



## In Touch with the Word

### *Jeremiah in the Well*

#### **Scripture:**

◦Jeremiah 38.4-6,8-10

Jeremiah is thrown into a well when he preaches an unpopular message. Although some believe his message, most do not.

•Hebrews 12.1-4

It is a struggle to be a follower of Jesus. But we are encouraged to keep running the race that lies ahead of us, and to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

•Luke 12.49-53

Jesus warns that even households will be divided over who will believe in him. In the same house, some will believe and some will not.

#### **Theme:**

Jeremiah is rejected by some who throw him into a well, but rescued by others who receive him. Jesus foresees the same thing happening to him, warning that what he stands for will even divide households – sons against fathers, mothers against daughters. Running with Christ is not an easy race to run, but if we keep our focus on our faith, we can finish the race despite the opposition we are sure to face.

#### **Reflection:**

Jerusalem is facing a major battle -- a battle they cannot win. If they surrender to the Babylonians, they will at least survive and not be killed. Jeremiah advises surrender, but no one wants to hear it. Instead of seeing him as a great prophet, he is seen as a threat to the confidence and morale of soldiers and citizens. He is thrown into a well as punishment.

- Have you ever been “punished” for speaking the truth that no one else wanted to hear? What happened?
- Who are some other people – famous or not – who have attempted to speak the truth, only to be punished by severe consequences such as loss of job, loss of reputation, or even death?

Throughout this whole reading, Jeremiah does not speak. We don't know if he is shaking his fist in anger, crying in fear, or if he is on his knees praying for a rescue from all that mud at the bottom of the well.

- Use your imagination. If you were in Jeremiah's situation, what would you be saying or thinking or doing?
- How do you usually respond when you are put in an uncomfortable or even dangerous situation because of someone else's actions?

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## FAMILY CONNECTION

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15

In Luke 1.39-56, Elizabeth and Mary recognize the work that God is doing through them. With eyes of faith they see the power and salvation of God breaking through into their lives and into the world.

Gather as a family and talk about what you know about Mary and her being a model of faith. Recall that we are celebrating a holy day, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we remember that God took Mary to heaven, body and soul. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 1:39-56. In this reading we hear Mary's song of praise to God, the [Magnificat](#). Invite each person in the family to write or draw one or more ways in which they see God working in your family life and in our world today. Use these prayers of thanksgiving to create your family's song of praise to God. Conclude by praying together this song of praise. [www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/ordinary-time/ordinary-time-resources/](http://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/ordinary-time/ordinary-time-resources/)

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 **News from the CWL** 

CWL Garage Sale will be Thursday, September 8, 9 am to 7 pm, and Friday, September 9, 9 am to 12 noon. Setup will be Monday, September 5, and Tuesday, September 6, 9 am (or earlier if you can come). Items for the sale will be accepted after August 2 and can be brought to the church and put downstairs by the CWL Room or taken to Fr. Louis' garage. Large items and furniture cannot be accepted as space to display the items is limited. There's still time to volunteer to help set up and/or work at the sale. Call Paulette 306-782-7923 for more info or to help. There will be a garage sale meeting on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24 @ 7 pm in the CWL Room to finalize plans for this fundraising event.

 **News from the Knights of Columbus** 

**Bingos have been cancelled until further notice.**

Aug. 17 - Inter-council golf at Deer Park at 1.00pm.  
Supper to follow. Contact Greg 306.621.7026.

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Keith @ 306.783.0963. [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*



**We welcome into our Catholic Christian Community those who were baptized recently at St. Gerard:**




Layla Dagdag

**May this child and her family experience joy and new life.**



**BAPTISM**  
*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

In the Archdiocese of Regina, Baptism Preparation is required prior to your child's baptism. To register for the next Baptism Preparation session, please contact the Parish Office 306.782.2449.


  

**Missionary Families of Christ**  
Defending Faith, Family & Life

Live Christ Share Christ of Missionary Families of Christ – Yorkton, SK Canada would like to invite everyone for a day of **Life in Christ Seminar** on Saturday, **September 17<sup>th</sup>**, 2022 from 8:30am to 4:30pm at St. Gerard Parish Hall. The sessions and talks will help us understand how to strengthen our catholic identity, appreciation, loving and depending our faith.

Registration is free. Please call Ferdie Molo at 306.620.2239 for inquiries. This is also an opportunity to join our community "**Missionary Families of Christ**" with different sections for couples, singles, youth and kids. Enhancing family life in the Catholic faith through prayer meetings, Liturgical bible studies, teachings, conferences and fellowships.

Philemon 1:6 *"I pray that your fellowship in the faith may come to expression in full knowledge of all the good we can do in Christ."*



*Congratulations to*

**Jared Buzinski & Emily Kruger**

*who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Gerard Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.*

*May the Lord be with them every day of their married life.*



**Win a Weekend Get-Away Valued at \$4175 at St. Michael's at Madge**

In Saskatchewan's beautiful Duck Mountain Provincial Park  
Cash prize of \$3000 if unable to use free stay  
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**Raffle Tickets - \$20 each**  
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# Bringing Home the Word

## We Are All Prophets

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Persecution is part of a prophet's life. Their strong messages are rarely met with open hearts even if conversion, rather than confrontation, is what the prophet seeks. Bartholomew, one of the Twelve Apostles, was preaching in India and Turkey in the first century and converted the Armenian king. But the king's brother had Bartholomew flayed alive. Jeremiah foretold the destruction of Jerusalem unless the people returned their hearts to the Lord. This call to conversion was considered demoralizing for those who wished to continue in their self-centered ways. His words were even crushing the soldiers! Either Jeremiah was quite the preacher, the soldiers were guilty—or both!

The fire of the prophet's words is meant as a call to action for the soul caught up in lukewarm stagnation. They should be uncomfortable.

When more than 2,000 bishops reflected on the Church at Vatican II, they insisted that every baptized Christian has a prophetic mission. We're called to shake things up. The role of the prophet is to examine in prayerful observation the signs of the times, and to read into them calls to action. Prophets listen with one ear to the Lord and another to society in order to speak wisely to their contemporaries.

This call to preach whether convenient or inconvenient was experienced by Christ. The flame that burned in his bosom was a desire to turn hearts toward his Father. Jesus didn't back down from preaching out of fear of rejection of the truth. Neither should we.

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# Kaposvar Pilgrimage



## Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

Sunday August 21, 2022

3 miles South & ½ mile West of Esterhazy on Grid 637

Souvenir Shop opens at 11:00

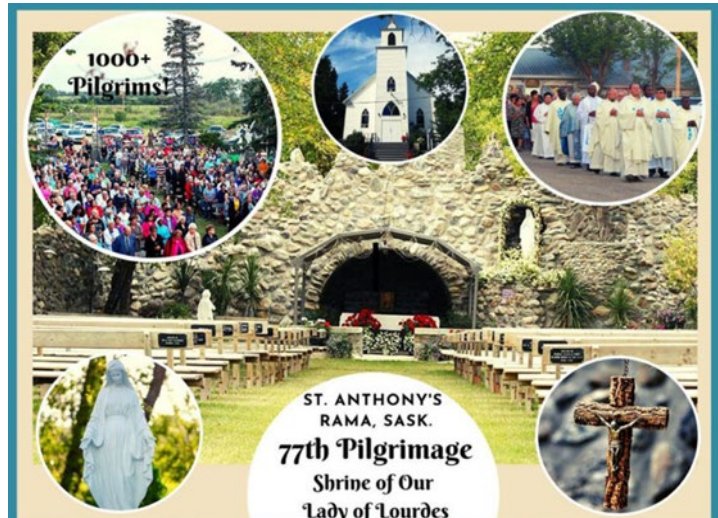


11:00 am – 12:00 noon.....	Visitors arrive and sign guest book
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm.....	Individual Stations of the Cross
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.....	Rosary in the Church
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm.....	Private Confessions in the Church
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm.....	Procession from the Church to the Shrine
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.....	Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick
4:00 pm.....	Procession back to the Church
4:15 pm.....	Supper

For more information Contact: Eola Stevenson @ 306 853-7880



Ethnic Attire is encouraged  
Bring your own Lawn chairs  
Concession Booth on Site



ST. ANTHONY'S RAMA, SASK.  
77th Pilgrimage  
Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes

August 14th, 2022

August 15th, 2022

Vigil of Mary's Assumption  
3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Grotto)  
3:15 pm: Stations of the Cross  
4:30 pm: Supper (Book by Aug 2nd. Call: 593-6120)  
6:00 pm: Hymns of Praise to Mary (Filipino Choir)  
6 - 7:45 pm: Confessions & anytime priests are available.  
8:00 pm: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Archbishop Don Bolen  
\*\*Living Rosary, Candlelight Procession, \*\*Exposition & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:30 am: Morning Devotional Prayers to Mary in Polish (Church)  
9:00 am: Mass in Polish (Church)  
10:00 am: Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite ~ Very Rev. Joakim Rac  
11:30 am: Final Mass ~  
\*Anointing of the Sick & Aged.  
\* Blessing for Plenary Indulgence  
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