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Sunday, July 31st, 2022

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”
- Lk 12:20-21



Sat. July 30	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Isadore Masse (John & Diane Szydowski)
Sun. July 31	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Ursula Radbone (Tim & Joan Crowther)
		✠ Deceased Members Rebeiro Family (Rebeiro Family)
Mon. Aug 1	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Aug 2	9:30am	Special Intention for Anniversary Blessings for Garret & Helen Smits (Rick & Elsa McAllister)
	7-8pm	HOUR HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Aug 3	9:30am	✠ Joseph Mullin (Vince Addario)
Thurs. Aug 4	9:30am	Blessings for Bishop Bergie and Priests of our Diocese (Nohara Family)
Fri. Aug 5	9:30am	✠ Antonio Addario (Vince Addario)
	6:00pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
	7:00pm	Mass
Sat. Aug 6	8:00am	Holy Hour & Confessions
	9:00am	Mass
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	Sahi Family (Divya G.)
Sun. Aug 7	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Antonia Larizza (Jake & Sherry Voogt)
		✠ Souls in Purgatory (Rebeiro Family)

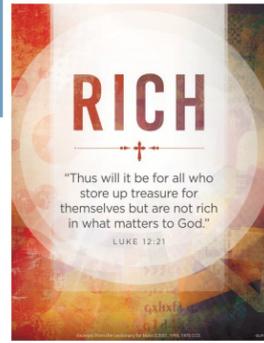
Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

Offertory July 17, 2022– \$1,130
Offertory July 24, 2022–\$2,022

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime “in the future” while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?



We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. “Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom).” We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to Go

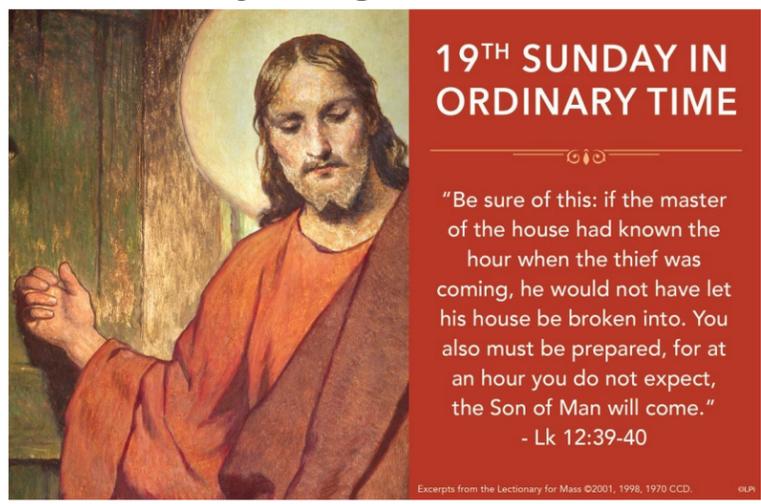
Pope's Prayer Intention Month of August: *For Small Business* – We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Mass Intentions: Diocese of St. Catharines Policy concerning Collective Mass Intentions, Section 2.2: No more than two Masses with “collective” intentions and offerings shall be offered during any given week. Beginning in September, we will designate Wednesday and Friday Masses as those for which we will accept collective intentions.

Fr. Jacek will be away on the following weekdays in August: August 8-12 & August 22-26. **Weekday Masses in the parish are cancelled.** Masses scheduled during these days will be celebrated privately by Fr. Jacek. All who arranged Mass intentions been notified about this arrangement.

Offence Declarations: If you are a parish volunteer involved with high risk ministries, you are required to submit an Offence Declaration form to the diocese each year. An email was sent to you on July 13th. The forms were mailed or handed out a week ago. A stamped, addressed envelope is included for your convenience. Please submit your form to the chancery office as soon as possible. Your co-operation is appreciated. **Also, for all parishioners who volunteer in high or low risk ministries,** please notify the office of any change in your status in order to keep our records up to date.

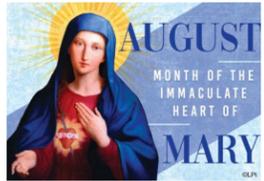
Sunday, August 7th, 2022



Mon. Aug 8	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Aug 9	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions CANCELLED
Wed. Aug 10	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Thurs. Aug 11	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Fri. Aug 12	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Sat. Aug 13	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Bruno Sardella (Michelle Delaney)
Sun. Aug 14	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Cecil Shannon (Racz Family)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

Praying and Working for Peace: On August 6 & 9, 1945, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were ravaged by atomic bombs. Speaking to victims of this atomic warfare, Saint 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 the day of the unforgettable fire. What you endured has also afflicted 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 indebted to you for the living and constant appeal for peace that you are.” (Nagasaki, February 26, 1981)



The Fathers of the Church consider that when, from the Cross, Our Lord Jesus made the Blessed Lady, the mother of St John and thus He appointed her the mother of all men. Thus, Mary's heart is the physical symbol of her boundless love for God and humankind. But Our Lady's physical heart is also the symbol of her spiritual heart. Thus, in the Immaculate Heart of Mary we also honour her inner life, her virtues, her perfect purity, her boundless humility, her affections and her sorrow. Poignant in Catholic tradition is the representation of Mary's heart pierced by a sword, symbol of her immense sorrow at witnessing and willing her Son's passion and death for the salvation of our souls. **...Let us continue Immaculate Mary's mission. May we follow her example and be the handmaid of the Lord in everything, everywhere and always."**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, “Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do.” Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way.



We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another's efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation?

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15th

The church has always held to the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into a heavenly state, even though the belief was not declared as dogmatic until 1950. The early church had a robust tradition of revering relics from the saints of the day, and their complete lack of relics from the Mother of Jesus was seen as evidence of this Marian belief. The celebration of the event as a feast dates back to the fourth century in the East and the seventh century in the West.

Since Mary was untouched by the stain of sin, she was unable to experience the “wages of sin,” which is death. But her Assumption also says something about humanity as well. Sin only has power over us if we allow it. Mary was freed from this power in her Immaculate Conception, and when she responded “yes” to her. We were freed from that power when Jesus died and rose, conquering death. Now, we must respond “yes” to claim the victory that was already won for us. On this feast, we should not only celebrate the great works God has done for us through Our Lady, but also celebrate the truth that we have the opportunity to one day spend eternity with her and her Son, Jesus.

Church Cleaners needed: If you can assist, please phone the office. At the moment, we have three teams and would like one more for a four week rotation.

