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## *Sights and Sounds*

October 14, 2021

### *For the Month of October*



#### *Birthdays*

October 1 Christine Taylor  
October 2 Fr. Albert Lalonde  
October 6 Fr. Glenn Zimmer  
October 13 Fr. Ron Rolheiser  
October 13 Janice Lamoureux  
October 17 Fr. Nestor Gregoire  
October 17 Sandy Normand  
October 19 Mark Lich  
October 23 Fr. Heinner Paucar  
October 25 Francis Maza  
October 30 Fr. Joe Jacek

#### *Wedding Anniversary*

October 8 Sandy & Bernard Normand (38 yrs.)  
October 12 JoAnne Chrones & Brian Zimmer (24 yrs.)



#### *First Vows*

October 1 Fr. Richard Doll (64 yrs.)  
October 11 Fr. Syl Lewans (68 yrs.)

#### *Ordination*

October 9 Fr. Joe Jacek (54 yrs.)  
October 16 Fr. Glenn Zimmer (50 yrs.)  
October 17 Fr. Nestor Gregoire (51 yrs.)  
October 18 Fr. George Gruber (64 yrs.)  
October 20 Fr. Bill Stang (55 yrs.)  
October 21 Fr. Ron Rolheiser (49 yrs.)  
October 21 Fr. Eugene Warnke (39 yrs.)

### *November Celebrations:*

#### *Birthdays:*

November 17 Adele Longstaff  
November 23 Gerry Weinkauf

#### *Wedding Anniversary:*

November 18 Diane & Bernard Lepage (32 yrs.)



# *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*

## *September 30, 2021*

*On September 30<sup>th</sup>, the whole community of Sandy Bay came out to the streets to celebrate with a meaningful walk for the National Orange Shirt Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The Walk was organized by the different agencies present here in Sandy Bay ~~~Fr. Heinner Paucar, Sandy Bay*





*The days prior to September 30<sup>th</sup>, were days of activities in the community. Those activities were organized by each agency: Family and Trails, the school, CRC, PBCN and the Parish. ~~~ Fr. Heinner Paucar, Sandy Bay*





*Our Parish held a night celebration of lighting candles and prayer with the leaders of each agency of Sandy Bay, PBCN, Family and Child, RCMP, Health Center, CRC, Hector Thiboutot School, Village Office, and the Elders.*  
**~~~Fr. Heinner Paucar, Sandy Bay**

*We have prayed and have honored the memory of the children who never made it home and for the lives of the survivors. Also, we reflected about our role in the Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action. The celebration of prayer was led by Indigenous prayers, drumming, smudging, the Gospel reading and the reading of the Bishops' Apology.*

**~~~Fr. Heinner Paucar  
 Sandy Bay Parish**



*~~~Members of the SDC and Queen's House participated in various Truth and Reconciliation events on September 30, 2021.*



***Corrine Pambrun, Pauline Henry, Fr. Bill Stang, OMI,  
Brendan Bitz, Director of Queen's House***



*May we continue to remember..... always.*

***St. Philip Neri Parish in Saskatoon observes ‘National Day for Truth and Reconciliation’ – Orange Shirt Day, September 30, 2021***

Thursday, September 30, 2021, the ‘National Day for Truth and Reconciliation,’ in some ways, was not unlike any other week-day at St. Philip Neri Parish – with 8:30 morning Mass. However, clearly visible among the attending congregation, was a significant number of orange shirts, which people wore to remember the Indigenous children, many of whom suffered in various ways when attending the residential schools.

Father Mike Dechant’s homily focused on the tragedy of the residential schools and the role played by those involved in residential schools – be it the government, religious orders, missionaries and other individuals. There is the necessity to seek out the truth, seek forgiveness, and bring about reconciliation.

Following the Mass, Father Mike led the congregation in a “people rosary.” In a brief introduction, Father Mike shared the significance of symbols, prayer and actions – based on the Judaic and Christian and Indigenous traditions. Displayed on a table was a big bowl of WATER and many small river STONES. The water and stones were salted in the Jewish tradition, blessed in the Christian tradition and smudged in the Native tradition.

The congregation was then invited to come forward prior to each ‘Hail Mary’ – to pick up a stone, and to name a person or group held in prayer. In a moving and emotional rosary prayer-service, people offered the prayers for their families, friends, residential school survivors, reconciliation, people with illnesses, those who contracted COVID, hospital workers, school teachers, deceased, essential workers, and more. After each respective Hail Mary, the stone was placed into the container with water, as a sign that we are all members of a faith community, worshipping and praying together – Indigenous and non-Indigenous – all members of the ‘body of Christ,’ present here because of the Creator. The congregation was deeply moved; many walked out of the service with tears in their eyes and a better understanding of our need to pray for and work towards meaningful actions leading to reconciliation.

A brief explanation of the blessing of the water and stones in the three faith traditions: Water is the symbol of life and nourishment. The water was salted in the Jewish tradition. Salt, for the Jewish people represents hospitality and acceptance; salt was so precious and valuable in the time of Jesus that it was used as a form of currency (to the hired worker, “Are you worth your salt?”); and, lastly, spread throughout the entrance and

windows of the home, salt represents God's protection of the home and family. These are three qualities that God wants to share with us as well. The water was then blessed in the Christian tradition – representing our baptism and full immersion into God's love and creativity. And finally, the water was smudged with the burning of sweet grass.

***~~Submitted by Mike Dechant, OMI - Pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish  
From: Comments of the Parishioners***

*Journeys to healing shared .....*

Fr. Andre Poilievre as lead Chaplain in the Saskatoon Correctional Centre participated in community outreach presentations with two active gang members. They expressed their desire to leave their gangs and wanted support from him as they worked to change their lives. This was how STR8 UP began – with Andre and a growing number of men, women, and youth who relied on him for support, counseling, and a community connection. Fr. Andre retired from the Saskatoon Correctional Centre but continues doing community presentations and involves STR8 UP members in these by asking them to share their stories and experiences with the community.

Two indigenous persons from Str8Up were invited to share their journey to healing with the congregation of St. Philip Neri Parish Saskatoon as we focused on the National Truth and Reconciliation. STR8 UP offers outreach services, programming, and support to those who have lived or are living criminal street lifestyles and who want to make positive changes in their lives. The goal of STR8 Up is to provide hope, healing, and opportunities and to walk beside our members as they take their 10,000 little steps.

They provide a supportive community where our members can bond over shared experiences and learn together.

We are grateful to Owen Pelletier and Chantel Huel for sharing their sacred journey with us and giving us permission to share this on a larger platform. As we listen may our hearts become more sensitive to the impact of Colonialization on First Nations even up to this day.

Follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oy6KI9XeMXU&t=9s>

***~~Submitted by Fr. Ken Forster, OMI  
Associate pastor, St. Philip Neri Parish***



### **Treasurer's Office:**

- *Please continue to send in your GST Receipts in a timely manner.*
- *2022 Budgets will be sent to Head Office October 14, 2021.*
- *Corrine would like to thank everyone who sent in their 2022 budgets.*

*Thank you,  
Corrine Pambrun and Fr. Paul Fachel*



First of all, we want to wish all a warm and wonderful belated Happy Thanksgiving! We have much to be thankful for even as we are confounded by a myriad of challenges and changes designed to keep us humble and young!! The last weeks have offered us an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the challenges of Truth and Reconciliation; we hope that our efforts have been sufficient and that this work will continue in a true and meaningful way. The weather has held which has been a benefit for the completion of the important and necessary fall care of our grounds and facility – work that never ends. We continue to work with staff as we all navigate our way through the slowdowns and stoppages of activity due to the surge in cases and the challenges of encouraging the merits of vaccination. Prayers for peace, calm, cooperation and understanding have been helpful and are most encouraging. We are collectively working to prepare for our Snowball Fling Raffle and our Gala-to-Go and Auction. We invite you to participate in both of these important activities. Please refer to the following information.



## **Queen's House Retreat & Renewal**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Online Gala-to-go & Auction**

**Thursday November 25, 2021**

**Tickets on sale October 15, 2021**

**[www.queenshouse.org](http://www.queenshouse.org) (fundraising events)**



We invite you to participate in our various program offerings currently being offered in a variety of formats in an effort to meet the needs of as many members in our community as possible. In the meanwhile, stay safe, stay warm and God bless us all!!

From all of us at Queen's House

Brendan Bitz, Director



*Fr. Nestor Gregoire's blog:* <https://withmyfeetonmydesk.blogspot.com>

*Meadow Lake Website:* <https://www.meadowlakecatholicchurch.com>

*OMI Lacombe Canada Website:* [www.omilacombe.ca](http://www.omilacombe.ca)

*Qu'Appelle House of Prayer Website:* [www.qhpstillness.ca](http://www.qhpstillness.ca)

*Qu'Appelle House of Prayer blog:* <https://qhpconnection.blogspot.com/>

*Queen's House Website at:* [www.queenshouse.org](http://www.queenshouse.org)

*St. Philip Neri Parish at:* [www.stphilipneriparish.ca](http://www.stphilipneriparish.ca)