

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday Sept. 3 8:00am	Gene Pike (26yrs) ~ wife Annabelle & family Jackie Mojeske ~ Madeleine Marier Lloyd Frankfurth (12 th Ann) ~ Shirley & family
Wednesday Sept. 4 8:00am	K of C members, sick, deceased or in distress Sylvia Beauregard ~ Elizabeth & Lon Jeffrey Maurice & Irene Leboeuf ~ the estate
Thursday Sept. 5 8:00am	Robert Marijanovich ~ wife Rosemarie Lorna Craig ~ Rosemarie Marijanovich Frank Melady ~ Mary Hargreaves
Thursday Sept. 5 10:00am	CHAPEL AT SEASON'S LAKESHORE Russell Sauv� ~ the family Lawrence Reaume (11yrs) ~ Alice Emiel Dendoven ~ Chris & Carole Lanoue
Friday Sept. 6 9:30am	Gord Johnston ~ wife Bernadette Lucia Baldi ~ Rachelle & Moe Peltier St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners
Saturday Sept. 7 9:00am	Intention of Roger & Juliette St. Pierre ~ H�l�ne Fawcus Gertrude McGuire ~ Catholic Women's League Our Blessed Mother; Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners

PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

DIANE REAUME	HANY YOOSOF	LUELLA LEBOEUF
LISA BOND	PAT BOWSHER	MARY LOU BOMBARDIER
MADELEINE DUPUIS	PAT BUTLER	LUCILLE TELLIER
ALICIA DAVEY	CECILE STRONG	MARION GAUTHIER
JIM LIGHT	BETTY & DON SIGRIST	DAVE LEMIRE
MARI SCHROEDER	MIKE PRESTON	ANNA ST. JOHN
DIANE LAUZON	JULIA GAGNON	NORM VANIER
A.J. LALIBERTE	KEVIN DUCHARME	DEACON DON HAMELIN
MADALAYNA DUCHARME	PAUL DUCHARME	KRISTY LEE ZIMMERMAN
RENE TELLIER	BETTY & GERRY ALEXANDER	BOB WILLIAMS
CARMEL LETTENBICHLER	ANGELA RICE	LARRY THIBERT
MIKE LANOUE	LOIS & CLARENCE JANISSE	
JULIETTE RIVEST	DALE SIMMONS	

PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE TO HAVE SOMEONE'S NAME ADDED OR REMOVED

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES, PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS, ESPECIALLY DOMINIQUE GUILBEAULT, MARGUERITE GAGNIER GENE CHAUVIN AND MICHELE BONNER (MARIER) MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND MAY THE LORD SEND COMFORT AND CONSOLATION TO THEIR FAMILIES.

WE THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN:

Floor Coverings International	519-735-5515
Hallmark Memorial - Hwy #3, Walker Rd	519-737-6158
Strong's Appliance Service Ltd.	519-728-2334
Melady Funeral Home by Arbor Memorial	www.meladyfuneral.ca
Michael Sutton, K of C - Managing Director	519-728-1500
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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3**
- Office Closed
 - Prayer gathering, every Tuesday 7:15pm
 - K of C 4th Degree Meeting, 7:30pm
- WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4**
- K of C 3rd Degree Meeting, 7:00pm
- THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5**
- Bingo every Thursday, 6:00pm, Hall
- FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6**
- First Friday Adoration, 8:15am to 9:15am
- SATURDAY & SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 & 8**
- Wedding Anniversary Blessing, all masses

SUNDAY MORNING ROSARY
Every Sunday starting at 8:15am. Join us.

PLEASE NOTE
The office will be closed Tuesday Sept ember 3rd for Labour Day.

SAVE THE DATE
Save the date for this year's **Octoberfest**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
Plan to join us for a fun night!

WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Grace Ellen Dumontier
DAUGHTER OF GREGORY DUMONTIER & BETTY FILMORE

Hannah Maria Hofgartner
DAUGHTER OF JASON HOFGARTNER & LINDSAY (ROTH)

Logan Oliver Lanoue
SON OF STEVEN LANOUE & BECKY (RIVEST)

Aspen James Lauer
DAUGHTER OF DANIEL LAUER & JASMINE TAPAK

Owen Luke LePine
SON OF MICHAEL LEPINE & KATRINA (MCGONIGAL)

ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE PARISH

OFFICE HOURS
TUESDAY – FRIDAY 9 AM - 3 PM
CLOSED BETWEEN 12 PM & 1 PM

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 4:30 PM
SUNDAY 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
TUESDAY TO THURSDAY 8:00 AM
FRIDAY 9:30 AM & SATURDAY 9:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1st, 2019

MISSION STATEMENT

ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE IS A VIBRANT, LIFE-GIVING, CHRIST-CENTERED PARISH COMMUNITY THAT IS GENEROUSLY AVAILABLE AND CHALLENGING IN THE TRUEST SENSE OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE.

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FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. ANTONY

My Dearest Parishioners in Jesus Christ,

In his autobiography, Mahatma Gandhi narrates several instances of humiliation that he was subjected to in South Africa. One day while he was walking through the footpath of the President Street, a patrol policeman pushed him and kicked him into the gutter. A white man, a friend of Gandhi, saw it and said, "Gandhi, I have seen everything, I shall gladly be your witness in court if you proceed against the man. I am very sorry you have been so rudely assaulted."

Gandhi replied: "You need not be sorry. What does the poor man know? All coloured people are the same to him. He treats Negroes just as he has treated me. I have made it a rule not to go to court in respect of any personal grievance. So I do not intend to proceed against him." Gandhi's friend then asked the policeman to apologize. He did. But Gandhi adds: "There was no need. I had already forgiven him." The response of Gandhi was typical of a humble man.

Have you ever thought why Jesus the Master asked us explicitly to learn from Him to be meek and humble? When Jesus taught humility, He gave us a tremendous lesson about human nature. Jesus' teaching contains a perennial valid psychological insight. As Arthur Helps pointed out, "Humility is the true cure for many a needless heartache." The word "needless" is to be stressed.

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INFORMATION ON THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Please call the office to register and make an appointment with our Pastoral Minister - Sue Hofgartner

ANointing OF THE SICK

This is primarily a sacrament of physical healing and spiritual strengthening. The sacrament is administered to those facing serious surgery or illness. If you desire this sacrament please call Fr. Antony. We offer a communal Anointing Service in the Spring and Fall.

MARRIAGE

Couples desiring to marry please call the office and contact Fr. Antony. Arrangements must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding.

FROM FR. ANTONY (continued)

What can the best of Psychiatrists do for the many patients who flock to them with their personal problems? The best they can do is to lead them to gradually accept themselves; to be at peace and ease with themselves. For those who can't or won't accept themselves, the Psychiatrists can do nothing.

Look at our own lives. How many of our crosses are self-inflicted? And how many of them would have been less in intensity, frequency and duration if we were really humble? For want of humility how much we suffer and how much suffering we inflict on others! A humble man accepts himself, is at peace with himself. In his self-acceptance he is rich, strong. No one can make him poorer, and no one can make him weaker either. He is at peace with his own God-given reality, his self. And so he cannot be far from all other realities created by God, and the Ultimate Reality—God.

Today's parable about taking first place at the banquet throws further light on the meaning and significance of humility. It means lack of concern for one's own prestige and consequently esteeming others above self. It means the willingness to associate with those who can do nothing for us, to be looked down upon because of the company we keep as Jesus was despised by the respectable people of his day on account of the company He kept. It is humility born of truth that enables a person to realize that at the heavenly banquet in God's kingdom, no one can choose his place or exalt himself on his own. A humble man knows that at the end of life's journey, when we stand before the Lord, nothing matters except a humble and contrite heart.

Lord, May I be humble, may I be gracious in suffering humiliations. AMEN.

With kindest regards,
Fr. Antony Kolenchery

**DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- Sept 1 ~ Rev. Adam Gabriel, C.S.M.A.
- Sept 2 ~ **Memorial of Blessed André Bessette**
Deacon Arthur Bondy
- Sept 3 ~ **Memorial of St. Gregory the Great**
Rev. Kazimierz Lorencowicz, C.S.M.A.
- Sept 4 ~ **Memorial of Blessed Dina Bélanger**
Rev. Mohanathas Kamalathanas, C.R.
- Sept 5 ~ Rev. Maurice Restivo, C.S.B.
- Sept 6 ~ Rev. James Conlon
- Sept 7 ~ Mr. Daniel Pettipas, Coordinator of Parish Ministries

A WITNESS TALK FROM OUR PARISHIONER RICHARD BILODEAU

I was raised in a very small northern town, in a Catholic family of 8 children. My parents having a strong Catholic faith brought us to mass every Sunday. We said our prayers before every meal and often prayed the rosary together as a family. I was an altar server for weekly mass until the age of fifteen.

At 19 years of age, I left home to attend University and at that time I decided not to continue practicing my Catholic faith. My first year in University went well but some of my friends started drinking, partying and taking drugs and engaging in other bad behaviour. When I started my second year, I succumbed to the temptations of following my friends' bad habits. I engaged into the drug scene and became a very selfish person which hurt many people. Through all this dangerous behaviour, I was fortunate enough to finish my education and graduate with a Bachelor of Science and a teaching diploma. I decided to take the first job offered to me.

Everything went wrong in my first year of teaching because I continued my life of bad habits and eventually got evicted from my apartment after several months of teaching. I realized that if I continued this lifestyle, I could lose everything.

In the spring of that first year of teaching, I was confused and lost and felt a need to visit my parents on Mother's Day weekend. I had a beautiful visit with my parents and before leaving my mother gave me a cassette to listen to when I return to my new home.

On June 11th around 4 pm while I was washing dishes after diner in my small apartment, I decided to listen to the cassette my mother had given to me on Mother's Day. It was a story of a man's conversion which I was able to relate to my life situation. I wasn't 5 minutes into listening to his story that I dropped to my knees in front of the kitchen sink. I felt a blanket of peace cover my whole being. Little did I know then that I had been struck by the power of the Holy Spirit. I felt a soothing calming warmth come over me, then I began to see more clearly the destruction of my former life. My face was covered with tears of joy. In a flash my whole life was transformed. I saw the person that the Lord wanted me to be. I instantly new what I must do. I was on the wrong path and He helped me to see the world through His eyes.

The first thing I did was flush all the drugs down the toilet and threw everything else into the garbage. After this I called my mom but all I did is cry on the phone since I was so emotional from my encounter with the Lord. Please be aware that in the 6 years I left the church, my parents were very worried for my well-being. They prayed daily for me, burned candles and offered many masses for me. I truly believe God answered my parents' prayers. That day was the beginning of my lifelong conversion.

But the Lord was not done with me yet; He still had another gift for me. That same night, I had to umpire a baseball game which I didn't really want to go to after a life transformation. I went anyways and between innings a mother of one of my students introduced me to her daughter which I had never met. Little did I know that she would become within the next year, my spouse. I couldn't believe it, the same day of my conversion I begin my journey with my wife to be. What a gift, she wasn't only my future bride but also the angel that guided me in my faith. We raised four boys and adopted a girl from Central America and now we are blessed with 4 beautiful grandchildren. We've been married now for 41 years, although my wife and I have been tested many times. It was through the love and mercy of God that our faith helped us through these trials with the support of our faith family at St. Simon St. Jude.

We need to trust in the Lord because He is the master engineer of our lives. He is in control in all life situations. How tender and patient Jesus is with our brokenness. We must not be afraid to throw our wounded selves to Christ. Invite His healing and merciful love to come into all the diseased images we have of ourselves. At that point, He can heal our wounds and transform us and lead us on the right path so that we can become a living witness for others. God bless you all. The Lord is good.

Richard Bilodeau

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

POT-LUCK DINNER-MEETING \ GAME NIGHT
Pot-luck Dinner-Meeting, Monday, September 9th. Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:00pm, followed by a short meeting. Stay and enjoy a fun night with your league sisters. Bring your favorite board game, play cards, or just sit around and chat. You can pay your membership dues (\$25.00) at the meeting. You can also bring whatever items you may have for the Penny Table at our November 9th Bazaar. Hope to see you there!!



FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION

We encourage you to come spend time in prayer and adoration each month during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers of the Divine Mercy, which take place on the first Friday of each month, from 8:15am until 9:15am. **Friday, September 6th**

MASS FOR THE DECEASED

at **Heavenly Rest Cemetery**, inside Resurrection Mausoleum
Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
Presider: Fr. Vince Gulikers

CONFIRMATION 2019

Grade 8 Youth are invited to take ownership of the promises of Faith made for them at Baptism by becoming *fully initiated* into the faith, where the Eucharist continually strengthens us all for life.
Parent and candidate meeting
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18,
7:00pm—8:15pm at the Parish Hall



ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

SAVE THE DATE
Important meeting for ALL VOLUNTEERS is scheduled for the second week of September.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could please plan to attend **one** of the following meetings:

- TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10 AT 9:00 AM OR**
- TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10 AT 7:00 PM OR**
- THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12 AT 9:00 AM OR**
- THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12 AT 7:00 PM**

We are offering four options for the same meeting to accommodate your schedules and allow for the greatest chance to have everyone attend. The meeting will be held in the church.



Come Join Us!
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH ~ NOON-4PM

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED AFTERNOON!

Activities and BBQ begin at 12:00 noon at the Parish Hall.
Complimentary hot dogs & hamburgers, chips, pop and juice while supplies last.



Children's entertainment, games, face painting, bingo, bouncy castle & pie eating contest.

SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our second annual Clothing Drive at St. Simon & St. Jude parish was a huge success. Last weekend, at all of the masses, many people came to donate items for the poor.



We are most appreciative of the Generous Giving Spirit of all Parishioners and the local community. Thank you. Fortunately we managed to fill about 80% of the Society Truck. Many will benefit from this event.

Thank you to all for your continued support in Helping us to Help others. And special thanks to the volunteers who assisted with loading the truck. God bless the poor.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The K of C needs more members as our population ages. Please consider joining us. For more info, please contact the K of C office and leave a message at 519-728-2828.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	AUG 11, AUG 18 & AUG 25, 2019		
Regular	5,007.45	5,291.15	4,515.65
Regular - Direct Deposit	475.00	2,525.00	475.00
Loonie & Toonie	323.03	267.90	267.15
Restoration Fund	110.00	195.00	1,020.00
Restoration Fund -Direct Deposit	90.00	946.66	90.00
Priests Pension Fund	40.00	---	---
St. Vincent de Paul - D. Deposit	---	100.00	---
Total	\$6,045.48	9,325.71	\$6,367.80

Thank you, your generosity is greatly appreciated!