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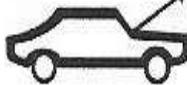
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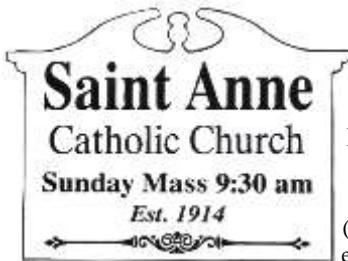
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**July 25, 2021**

*17<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
In Ordinary  
Time*

**August 1, 2021**

*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
In Ordinary  
Time*

**MASSES: July 25, 2021 to August 8, 2021**

25	<b>Sunday</b> English Mass @ St-Anne's	9:30 a.m.	<i>Rita Kiernan by Nathalie &amp; John Vigneux Bishop Paul Ri by a parishioner</i>
		French Mass @ SMC	11:00 a.m. <i>Paroissiennes et Paroissiens par votre pasteur</i>
26	<b>Monday</b>	<i>Franciscan Community Day</i>	
27	<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30 a.m.	<i>For the residents of the Manor</i>
28	<b>Wednesday</b> French Mass @ SMC	9:30 a.m.	<i>Fernande Bissonnette par Diane, Yvon, Mike &amp; Julie</i>
29	<b>Thursday</b> SA English Mass @ SMC	9:30 a.m.	<i>Special Intentions for Fr. Lawrence Kim by a parishioner</i>
30	<b>Friday</b> SA English Mass @ SMC	10:30 a.m.	<i>Special Intentions for Frank Murgic &amp; Family by a parishioner</i>
31	<b>Saturday</b> French Masses @ SMC	9:30 a.m.	<i>Mass for the Sick «Talitha qoum»</i>
		4:30 p.m.	<i>Paroissiennes et Paroissiens par votre pasteur</i>
1	<b>Sunday</b> English Mass @ St-Anne's	9:30 a.m.	<i>Robert Lepage by Jacques Lepage &amp; Family Robert Lepage by Gary Belanger</i>
		French Mass @ SMC	11:00 a.m. <i>Elaine Gouin par Carole Decaire Saint-Pèrègrin par Lucie</i>
2	<b>Monday</b>	<i>Franciscan Community Day</i>	
3	<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30 a.m.	<i>For the residents of the Manor</i>
4	<b>Wednesday</b> French Mass @ SMC	9:30 a.m.	<i>Noëlla Gamble par Marielle Nash Colette Champagne par ses enfants</i>
5	<b>Thursday</b> SA English Mass @ SMC	9:30 a.m.	<i>Ann Seon-Yi by a parishioner</i>
6	<b>Friday</b> SA English Mass @ SMC	10:30 a.m.	<i>All souls in purgatory by a parishioner</i>
7	<b>Saturday</b> French Masses @ SMC	9:30 a.m.	<i>Mass for the Sick «Talitha qoum»</i>
		4:30 p.m.	<i>Yvonne Leroux par Raymond Leroux Bob DelGuidice par Michel &amp; Elise St-Jacques</i>
8	<b>Sunday</b> English Mass @ St-Anne's	9:30 a.m.	<i>Anne Parent by Paulette Lepage John Vigneux by his wife Dolores</i>
		French Mass @ SMC	11:00 a.m. <i>Paroissiennes et Paroissiens par votre pasteur</i>

**Praying and Working for Peace:** On August 6 and 9, 1945, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were ravaged by atomic bombs. Speaking to victims of this atomic warfare, Sant John Paul II said: *“It is with deep emotion that I greet today all those who still carry in their bodies the signs of the destruction that was visited on them on the day of the unforgettable fire. What you endured has also inflicted a wound on the heart of every human being on earth. Your life here today is the most convincing appeal that could be addressed to all people of goodwill against war and for peace... We are all indebted to you for the living and constant appeal for peace that you are.”* (Nagasaki, February 26, 1981)



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wake up?*



*The quack of down!*

**July 25, 2021** – The disciples begin this gospel passage focused on the scarcity of resources at hand to satisfy the hunger of the large crowd that has followed Jesus up the mountain. They discount the rations of five loaves and two fish as worthless in the face of the overwhelming need in front of them. On the 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time, we read the parables of the kingdom where Jesus equates its growth to a mustard seed becoming a bush able to shelter birds. Once again, this time in a miracle, we see the very small becoming very great. At the end of the gospel, the overflowing abundance of life in God’s kingdom is revealed in the “twelve wicker baskets” of leftovers that remain—perhaps one for each of the twelve disciples to carry down the mountain as they contemplate Jesus’ ability to take what is ordinary and insignificant and to transform it into a heavenly feast.

Jesus is the Bread of Life who has come to feed the world and he invites the disciples to join him in this endeavour. In our own lives as Christians, do we trust in the abundance of God or are our minds and hearts limited by the perception of scarcity?



**Papal Prayer Intentions for August 2021**

Evangelization ~ *The Church* – Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

**August 1, 2021** – The Gospel of John contains seven “I am” statements by Jesus that make known his identity and also connect him to God, the Father who revealed himself to Moses by station, “I am who I am” (Exod 3:14; NABRE). In today’s gospel we find the first of these statements when Jesus tells the gathered crowd, “I am the bread of life; / whoever comes to me will never hunger, / and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” The sustenance that Jesus will provide goes beyond the physical needs of the body of something even more essential. This bread which gives “life to the world” will animate heart and soul with charity and love, binding all into the one Body of Christ.



Jesus points us to the true food, the Eucharist and the word of God, that will nurture us to be fully alive in Christ.



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Thank you for supporting our local Knights of Columbus, Council 2641, Iroquois Falls, Ontario. Don't be shy to share this information with family and friends.



**GREAT  
NEWS!**



As of Friday, July 16, 2021, the Porcupine Health Unit moved to **STEP 3**. As you may recall, Step 1 was limited to 15% of the capacity of the premises and Step II to 25%. We can now accommodate more people in our liturgical gatherings **as long as the two-meter distance and the wearing of masks are observed.**

We would ask all those attending any liturgical gatherings to please write their names and phone numbers in the sign-in book for each Mass. All participants are expected to wear a mask, to sanitize their hands upon arriving and leaving the church and to practice social distancing.

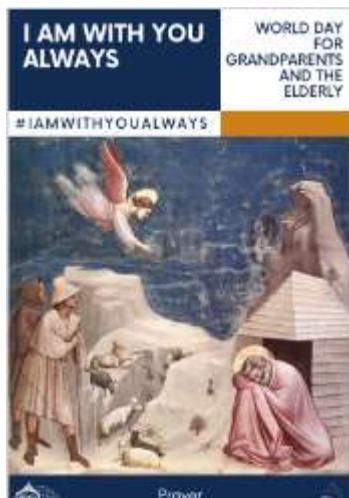
God bless and take care, everyone.

**Our Holy Father Pope Francis** has instituted a *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* which is celebrated on July 26, the feast of Saint-Anne and St-Joachim, or on a nearby day.

This year it will be Sunday, July 25.

Inserted in the bulletin is the Message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (25 July 2021)

## **PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**



I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

## **FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021**

**Dear grandmothers and grandfathers, dear elderly brothers and sisters,**

On this First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, we give thanks to God for each of you and the many gifts He grants to us through you.

The theme for this First World Day, as chosen by Pope Francis, is: “I am with you always” (cf. Mt 28:20). Despite these uncertain and turbulent times, the Lord and the Church are close to you, dear grandmothers, grandfathers, and elderly persons. The Holy Father wishes to remind the whole world that the voice of the elderly “‘is precious’ [...] ‘because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples.’”[1]

These past many months have been marked with significant challenges. All over the world, many elderly people have experienced terrible isolation. Families, grandchildren, mothers and fathers, friends and neighbours have been separated, distanced, and many have lost loved ones.

It has been difficult to navigate these times without being physically present to one another: how we have missed not being able to visit one another, to hold hands, to give and receive hugs, to gather around tables to share a meal and enjoy one another's company.

We have relied on the digital world, telephone calls, and hand-written letters as a way to unite us, to communicate and to lighten the load, and for that, we are thankful.

At the end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reassures the disciples that he will be with them always, as they are sent forth to preach the Good News and baptize all nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. When we read this scripture passage, the promise that we are never alone rings true today, just as it did for the disciples. We rejoice in the great gift that you, grandparents, and the elderly, are for the Church and society. You are keepers of the faith, steadfast and persevering. Saint John Paul II wrote that the elderly are "guardians of our collective memory [...] which support and guide life in society." [2]

Very often, you are our storytellers. Grandchildren and younger generations gather at your side, hoping to better understand our families, our histories, our communities, and our world. Please continue to share with affection, tenderness and enthusiasm the ways the Lord has walked with you your whole life. Accompany your grandchildren by showing them how to sow and nurture the seeds of faith.

Your stories, your experiences, your ups-and-downs allow young people to dream and value that there is lasting truth, goodness, and beauty throughout the seasons of life. While you recall and connect with the past, you stand as powerful witnesses to our present and future. Pope Francis reminds us that you have a mission of evangelization, proclamation, and prayer. Let the joy of the Gospel continue to transform your lives so that you may continue to encourage those who suffer and are lost. Pray for an outpouring of grace upon your families and your communities.

Just as you help young people to believe in their dreams for the future, our wish is that you too, will continue to contemplate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of life. Please do not be discouraged by the pandemic and its effects. As we mutually support and help one another, we will heal from heartache caused by sadness and isolation.

On this special day for Grandparents and the Elderly, we pray that young people draw close to you, spend time with you, pray for and with you. As you journey through this stage of life, let us walk with one another, each of us holding our fragilities and limitations.

Together we praise the Lord of life and love with the words of the psalmist, "You show me the path of life, in your presence there is fullness of life" (Ps 16:11).

***On behalf of the CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life, THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts!***

*A Message from the Standing Committee for Family & Life,  
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Endnotes

[1] Vatican News, “Pope establishes World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly”, 31 January 2021.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-01/pope-establishes-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly.html>

[2] Pope John Paul II, Letter To The Elderly, 1999.

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Saint Anne was the Blessed Virgin Mary’s mother. According to early church tradition, Saint Anne lived with her husband, St Joachim, in Galilee before moving to Jerusalem. After St Joachim fasted and prayed for forty days in the desert, Angels appeared to them promising a child. The child was the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saint Anne and St Joachim’s Feast Day is 26th July.

O Holy Mother and Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as parents, you guided and nurtured Mary and, under your protection and love, watched her grow in holiness. Through your faithfulness and goodness, the Will of God was fulfilled; the fruits of your virtue and faith brought salvation to the whole world with the birth of the baby Jesus.

*“The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” (John 1:14).*

Most Holy Saints Anne and Joachim, come close to us and guide our hand and our hearts in the way of virtue. Help us to parent our children and grandchildren with a gentle heart as you did. Show us how to raise our children in faith and bring our families into the Light of Jesus.

Remain close to us and help us on our journey to salvation. Saints Anne and Joachim, we place our petitions in your hands and ask that you lay them before the child Jesus. Seek this, my favour [*state your request...*] but only if it be for the greater glory of God and the good of my soul. **Pray:** Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be to the Father...

**St Anne and St Joachim: Pray for Us ...**



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS  
AND THE ELDERLY**

**(25 July 2021)**

***“I am with you always”***

*Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers,  
Dear Elderly Friends,*

*“I am with you always”* (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. *“I am with you always”* are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

I am well aware that this Message comes to you at a difficult time: the pandemic swept down on us like an unexpected and furious storm; it has been a time of trial for everyone, but especially for us elderly persons. Many of us fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods.

The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic. Tradition has it that Saint Joachim, the grandfather of Jesus, felt estranged from those around him because he had no children; his life, like that of his wife Anne, was considered useless. So, the Lord sent an angel to console him. While he mused sadly outside the city gates, a messenger from the Lord appeared to him and said, *“Joachim, Joachim! The Lord has heard your insistent prayer”*. [1] Giotto, in one of his celebrated frescoes, [2] seems to set the scene at night, one of those many sleepless nights, filled with memories, worries and longings to which many of us have come to be accustomed.

Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send *angels* to console our loneliness and to remind us: *“I am with you always”*. He says this to you, and he says it to me. That is the meaning of this Day, which I wanted to celebrate for the first time in this particular year, as a long period of isolation ends and social life slowly resumes. May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an *angel*!

At times those angels will have the face of our grandchildren, at others, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us. How sad it makes me that in some places these are still not possible!

The Lord, however, also sends us messengers through his words, which are always at hand. Let us try to read a page of the Gospel every day, to pray with the psalms, to read the prophets! We will be comforted by the Lord's faithfulness. The Scriptures will also help us to understand what the Lord is asking of our lives today. For at every hour of the day (cf. *Mt* 20:1-16) and in every season of life, he continues to send labourers into his vineyard. I was called to become the Bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age and thought I would not be doing anything new. The Lord is always – *always* – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you*" (28:19-20). These words are also addressed to us today. They help us better understand that our vocation is to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones. Think about it: what is our vocation today, at our age? To preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young and to care for the little ones. Never forget this.

It makes no difference how old you are, whether you still work or not, whether you are alone or have a family, whether you became a grandmother or grandfather at a young age or later, whether you are still independent or need assistance. Because there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren. You just need to set out and undertake something new.

At this crucial moment in history, you have a renewed vocation. You may wonder: How this can be possible? My energy is running out and I don't think I can do much. How can I begin to act differently when habit is so much a part of my life? How can I devote myself to those who are poor when I am already so concerned about my family? How can I broaden my vision when I can't even leave the residence where I live? Isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? How many of you are asking just that question: isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? Jesus himself heard a similar question from Nicodemus, who asked, "*How can a man be born when he is old?*" (*Jn* 3:4). It can happen, the Lord replies, if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills. The Holy Spirit whose freedom is such that goes wherever, and does whatever, he wills.

As I have often observed, we will not emerge from the present crisis as we were before, but either better or worse. And “*God willing... this may prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing... If only we might keep in mind all those elderly persons who died for lack of respirators... If only this immense sorrow may not prove useless, but enable us to take a step forward towards a new style of life. If only we might discover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human frailty can experience a rebirth*” (Fratelli Tutti, 35). No one is saved alone. We are all indebted to one another. We are all brothers and sisters.

Given this, I want to tell you that you are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow: the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the storm has subsided. All of us must “*take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies*” (ibid., 77). Among the pillars that support this new edifice, there are three that you, better than anyone else, can help to set up. Those three pillars are *dreams, memory and prayer*. The Lord’s closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of dreams, memory and prayer.

The prophet Joel once promised: “*Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men will have visions*” (3:1). The future of the world depends on this covenant between young and old. Who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true? Yet for this to happen, it is necessary that we continue to dream. Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future. You need to show that it is possible to emerge renewed from an experience of hardship. I am sure that you have had more than one such experience: in your life you have faced any number of troubles and yet were able to pull through. Use those experiences to learn how to pull through now.

Dreams are thus intertwined with *memory*. I think of the painful memory of war, and its importance for helping the young to learn the value of peace. Those among you who experienced the suffering of war must pass on this message. Keeping memory alive is a true mission for every elderly person: keeping memory alive and sharing it with others. Edith Bruck, who survived the horror of the Shoah, has said that “*even illuminating a single conscience is worth the effort and pain of keeping alive the memory of what has been.*” She went on to say: “*For me, memory is life.*” [3] I also think of my own grandparents, and those among you who had to emigrate and know how hard it is to leave everything behind, as so many people continue to do today, in hope of a future. Some of those people may even now be at our side, caring for us. These kinds of memory can help to build a more humane and welcoming world. Without memory, however, we will never be able to build; without a foundation, we can never build a house. Never. And the foundation of life is memory.

Finally, *prayer*. As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, once said: “*the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others.*” [4] He spoke those words in 2012, towards the end of his pontificate. There is something beautiful here. Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 262). Especially in these difficult times for our human family, as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic, your intercession for the world and for the Church has great value: it inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore.

Dear grandmother, dear grandfather, dear elderly friends, in concluding this Message to you, I would also like to mention the example of Blessed (and soon Saint) Charles de Foucauld. He lived as a hermit in Algeria and there testified to “*his desire to feel himself a brother to all*” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 287). The story of his life shows how it is possible, even in the solitude of one’s own desert, to intercede for the poor of the whole world and to become, in truth, a universal brother or sister.

I ask the Lord that, also through his example, all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs. May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: “I am with you always”! Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2021, Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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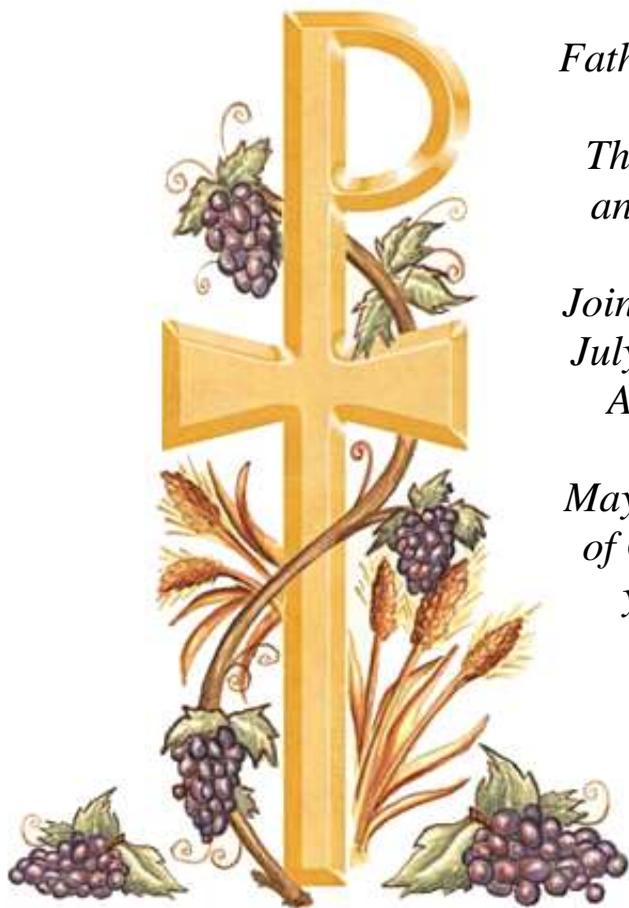
[1] The episode is narrated in the Protoevangelium of James.

[2] This image has been chosen as the logo for the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly.

[3] Memory is life, writing is breath. *L’Osservatore Romano*, January 26, 2021.

[4] Visit to the Group Home “Viva gli Anziani”, 2 November 2012.

*Congratulations Father Luc  
On the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Your Ordination to the Priesthood  
July 30, 2011 - July 30, 2021*



*Father Luc,*

*Thank you for your devoted service  
and commitment to God and to the  
Church.*

*Joining you in grateful celebration on  
July 30<sup>th</sup> on the occasion of your 10<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of Ordination to the  
Priesthood.*

*May God Bless you and may the Love  
of God continue to guide and direct  
you in your service as a Priest.*

*Father in heaven, bless and multiply  
Father Luc's ministry so that Your  
Church will multiply for Your glory  
and for our salvation. Please shower  
this priest with your blessings every  
day.*

*We praise and thank You, most Holy God, for the gift of Father Luc! We thank  
You for his years of service and ask You to bless us with many more years with  
our beloved priest. Amen.*