ 7,691.25

THANK YOU!

Marian Conference



WHEN: October 20, 2018, Saturday
1:00PM - 5:00PM

VENUE: St Paul Church

Everyone is Invited!



Marriage Preparation Weekend

October 26-27, 2018

Contact :
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Tel: 780-743 3980

Visit their link at: <https://www.stjohnthebaptistparish.ca/sacraments/marriage-prep/>

**St. Paul Catholic Parish-
Fort McMurray**

12 Hours Adoration on Fridays

From 9. a.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Let us unite in this Eucharistic Devotion taking 12 hours of adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament:

- For rendering God adoration which is His due as our Creator
- For making reparation for our sins and the sins of mankind
- For petitioning the good God for the constant help we need.

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth" (*Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*)

Adorers needed : two persons at least for each time slot.
Please See sign up on the sign up sheet in the hall way / Parish Bulletin Board for time schedules for each Friday.

Or contact : Syriac & Celin—780-370-2883

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time B - What we can do - October 14, 2018.

by: **Deacon Raymond Chan**

The Gospel this Sunday (Mark 10:17-30) presents a very interesting story, and has rich spiritual advice for us. To put it simply, **God is worth more than anything else in our lives.** The story is about the rich man with "many possessions,". He seems to have a good heart, possessing humility and a positive opinion about Jesus. Without warning he runs up, literally runs, to Jesus, kneels down before him and asks the question, "**Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?**"

Since Jesus always looks for faith in a person, this man's beginning faith must have impressed him. But Jesus utters a surprising reply. "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone." Jesus, seeing the seeds of faith in this man, was trying to grow that faith. The logic of Jesus' response would be: (1) Only God is (fully) good. (2) You have called me good. (3) Maybe you are sensing the Godliness in me. We are not told of a response from the man, but the story shows Jesus is taking him through the essentials. He wants to lead the man who follows all the commandments further in the love of God.

The man says much more. "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." A wonderful answer. Jesus' heart was warmed because of the rare next line of the Gospel: "**Jesus, looking at him, loved him.**" This sentence is startling, like sunshine on a rainy day. Jesus is not just announcing truths to someone or other, he is carefully building faith in someone he loves: faith in God and faith in him. So he tells the rich man fondly what the next step is. He says, "You are lacking in one thing — **Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me**". At that statement the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Imagine that you are in a cafe holding a mug full of warm coffee you enjoy every morning. You like coffee and are used to coffee, but in the back of your mind you are convinced that there may be something that will satisfy your thirst better than coffee. So you bring your mug up to the counter and ask for a drink of something more satisfying. The man at the counter says, "Sure! We have just the thing — a special brew. It tastes fantastic, fills you up with energy, and lasts the whole day long." But when he reaches for your mug, you hesitate. You have never tried this special brew, and you are a little suspicious: What if it's not as good as the man says it is? Maybe you should just stick with what's familiar. You can't have both, because you only have one mug. To get the special brew, you would have to pour out the warm coffee. That's the situation this man finds himself in. His mug is full of wealth and possessions. Jesus is offering him truth, promising that it will give him the satisfaction his money hasn't given him, but he hesitates, afraid to take the risk.

Jesus must be sad too. He says, "**How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!**" Going to heaven is what the rich man was asking Jesus about: "**What must I do to inherit eternal life?**" And so the answer Jesus gave the rich man should have explained to him, and to us too what we have to do to get to heaven. Let go all he has and giving it to the poor is what the rich man needs to do to inherit eternal life. Does it mean that we have to sell all we have to attain heaven or else we go to hell?

Jesus explains well to the astonished disciples and to us what he meant. Simply put, possessions can control our life. They can become our life and our identity. They stunt our journey to the highest value in life, **God**. Yes, "selling" what we own is a pretty radical thing to do. Just think what most of us own: a house, a car, a bed. And that's just the beginning, isn't it? There's also the computer, the cell phone, the TV—and on and on. Jesus is asking us, "Am I worth following?" He does not want us to just admire his way of life but to live it fully, not just part-time followers but to be totally, whole-heartedly committed. Discipleship is costly and following Jesus makes harsh demands on our lifestyle.