

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15, 2018

We gather to praise the glory and grace of God, who has given us every spiritual blessing.



It's the 20th Anniversary of the building of our church! Please join us for our Good Shepherd Parish Annual Barbeque, complete with food, fun and fellowship.

Mark your calendar:

Sunday 22 July 2018 – following the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass – everyone is invited. If you can, please bring along your favourite salad to share... it would be a most welcome addition to

the menu. Also at this gathering, we will be offering our parish gratitude and farewell to Fr. Hezuk Shroff as he prepares to move to a new parish; also, we will be offering thanks and heartfelt appreciation to Deacon Wayne Lee as he concludes his active ministry as a Deacon in the Ottawa Archdiocese. We look forward to seeing you there! Sign-up sheets are in the Church gathering space.

Sacristans Urgently Required – The Sacristan prepares and puts away the sacred vessels, linens, vestments and other items required for each Mass. We require Sacristans for weekday and/or weekend Masses and will provide the necessary training. Please contact Donna Dunham at addunham@rogers.com or speak to Fr. Shroff to let him know you are interested.

MISSION APPEAL – Fr. Orlando Mendoza., from the Diocese of Virac, Philippines will be in our parish the weekend of **August 4/5** to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will preach at all the Masses and will make an appeal on behalf of the Diocese of Virac.

Good Shepherd Parish Bible Study. The Fall session, beginning the week of September 10, 2018, for 10 weeks, will study "Women in the Old Testament". The course, using materials prepared by Little Rock Scripture Study, is offered 3 times a week - Monday evening, Wednesday morning and Wednesday afternoon. Application forms can be found on the bookshelf at the back of the church. Please apply by August 3, 2018. For further information contact gsbiblestudy@rogers.com

LOL - Thanks to everyone who has participated in our Ladies on Lunch initiative. Our next gathering will be the third Wednesday in September, the 19th, at 11:30 am. The luncheons are an excellent opportunity to meet each other in an informal gathering and ladies of all ages are welcome. We hope you'll mark the date on your calendar and look for more details in September's bulletin.

Offering for July 8, 2018

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2332.00
AC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	<u>\$ 715.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 5707.00

Our financial requirements are approx. **\$8,000** per week to support our approx. **\$2,000** a week mortgage payment.

Fr. Shroff's Corner

The Collect Prayer from today's Mass (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time) says that, since we call ourselves Christians, we should pray for "the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the Name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour." In other words, Christians are called to honour Christ and to turn away from sin by their concrete actions and the choices that they make. By our thoughts, our words, and our actions, we can give glory and honour to Jesus Christ: or, conversely, we can betray Him.

We live in a world of choices, many choices. In fact, "choice" is often a buzzword in today's society and is often seen as a synonym of "freedom." To be free is to be free to choose, the modern world believes, and so choice is *always* seen as a good. From the Catholic perspective, however, it is not choice itself that is the good for which we strive. What is more important is choosing what is right, what is moral, what is pleasing to God. It is not the act of choosing itself that is the good, but rather the object that we choose. If we choose sin, we are not honouring Christ. If we choose what we know to be contrary to the Commandments of God or the teachings of the Catholic Church founded by Jesus, then we are using our choices to hurt God, to betray Him. But if, on the contrary, we choose what is just and noble and true, and what gives glory and honour to Our Lord, then our choices can become like pleasing oblations that we offer up God and that cause the Heart of Jesus to rejoice.

We cannot make choices that give glory to God unless we know what God wants of us and unless we follow through and do it. Thus, in the Catholic spiritual tradition, the Saints invite us to pray for two things: (1) the knowledge of God's Will; and (2) the grace to carry it out. Both of these things are required in order to give glory to God and be worthy of the name that we bear: the name of Christian. There is an ancient expression in the early Church that goes like this: *Christianus alter Christus*. In English, it can be translated as: *The Christian is another Christ*. That is what we are called to be by virtue of our Baptism. We are called to become other Christs. It is by our following the Truth and carrying it out through acts of Charity that we, other Christs, bear witness to the One True Christ to the whole world. "By your love for one another," Our Lord said, "the world will know that you are My disciples." When the world sees that we do not think, speak, or act like others, it will understand that it is because of the Master whom we serve and choose to follow.

The Descalced Carmelite Secular Order under the patronage of Our Lady of Mount Carmel offers a lay vocation to the faithful. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of Spirituality, teaches us how to pray. We meet once per month at Holy Spirit Church, 1187 Michael St. Ottawa. For more information, please contact Carmel Farmer at 819-420-4125.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 14 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Anticipated Vigil Mass)

5:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Sunday, July 15 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Jean Dunbar req by John Butt & Maureen Whelan
Intention of Ernie & Marian Sy

11:15 am †Frances Dunham req by the family
†Robert Prévost req by Chantal Prévost
†Dolorès Vallière req by Chantal Prévost

Monday, July 16 – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

9:00 am †Ophalie Pascal req by Agatha Constance

Tuesday, July 17 – 15th Tuesday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory req by Rose Dugandzic

Thursday, July 19 – 15th Thursday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass of Special Intentions req by a Parishioner

Friday, July 20 – St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory req by a Parishioner

Saturday, July 21 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Anticipated Vigil Mass)

5:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Sunday, July 22 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

11:15 am †Leonard Hall req by Jean Hall
†Lynn Cochrane req by Joe Byrnes

Please pray for our sick; Deacon Dan Careau, Joe MacDonell, Jean Scharf, Romina Andrews, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Jean-Ella Lemire, Maurice Lemire, and Michael Nortey.

Please pray for our deceased, that they may be received into God's love

Pro Life Mass - To pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa. Everyone welcome. Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 153 Woodroffe Ave., **Sat., July 28, 9:00** am and at St. Patrick Parish, Fallowfield, 15 Steeple Hill Cres., **Sat., August 18, 9:00** am.
Info: wandawoj@rogers.com; 613-831-2515.

Commemorating the Faithful Departed in the Archdiocesan

Cemeteries : At Notre-Dame Cemetery **Sun., Sep. 9, 2:30**

p.m. celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast. At Hope Cemetery **Sun.,**

Sep. 23, 2:30 p.m., celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast. Info:

Notre-Dame (613) 746-4175; Hope (613) 822-1212.

PRO LIFE CORNER

July is the month of the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus poured out His precious blood so that we may have life everlasting. Let us pray for those who speak up for the sanctity of life by rejecting sins committed against the Fifth Commandment: Thou shalt not kill. As Catholics, even in the face of opposition, we are mandated to proclaim the Gospel of Life.