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Mass Schedule
Tuesday, 7 pm
Wednesday – Friday, 8:30 am
Saturday, 7 pm
Sunday, 10 am



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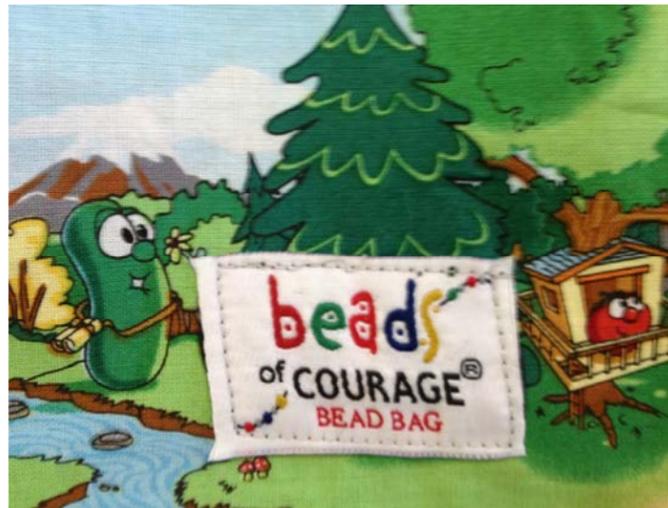
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Beads of Courage – Roseann Schafer

Beads of Courage bags are given to children who have a life-threatening or chronic condition and who are admitted to the Children's Ward at the Regina General Hospital.

Each bead represents a treatment. The child receives a different colour for different treatments. They place the beads on a card. The bags I make for the children are to carry their beads.

I have been making bags since my granddaughter had brain cancer. When the bags are completed, I send them to the hospital.



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Newsletter brought to you
by your Stewardship Team,
Heather and Ray Deis
Team Leaders

Message from our Pastor

Servant Leadership



At first glance, putting the words 'servant' and 'leadership' together seems like a contradiction. After all, the popular notion of servant is one who is at the service of their superior, while a leader is often thought of as the one who is in control and 'calls the shots'.

Jesus gave us a different view of leadership when he washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. Yes he was the Lord and

Master, but not because he wielded some kind of physical or psychological might over his followers, but rather because he had won over their hearts. He did this by laying down his life for them and taking the time to prepare them for the responsibilities of carrying on his work of proclaiming the Good News.

True leaders inspire others to discover and utilize their gifts and abilities and then put these at the service of others. Our parish is blessed with many servant leaders – many of whom work quietly and without fanfare. Some do this in the parish, others in the community and still others within their homes and families.

This issue of the newsletter speaks of several of these people. We focus on them, not because they seek recognition but rather to illustrate different examples of leadership opportunities that others may wish to engage in.

Recently, when addressing graduates of St. Luke's High School program, I reminded them that they are already 'leaders' because they are influencing other young people to complete high school – no matter what major obstacles may deter them.

Good leaders prepare others to take their place even while they are still carrying out their present responsibilities. This approach underlies the fact that any ultimate goal is always larger than any particular person's charisma.

A major goal in our parish and indeed the Church in general must be that of preparing and empowering future leaders, even as we are engaged as elders and leaders ourselves. In doing so, we will be fulfilling our parish mission statement of **Sharing God's gifts, Serving others, In Christ's Love.** Have a wonderful and relaxing summer!!

Fr. John Weekend

Anitha and Agnel Spiritual and Adult Education Team Leaders

Anitha: I come from a background of Catholic folks from both sides of my parents for the last 5 generations. My faith is nurtured by parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts etc. My own realization is my personal experience with the Lord in attending charismatic gatherings from my younger days. Though being a medical doctor and a practicing obstetrician and gynaecologist, without God's intervention, human doctors can do nothing. I strongly believe God's spirit is in every one of them, even if some do not realize God loves everyone and He is good. Everyone should realize God's spirit is in everyone and we have to recognize this in everyone and reflect His love and light to each other.



Agnel: I come from a Catholic background for the past 3 generations, raised as a strict Catholic by both my parents and siblings. I come from a family of 8 siblings, 6 boys and 2 girls. However realization came later in life. Practicing all virtues of Christian living and Catholicism does not lead you to become the best version of what God wants you to be unless and until we love our neighbour the same way we would expect to be loved. To understand the Almighty made each one of us the same way and our only purpose is to glorify and worship the Creator, every moment of our lives, seeking forgiveness, mercy and doing the same to our neighbours. My faith journey began the time I realized we have to surrender our lives totally to the Almighty and seek His will and purpose be done at every moment of life, be a good hubby, a good father, a good neighbour to everyone living in the community. Be constant and steadfast in seeking God's mercy and forgiveness for our faults and forgiving others of their wrongdoings and complete this pilgrimage here on earth.

We were married in 1996 and have come a long way with the help of our Lord Jesus Christ. Much thanks goes to our parents, godparents and well wishers. We rejoiced with the birth of our two girls: Abhigail in 2004 and Amanda in 2008.

We would like to include this prayer of surrender to the Holy Spirit:

Holy Spirit of God, Abide with me,
Inspire all my thoughts,
Pervade my imaginations, Suggest all my decisions,
Order all my doings,
Be with me in my speech and in silence,
in my haste and in my leisure,
In company and in solitude, in the freshness of the morning
and in the weariness of the evening,
Give me the grace to humbly rejoice in your mysterious
companionship at all times. Amen.

Trading a Cubicle for a Wheelbarrow – Ana Lozoya

Over the past year, I've had the opportunity to volunteer with a group of colleagues at Habitat for Humanity Regina. I work for Solvera Solutions, a company that not only delivers innovative IT solutions but also supports the community it serves. Habitat for Humanity is one of the great causes we support! Habitat for Humanity has the mission to mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and provide an opportunity to break the cycle of poverty and enrich our community's future, one family at a time. Homes are built with significant volunteer labour, which reduces construction costs. Habitat also receives generous gifts from local and national companies. In Regina, they are committed to the revitalization of the North Central neighbourhood.



The first time I participated was November last year and the house on Wascana Street was almost ready for the family. We helped with the flooring and we had a chance to meet the family who was going to move in shortly after. They brought us coffee and donuts! You could see in their smiles how thankful they were with the work the many volunteers did! The little kids were choosing their bedrooms and running around so happy!

In June, I worked on the framing of a multi-family unit on Lewvan Drive. This project was very different and harder than my first one. Materials were heavy, some tools were dangerous and I have to admit at the beginning I felt a little scared and worried that I was not going to be helpful. That idea was completely wrong! There is always something one can help with and it's safe as long as you follow the safety instructions. At the end of a rainy and muddy day I felt very happy and thankful for the opportunity of being there and to pay forward some of the many blessings I have received since I started living in this community!

