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**The Diocese of St. Catharines
 60th Anniversary—1958-2018**
“Put out into the deep water and let down your nets.” (Lk 5:4)
Sunday, July 29th, 2018
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. — Jn 6:9, 11

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Sat. July 28	9-10am 4 -4:45pm	Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Sun. July 29	5:00pm 10:00am	Missa Pro Populo ✠ Timothy Hunter (Joan & Tim Crowther)
Mon. July 30	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Carole Price (Liliana Haynes)
Tues. July 31	7-8pm 9:30am	✠ Holy Hour & Reconciliation Timothy Hunter (Jim & Mary Smith)
Wed. Aug 1	9:30am	Blessings for our family especially mothers and mothers-to-be, a safe, worthy and blessed deliver. (Julie Da Costa)
Thurs. Aug 2	9:30am	Krista & Paul Krevs (Karen & Michael)
Fri. Aug 3	9:30am	Michael Wilson (Karen Kennedy)
Sat. Aug 4	9-10am 4 -4:45pm 5:00pm	✠ Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation Mick Kennedy (Karen & Michael)
Sun. Aug 5	10:00am 1:00pm	Missa Pro Populo Spanish Mass

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory July 14th & 15th, 2018

71 Envelopes	\$1,960.00
Loose Collection	\$ 48.25
Total Offertory	\$2,008.25

Offertory July 21st & 22nd, 2018

68 Envelopes	\$1,895.00
Loose Collection	\$ 62.00
Total Offertory	\$1,957.00

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Have you ever wanted to be part of something bigger? Even the most independent among us likes to make changes and have an impact on others. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus demonstrates one of his most iconic miracles — the multiplication of the loaves. It is a sign of the institution of the Eucharist, when we are fed not by bread but by the Body of Christ.

Jesus, being God, acts using his own power. The multiplication of the loaves is a prime example not only of Jesus' power over nature, but of the way he equips his disciples.

First, Jesus asks Philip a question “to test him.” Jesus has seen the crowds and “he himself knew what he was going to do,” but he wants his disciples to start thinking about the problem and its solution. Andrew offers a suggestion, though he isn't confident in it. “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Jesus honors Andrew's suggestion, takes the offered loaves, and delegates the Apostles to bring order to the crowd. When the crowd has been fed, the Apostles “gather the fragments left over.” In the process, they discover with wonder that bread has been produced in super abundance.



In the sacraments, God works through simple matter to make grace real in our lives. He works in and through us as well. Are you facing problems that could have spiritual solutions? Is there a need in your parish or community that you could meet? Whatever our hesitations, Jesus honours our simple loaves and fishes. He invites us to participate in his generous work of redemption, just as we are.

Pope's Prayer intention Month of August:
Universal: *The treasure of families*— That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.



Mission Co-op: On the weekend of August 4/5, at all Masses, Rev. Msgr. Eugene Pereira will be speaking about the works and the needs of the **Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum in India**. Trivandrum has about 270,000 Catholics. 90% of the people are traditional fishermen who depend on fishing for their livelihood and 10% are farm workers who are recent converts from the low caste Hindus. Unemployment and poverty are most rampant in this community. The Archdiocese depends on outside assistance to support its clergy, seminarians, catechists and to continue its development programs for the community. **However, on November 30, 2017, several coastal villages of the Archdiocese were hit by Cyclone “Ockhi”. More than 289 young fishermen drowned in the sea while doing deep sea fishing. There is so much sadness and devastation in their villages. Many young Catholic families lost their men and everything they had. We are looking for emergency assistance to help the children especially, with food, clothing and shelter. Won't you be as generous as you can in the second collection? Your sacrifice for the Missions is very much appreciated and may God bless you. Rev. Raju B. Pill, Mission Rep., Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum.**

Donation envelopes are attached. Please write your name and/or offertory number on it.

Volunteers needed to assist with church cleaning (worship area) approximately every 4-5 weeks.

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Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” — Jn 6:32-33

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Mon. Aug 6	9:30am	✠ Timothy Hunter (Stephanie Anthony)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Aug 7	9:30am	✠ Michael Silenzi (Karen Jankovich)
Wed. Aug 8	9:30am	Jeremy Quaile
Thurs. Aug 9	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Fam.)
Fri. Aug 10	9:30am	✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Chris Meyo & Family)
Sat. Aug 11	9-10am 4 -4:45pm	Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Mary Atkins (Wendy Atkins)
Sun. Aug 12	10:00am	Missa Pro Populo

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In an on-demand society, it's not always easy to imagine life with less. The crowds of Jesus' day depended on the weather and successful growing seasons for their livelihood. For many of Jesus' listeners, even “food that perishes” would have been a welcome relief. Jesus acknowledges this but tries to draw them deeper. “You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.” For people who have just witnessed a miracle, the response is strangely marked by ingratitude. “What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert.” Jesus fed them for one day, but Moses interceded with God for 40 years of bread. “Jesus,” they seem to say, “can't you just give us more?”



How often do we behave similarly in the spiritual life? “If I only I had more patience, then I could be kind to her.” “I could be welcoming if I was more outgoing, but that's just not me.” “I know I'd be a better parent if I just had more time.” Like the crowds, we want Jesus to give us more. We always don't want him to completely shift our paradigm. Perhaps it's not “more patience” we need, but a deeper sense of our own imperfections for a greater sense of empathy. Maybe God is inviting you not to entertain an entire group, but to seek out the quiet person on the fringe. And time may limit you from family engagement, but could God be asking you to reorder your priorities entirely?

After all, it wasn't more loaves that the people needed. Jesus is “the bread of life,” who sustains our most essential needs. This week, are you looking for more or are you looking for God Himself?

Our next Spanish Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, August 5th at 1pm. If you are able to contribute food items or can assist with the meal, please phone the office.

Parish Calendar

July	
July 31st.....	Finance Council meeting 6:30pm
August	
Aug 3rd.....	First Friday Holy Communion to sick and Homebound. Phone the office to arrange a visit.
Aug 3/10....	Office Closed -Messages will be checked regularly
Aug 4/5....	Mission Appeal—Msgr. Eugene Pereira
Aug 5th.....	Spanish Mass 1pm
Aug 11/12.....	Special Collection—Catholic Missions Canada
Aug 13-17....	Vacation Bible School

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed!

Children's liturgy is designed to introduce our parish children to the Word and allow them to participate fully in the liturgy. On a rotating schedule, the Children's Liturgy volunteer leads the children in an age-appropriate liturgy of the Word downstairs in the church hall during the Sunday 9:30 Mass. Using the materials supplied by the program, and their own creativity, they provide age-appropriate liturgical readings and activities with the children from approximately age 3 until after the child's First Communion. The Children's Liturgy Volunteer accompanies the children downstairs to the church hall after the presiding priest has addressed them. The lesson takes place until after the Creed has been recited. The children then bring up the gifts and collection before returning to their families. This is a very creative, but skillful position. Since there is involvement with children, a police background and vulnerable sector screen are necessary, and these forms are supplied by the church. Orientation is provided prior to inclusion on the schedule. Please consider being part of our ministry.



Special Collection August 11/12. Catholic Missions In Canada

seeks to sustain and extend the Catholic Faith in isolated, poor and hard-to-reach mission areas in Canada. These are communities where diocesan resources are insufficient to keep the Church alive. Catholic Missions promotes national awareness of the needs of our Canadian missions and raises funds to sustain the work of evangelization. **This collection will benefit Catholic Missions Canada** and the Diocese of St. Catharines' Mission Partner, **the Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay in Nunavut**. With your help, we hope to allocate more than \$4 million each year to assist missionaries working in 25 Mission Diocese in Canada: support of missionaries (\$2.5 million); religious education (\$900,000); repair and maintenance of churches (\$600,000). Refer to today's bulletin insert for more information or go to: www.cmic.info. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes or you may use a plain envelope with your name and offertory number included. Thank you for your support!**

During the month of August, on the 6th & 9th, we are reminded of that the cities of Hiroshima & Nagasaki were ravaged by atomic bombs in 1945. In your daily prayers please pray for global peace and all who suffered, died and those still plagued by war and oppression.

World Youth Day 2019: Panama City, Panama Jan. 18 – 26, 2019 OR Jan. 22 - 28, 2019 : Calling all young adults, 18-30 years of age! Come learn more about the pilgrimage to WYD 2019 in Panama. Those interested are asked to attend an Information Session at 7:00 pm at the Catholic Centre, 3400 Merrittville, Thorold on **Friday, August 17, 2018** Questions? Family and Youth Office at 905-684-0154, or familyandyouth@saintcd.com.

We welcome in Baptism, **Sophie Kathleen Blanchard**, daughter of Roger Blanchard & Jessica Stewart. May the gifts which Baptism bestows, grow unhindered in us all.

