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Mass Intentions this week



July 8, 2017

Please Note: No Weekday Masses.

Saturday 5:00 pm †Joanne Parent, Maria Nazare, Manuel Simoes, Nancy Ann Morin, Intentions of Josie MacKinnon.



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Bill and Marion Gallant and repose of their souls. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

- Monday Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
- Tuesday Rev. Chester Chmurzynski, C.R.
- Wednesday Comboni Missionaries (M.C.C.J.)
- Thursday Very Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
- Friday Rev. Philip Cook
- Saturday Rev. Robert Bulbrook

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests, religious and lay ministers of the world. Sanctify them. Heal them; guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Envelopes	\$3,041.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 447.45
Average Weekly Preauthorized	<u>\$ 485.00</u>
Total Weekly Offering June 4, 2017	\$3,973.45
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.” Accept the invitation that is being extended, an invitation by the one who sent him. . If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael King, director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. E:mail:mking@hamiltondioncese.com

MEDITATION

When I was an undergrad, I was told to read the Gospel of Matthew backwards, starting with the ending, the “Great Commission.” Jesus’ final words to his followers – “Go and make disciples of all nations” – resounding in

me and find a home in my heart, in the midst of the ordinariness of a Canadian mid-summer.

Today’s gospel reading occurs after Jesus calls each of his disciples by name, these very ordinary people who had commonplace lives marked by birth, growing up, marriage, children, subsistence work and death, much like our own hidden lives. Jesus calls these people out of their everyday existence to a spectacular purpose: working with him to bring about the kingdom of justice, peace and love in this world and to prepare for the next.

In calling them, in calling us through the baptism that Paul refers to, Jesus affords each of us a dignity, a purpose and a value unique to our gifts and capacities.

For some of us, we may be called to welcome the stranger, as the Shunammite woman did, to listen with patience and openness to the prophets in our midst, no matter how unwelcome their message might be. Or maybe we are simply called to respond to someone’s need for a cold cup of water to offset the heat of a blazing July sun.

Maureen Wicken, Vancouver, BC
Novalis, Living with Christ.

SAVE THE DATE

Here is a list of our remaining events to celebrate our parish’s 175th Anniversary:

- Parish Golf Tournament – Sunday, September . 24th , 2 pm, 9 holes; best ball; Arrowdale. Supper to follow in the parish hall.

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Grand Finale! Bishop Crosby will celebrate Mass at 5 pm on Saturday, October 7th, Thanksgiving supper to follow in our parish hall. Several former pastors will be in attendance, and some Religious Sisters.

Tickets available after today’s Mass!

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL THANK-YOU

The fun and Fundraising committee of the parish would like to thank Louise, Donna and Carol Ann on Saturday who helped clean and slice strawberries. Lucienne and Claire for decorating the hall, Pat, Roseanne and all who prepared and served the many strawberry shortcakes and the same ladies and gents who helped clean up afterwards. We also express our thanks and gratitude to the generous and good people of St. Basil’s who attended and donated making this event a happy and worthwhile occasion! Best wishes for a great summer.

PARISH GOLF DAY PIG ROAST

Even though the golf tournament is full there are many spaces available to sign up for this parish dinner so we hope you will come and we look forward to seeing you! Adults: \$20.00, Senior (65 & over) and Students under 16 - \$15.00.

GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE

The Fun & Fundraising Committee has officially closed registration as we have happily reached our maximum number of 60 golfers – we are gladly still accepting names for our waiting list at the back of church. Thank you to all participating and committing to this event at an early date! To retain your spot please submit payment by cheque (if possible) in person during office hours to the rectory or place it in a well-marked envelope with all golfers' names and contact phone number in the collection basket at Mass by July 16. For questions or more info please call 519-754-4392. Looking forward to a good day of golf, fun and relaxation!

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

“Christian Meditation is coming to our parish. Further details will be in September’s bulletin.”

ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA

The new church was to be a grand edifice of pure English Gothic. Brantford’s local Architect, John Turner designed it, and the contract was awarded to Brantford firm of Bellhouse and Large. The cost was \$10,000!



PARISH GOLF TOURNAMENT

Payment must be made within 2 weeks of registering in order to hold your reservation. Just place your payment in an envelope clearly marked with the names of each golfer and/or the names of people having dinner and a contact name and phone number/email. All names must be listed.

GOLFING PRICES: \$25.00 golf with cart; \$20.00 golf with no cart; under 16 \$15.00 golf no cart otherwise \$25.00 with cart.

STRODES GOLF DAY PIG ROAST

All parishioners are cordially invited to join our Golf Day Pig Roast. Prepared on site by Strodes Meats with 2 salads, rolls and bun, tea/coffee and dessert.

PRICES: Adults \$20.00 each; students & seniors (65 & up) \$15.00 ea. Pop will be available to purchase for \$1.00. Beer and wine will also be available – prices TBA. Thank you.

WANT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR ANNIVERSARY BULLETIN?

Spaces are available. If you can fill these empty spaces, please call Bialas Printing at 519-752-4268. Thank you!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Do you realize that, in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos? (And rap music will be the Golden Oldies).

Happy Canada Day to all!

EXCERPTS from the Message of the President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Occasion of the 150th Anniversary of Confederation

Every year, when we celebrate Canada Day, we rejoice in our nation’s achievements, both past and present, and look expectantly to the future with hope. This year, in particular, as we mark the sesquicentennial of Confederation – one of the great moments of unification in our history – we may be especially conscious of (or perhaps even curious about) what it is that unites us as a people. We are invited, in other words, to bring to mind and to ask ourselves about the values we hold in common. Such values are by nature collective, not private, just as the goods which they reference are held in common. To celebrate what Canadians value most is to locate our private interests within the common good; to situate each individual “I” in the context of a collective “we.”

For the Catholic faithful, the goods which are connected directly to human dignity are preeminent among those goods held in common and cherished by Canadians. Family, education, health, coexistence, security, even life itself are among these foundational goods.

Our achievements today build on the vision and sacrifices of those who came before us.

The seas and rivers of this country, which teem with life and call forth wonder and praise, elicit our care and respect. They are but two of the countless blessings and endowments on which our prosperity as a people stands. This prosperity, however, is not an end in itself. From a Christian perspective, the abundance enjoyed by so many Canadians ought to make us wary of any temptation to complacency, challenging us to embrace those among us who are estranged and deprived of life’s basic necessities.

The openness of our country to newcomers, immigrants and refugees is a genuine expression of our gratitude to God for the blessings he has bestowed on this land.

The cultural and linguistic diversity of those who first settled the “True North” – Indigenous Peoples, followed by the French and the English – has become an important feature of our collective history and Identity.

Our common care for one another and its centrality in our country’s story is paradigmatically exemplified in universal health care.

Canada’s future is infinitely more than an echo of the past. Between where we have come from and where we are going, is the exigency to bear responsibility for the present. One of the greatest responsibilities now is toward our children and youth, on whose shoulders the future stands.

French lyrics of our National Anthem, composed in 1880 by Sir Adolphe-Basile Routhier, in which we rejoice in the present and look to the future, knowing that what we value as a nation hinges on what we love in common: “Land of our forefathers, your brow is wreathed with a glorious garland of flowers... your valour steeped in faith will protect our homes and our rights.”