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Strange Messiah, Strange Kingdom

It was this *agenda* that the Apostle Peter foresaw for Jesus. The Apostle was correct in recognizing Jesus as the promised Messiah. Yet, he was seriously mistaken about his *agenda*. Jesus did not come to restore the King David's political kingdom, but God's! As He faced opposition and the hostility of the religious and political leaders, Jesus already foresaw his tragic end. He would be rejected and condemned to death. Peter tried to correct Jesus, to tell him that he did not understand the complexity of the title that he, Peter, had just bestowed on him. However, Jesus, in turn, chastised Peter who had not understood anything. It was not up to Jesus to adopt Peter's ideas. Instead it was up to Peter to realize Jesus' *agenda*. This *agenda* would mean that the *Messiah* would be a humble servant, who would not be royally anointed, but instead be spat upon by outraged enemies, as foreseen by the prophet Isaiah (53:1-3).

Finally, it was only after Easter that the disciples would truly understand Jesus' destiny and that they would accept his astonishing *agenda*: to reveal the presence of God the Father who loves his people, forgives and welcomes them, wants their happiness and wishes to gather them as a family whose priorities would be sharing and mutual love.

If you think about it, Jesus' *agenda* is still challenging today. Only hearts filled with his own Spirit will dare to follow Christ to the end.

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Sunday Sept 16, 2018 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is necessary to pay attention to titles because the same title can camouflage very different agendas! In an election, two or three people may aspire to be "Prime Minister of Canada". While one may have a business-friendly agenda, another may be more focused on social projects. In the United States, forty-four people had the same title of "President of the United States", but had very different agendas! For example, Barack Obama supported the fight against pollution while Donald Trump doubts that current practices play any part in climate change.

It was the same situation during Jesus' era. One of the most hopeful titles was *Messiah*. This word comes from the Hebrew: *mašîa*, which is translated as "*he who has received the royal anointing*" or *priestly*. The Greek form of the word is *Christos*, which in English is *Christ*. We acknowledge that *Christ* is synonymous with *King*. Beginning in the first century BC, this title came with immense hope as people believed the *Messiah-King* would be sent by God to restore King David's ancient kingdom. For the majority of Jews, this King's *agenda* included raising an army to drive out the Roman invaders and cleansing the Temple.

The Week at a Glance

Sat Sept 15 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park **For Famille Pelletier & Dion**

Sun Sept 16 9:00 am Mass in Arborfield **For the people**
11:00am Mass in Carrot River **For Dan & Myrna Oaks**
4-7pm Carrot River Fall Supper

Mon Sept 17 *Fr Travis' day off*

Tues Sept 18 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Yvan Potie**

Wed Sept 19 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Joe Hamelin**

Thurs Sept 20 6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River
7:00pm Mass in Carrot River

Fri Sept 21 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home
7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park
8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †Pauline Moyen**

Sat Sept 22 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park **For Andre & Beth Lalonde**

Sun Sept 23 9:00 am Mass in Arborfield **For the people**
11:00am Mass in Carrot River **For Larry & Marg Engele**

Mass time for Sep/Oct

Sat 7:30pm – Zenon Park

Sun 9:00am – Arborfield

Sun 11:00am – Carrot River

Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>
Commentator	Liz	Marie
Reader	Mark	Pam
Cup	Beatrice, James	Neil, Sue
Hospitality	Bob & Lisa	Brian, Pam
Offerings	Brian & Pam	Bob, Lisa
Sacristan	Pam	Sue

Cleaning Schedule

Sept 17 - 23, 2018	Neil & Lorraine Playford
Sept 24 - 30, 2018	Don & Jeanne Hoiland

Last week's collection total: **\$690.00 Thank You**

Carrot River Fall Supper will be held Sunday **September 16th** at the Carrot River Community Hall 4:30 - 7 pm. Adults \$15 12& under \$8 preschool free with take-out available. All are invited to attend!

The Diocese of Prince Albert is hosting a **Gospel Jamboree Friday October 12** at St. Joseph church in PA 5:00 - 8:00 pm. No entrance fee - free will offering. See the poster on the bulletin board for details and registration info.