



ST. PHILIP'S PARISH

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My dear parishioners,

Welcome, as we go forward each weekend we are seeing more and more parishioners returning for weekend Mass. I would like to thank those that have committed to volunteering their time, to ensure everyone's safety. The parish office remains closed, as we await further instruction from the Diocese.

If you would like to have a Mass said for your intentions, please contact Denise, and she will arrange.

If you have any questions or concerns, Denise, our parish secretary can be reached at dannett@dol.ca or her personal cell phone 519-384-9588.

At this 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.

Regards, Fr Francis

Tuesday, August 25th 7:00 pm

† Deceased members of the VanderVloet & Meeuwssen Families

Offered by The Estate of Frank J. VanderVloet

Wednesday, August 26th 8:30 am

† Frances Verhoeven

Offered by Leroy & Joanna Dubuque

Thursday, August 27th 8:30 am

† Tim Regnier

Offered by Jane Regnier

Friday, August 28th 8:30am

† Emile & Elizabeth Strydonck

Offered by The Estate

Saturday, August 29th 8:30 am

† Jeannette Bourque

Offered by Luke & Carol St. Pierre

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

My attention is riveted by today's Gospel and Jesus' poignant questions to his disciples: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" and "Who do you say that I am?" Peter's quick reply to the latter was, "You are the Christ." Did he know what he was saying? I'm not sure. In the same situation, I would have been at a loss for an answer. Now, 2000 years later, I ponder that second question and I can come up with varied answers. Jesus said. "I am the good shepherd... I am the gate... I am the light... I am the true vine.

A retreat I attended some months ago was based on this scripture passage and provided me with a new perspective. We spent our time for meditation and prayer focusing on reverse questioning: Who am I? How do I see myself? How does Jesus see me? How do I want Jesus to see me?

Reflecting on my relationship with Jesus offered me new insights and a heartfelt desire to follow him more closely. I often take for granted the fact that he is a constant in my life—always present to me, whether or not I acknowledge him. Today's Psalm proclaims, "I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart...your steadfast love endures forever." How blessed are we!

Barbara K. d'Artois Ste-Genevieve, QC

First Reading: Isaiah 22.15,19-23

Psalm: 138

Second Reading: Romans 11..33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20

Sunday and Daily TV Mass on the Web.

Visit the website at www.dailytvmass.com or www.youtube.com/dailytvmass to watch Mass daily.

Effective Friday, August 14th, The town of Petrolia has implemented a bylaw requiring the wearing of face masks in all public in door spaces.