



July 12, 2020

My dear parishioners,

Welcome back! This is our second weekend of Masses, celebrated in a different way. Last weekend went well and we were pleased that our efforts to create a safe environment paid off. The church will be open for Masses, again this weekend, July 11/12. Please follow the directions of the volunteers. Thank you for your patience as we travel this road together.

If someone is not feeling well or scared please stay home and participate at the Mass on the media. Our bishop has permitted dispensation from attending Mass in the church. For some time there will be no regular confession times on the weekends. So, if anyone likes to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, please give me a call and I will make arrangements.

P.S. I would like to thank all that have continued to make their offertory contributions during the covid. It has allowed us to keep up to our monthly financial obligations.

Regards, Fr Francis

**Tuesday, July 14th 7:00 pm**

† Emile & Elizabeth Strydonck  
 Offered by the Estate

**Wednesday, July 15th 8:30 am**

† Deceased members of the VanderVloet & Meeuwssen Families  
 Offered by Estate of Frank J Vander Vloet

**Thursday, July 16th 8:30 am**

† Jerome & Mary Vandevenne  
 Offered by Margaret Samko & Family

**Friday, July 17th 8:30am**

† Giovanni Bolzon  
 Offered by Lilliana Bolzon and Family

**Saturday, July 18th 8:30 am**

† Margaret McCallum  
 Offered by Margaret Holmes

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A brilliant orange flower is growing on, or rather, in our front porch. It appears to be rooted in pavement. Its stem leans alongside a fracture of a small cement retaining wall. While improbable, there is no denying that the seed fell and that seed is now blooming and bright with colour. It seems incredible, yet my eyes have seen it and I cannot but believe it possible.

The biological determination of a flower to grow in circumstances defying logic and probability has me thinking about the still deeper power of the word of God that is scattered on different terrains. I pray that my heart be good soil, be a place where I listen and understand so that the word takes hold and pushes through to fullness and beauty—knowing that sometimes my heart is also a terrain that defies logic and probability.

Do I look at the world with the same desire and faith in the power of God's word? Do I see neighbour, stranger, the familiar and the distinct, as places where this seed might well thrive? As people who strive to understand with the heart, we have no idea in which places the word and its beauty will take hold. May the word take hold wildly and freely in the fractured world so that something extraordinary blooms... by grace, rather than logic or probability.

Sr. Kimberly M King Halifax, Nova Scotia

First Reading: Isaiah 55.10-11

Psalm: 65

Second Reading: Romans 8.18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13.1-23

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Sunday and Daily TV Mass on the Web.

Visit the website at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) or  
[www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass) to watch Mass daily.

**PLEASE READ.....**

Please arrive early, as there are procedures put in place to assure your safety, and this will take a few extra minutes when you arrive.

The Church will be open 40 min prior to Mass.

To minimize the handling of cash, This might be a good time to try out the on-line donation program Pllenty. Simple go to the Parish website, [www.stphilippet](http://www.stphilippet), and click on "make a donation". This will allow you to set up a one time or recurring donation. This site is completely secure. When things return to normal, you can always cancel and go back to weekly envelopes.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If at this time you are not comfortable returning, we completely understand, and welcome you when you are ready.

**WE NEED YOU**

We can put guidelines into place, but none of this is possible without your help. At every mass we will need a number of volunteers to assist with welcoming and registering our parishioners, seating our parishioners, directing traffic flow in and out of the Church and at communion, and sanitizing the Church following each Mass. At this time we are thinking that a minimum of 7 volunteers will be needed for each Mass.

If you are able to assist in any of these rolls, please contact Denise at [dannett@dol.ca](mailto:dannett@dol.ca) or at her personal phone number 519-384-9588.

With your help, we will be able to successfully resume our Celebration of the Eucharist, safely and as a Parish family.