

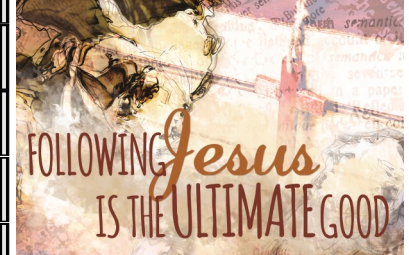
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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." What a sad image Jesus paints in today's Gospel. Causing family strife--fathers against sons and mothers against daughters--is not the effect we like to imagine Jesus having on people. But as he says today, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." The fact is, and always has been, that not every-one chooses to follow Christ. This causes conflict.

Perhaps it is most tragic when this tension takes place within families. When certain members of the family desire to live a full Christian life, to follow the commandments and worship God as he asks, this can be irritating at best and infuriating at worst to other family members who want nothing to do with Jesus or his church. But faith must persist in spite of domestic turmoil. Following Jesus is the ultimate good; preserving peace is secondary. In a sense, today's Gospel gives faithful Christians permission to move forward in their faith even if it doesn't make everybody happy.



However, all of this needs to be understood in the light of Jesus' desire to bring peace. He often used the greeting, "Peace be with you," and clearly promised peace to his disciples. Today's Gospel should not be taken to mean that Jesus desires division. Rather, he is acknowledging the fact that division will inevitably result as people declare their differing allegiances. But thankfully, when we align ourselves with Christ, we are also uniting ourselves to the One who can restore peace even in the midst of conflict. So when we see turmoil arise, let's call upon the power of the true Prince of Peace.

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**The Jubilee Year of Mercy : In response to our Bishop's request, St. Ann's has a Prayer Hour for Mercy with Eucharistic Adoration every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.**  
 The Sacrament of Confession is available during that time until 7:55 p.m. when we will have Benediction.

**Offertory July 30th & 31st, 2016**

51 Envelopes	\$1, 086.00
Loose Collection	\$ 80.00
Total Offertory	\$1, 166.00
Mission Appeal	\$ 636.35

**Offertory August 6th & 7th, 2016**

69 Envelopes	\$1, 887.00
Loose Collection	\$ 152.00
Total Offertory	\$2, 039.00
Mission appeal	\$ 170.00
Maintenance	\$ 250.00

**Month of July:**

Income:	\$ 8, 730.00
Expenses:	\$17, 428.00

**Summer Mass Hours**  
**Masses will be celebrated on SATURDAY @ 5PM, & SUNDAY @ 10AM . This schedule will be effective for weekends in JULY AND AUGUST ONLY.** Regular weekend Mass hours resume Labour Day weekend—September 3/4.  
**Children's Liturgy** will continue throughout the summer months (July and August) **during the 10am Sunday Mass**. If your child has not received the Sacrament of First Eucharist, he/she is welcome to attend. Children's Liturgy leaders spend time with the children reviewing the day's Gospel at their level of understanding using picture and literature resources.

**Sunday, August 21st, 2016**  
**Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time**

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." — Lk 13:29-30

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"Behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." For Jesus' original audience, this reference was meant for those Jews who presumed their salvation while judging others as being unworthy of entering the kingdom of God. Jesus was always quick to teach that believing in him was what mattered, not membership in a certain class or a particular religious circle. Therefore, some of the (last) Gentiles who professed faith in Jesus were ready to enter the kingdom before some of the (first) Jews who rejected the Messiah.



But we should not assume that this Gospel was only for those people in that time and place. Today, there is perhaps a different stratum of first and last. In our Christian era, we can be tempted to have the same presumptuous attitude that afflicted too many of the Jewish contemporaries of Christ. We can think that our salvation is assured just because we bear the title Christian. Likewise, we can fall prey to the idea that we are somehow better or more deserving of Christ's mercy than those who do not "belong" to our Church. This simply isn't true. God's mercy is available to everyone who humbly recognizes one's need for it. The minute we become complacent or overconfident, we close ourselves off to the gift of mercy God offers to the repentant sinner.

Jesus tells us today that we must "strive to enter through the narrow gate." This means that we must not take the easy road of presumption, assuming that we are in good shape because we look like most of the people around us. On the contrary, Jesus calls us to take the more challenging road of real repentance in order to "recline at table in the kingdom of God."

**Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—August 15th.** Almighty and eternal God, who hast taken up into the glory of Heaven, with body and soul, the immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of thy son: grant us, we pray, that we may always strive after heavenly things and thus merit to share in her glory. Amen.

**Come join us! for a fun hockey game Featuring clergy and parishioners from across the diocese.** Give a warm Canadian welcome to our **Syrian Refugee Families- Saturday August 20, 2016** at the **Gale Centre** 5152 Thorold Stone Rd. Niagara Falls, Ontario **Game time - 1:00 p.m.** Admission: **FREE-** Donations in support of the **Diocesan Refugee Ministry** would be appreciated Reception to follow hosted by the **Catholic Women's League Mass at 5:00 p.m.** Our Lady of the Scapular, Niagara Falls Presider: Most Reverend Gerard Bergie Followed by a **BBQ on the church grounds** hosted by the **Holy Name Society.**

**Aug 21st....** **Parish Calendar**  
 Special Collection SFM & Catholic Missions in Canada

**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**WE WILL BE OFF FOR THE REST OF AUGUST.**  
**Roberta Plantic, our YM Co-ordinator will be joining the YM Ministry staff at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Mississauga at the end of August. We would like to extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to Roberta for all that she has done this past year to enliven the faith of our young people. We wish her enormous graces and many blessings as she embarks on her new assignment. Genevieve Broadley will be taking over as St. Ann's new YM Co-ordinator effective immediately. Please extend a warm welcome to Genevieve as she begins her ministry here.**  
 To the St. Ann parish community: This past year in ministry has been one of the most joyful of my life, and that is largely due to the support and kindness that radiates from your community. I cannot thank you enough for your encouragement, time, and smiles! Know that you will remain in my thoughts as I pray for each one of you and your journeys toward Christ! ....Roberta Plantic



**Vacation Bible School 2016 Cave Quest—Following Jesus the Light of the World—** Twenty two children participated our Summer VBS August 8-12. Thank you to Roberta Plantic, our Youth Ministry Co-ordinator for the planning and preparation of this event and the volunteers who assisted her. It was a very successful week and enjoyed by all participants!

**Special Collection August 21st - Scarboro Missions & Catholic Missions in Canada....** This collection will benefit CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA providing financial support to missionaries working in Canada's 24 Mission Dioceses. Sixty percent of our funding addresses the needs of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples. In 2016, \$3.7 million is needed to support missionaries (\$2 million), religious education ((\$1 million) and building and repairs to churches (\$700,000). Find out more at [www.cmic.info](http://www.cmic.info)  
**Envelopes are in your offertory boxes or you may use those found at the back of the church. If donating by cheque, please make payable to St. Ann's Parish. Thank you.**  
**Mission Appeal— Vincentian Congregation, Mary Matha (Mother of God) Province Kerala, India:** Fr. Tony Chakungal V.C, and all the Vincentian Missionaries thank you for your prayers and generous mission offering in the last two weeks. **Total donations to date: \$806.35.** Thank you very much for your generous support.

**Elisha House** baby bottle campaign raised \$625.09 through our parish last May & June. This is a part of the total of \$28,825.27 raised in their campaign to help support this ministry. Thank you very much for your support!!

**Sunday, August 14th, 2016**  
**Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." — Lk 12:50-52

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Sat. Aug 13	9-10am	<b>Reconciliation</b>
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Aug 14	10:00am	† David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Mon. Aug 15	7:00pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Reconciliation</b>
Tues. Aug 16	9:30am	Blessings & Heath for Christina Vianney (Family)
Wed. Aug 17	9:30am	† Mary Voogt (Voogt & Green Families)
Thurs. Aug 18	9:30am	† Nicola Colangelo (Bianchin Family)
Fri. Aug 19	9:30am	† Hugh Amero (Voogt & Green Families)
Sat. Aug 20	9-10am	<b>Reconciliation</b>
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Aug 21	10:00am	† Elizabeth Clark (Liliana Haynes)
Mon. Aug 22	7:00pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Reconciliation</b>
Tues. Aug 23	9:30am	† Anthony Filbert (David & Suzanne Hastings)
Wed. Aug 24	9:30am	† Nicola Colangelo (Raffaella Uscio)
Thurs. Aug 25	9:30am	† Teresa Sporbeck (John Sporbeck)
Fri. Aug 26	9:30am	† Deacon Patrick O'Brien (Gerard & Delores Kennedy)
Sat. Aug 27	9-10am	<b>Reconciliation</b>
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Aug 28	10:00am	† Mary Vanderlee (Leo & Emmy Reus) † Graham Dakin (Wendy Atkins)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.**