

Day 189 – Friday, September 25 – God’s Abiding Presence

I am sitting at my computer contemplating the day. As I look outside I see: 1) The beautiful sun, 2) The neighbours flaming red ornamental tree, 3) A great sense of peace. I am thinking of my day. I have to: 1) Celebrate Mass in a few minutes, 2) Finish my homily for this weekend, 3) Go to the bank and get a certified cheque, 4) Go to Saskatoon and pick up my new car, 5) Enjoy movie night with some of my parishioners.

In other words the day has endless possibilities. Not unlike any other day. But this morning I feel these endless possibilities. And the best thing about all these endless possibilities...no matter how the day will unfold, it will unfold with Christ’s presence. That is the wonder of our faith. That no matter what we do, where we go—Christ will always be there.

I find this very comforting...because it is easy to experience God’s presence in the Eucharist, the warmth of the sun, or a peaceful moment of creation. It is a little harder to experience him in the midst of a car accident, or the emergency room, or a tragedy. But that is only because we are not looking.

The reading for Mass is from the book of Ecclesiastes...a list of “a time for ...” A thorough list of all the times and places we experience God.

This abiding presence of God has been given to us. Not because we earned it—but because God loves us and wants to share his love with us. He only asks that we share it with others.

Take a moment [today](#) to tell someone how much you love them!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

In the light of eternity, we’re here for a very short time, really. We’re here for one thing, ultimately: to learn how to love, because God is love. - James Finley

Sincerely,
Fr. Jim Kaptein