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**Sunday, June 26th, 2016**

**Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." — Lk 9:61-62

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Sat. June 25	8:30-9:30am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Deacon Patrick O'Brien (Michael & Karen)
Sun. June 26	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Bryan Brazeau (Paul & Angie DiMarco)
Mon. June 27	7:00pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Reconciliation CANCELLED</b>
Tues. June 28	9:30am	✠ Meindert & Marie Reus (Leo & Emmy Reus)
Wed. June 29	9:30am	✠ Evert & Ann Bakker (Leo & Emmy Reus)
Thurs. June 30	9:30am	✠ Rheel Labonte (John & Veronica Douglas)
Fri. July 1	9:30am	<b>Intention Available</b>
Sat. July 2	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. July 3	10:00am	✠ Armand Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.**  
**Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine,** 4706 Miller Rd. Port Colborne, operates May—October. Every Thursday at 7pm, the rosary is recited and Mass is celebrated. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Cathy Kruger 905-735-7479 or visit: www.rosaryshrine Niagara.com

**Prayer Intentions Month of July:**

**Universal:** *Indigenous Peoples*— That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.

**Evangelization:** *Latin America and the Caribbean*—That the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may announce the Gospel with renewed vigour and enthusiasm.

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." What have we left behind? What have we traded in to become faithful followers of Christ?

The answer is different for all of us. Some of us can tell the tale of a dramatic conversion story, leaving behind a life of blatantly selfish indulgence or obviously sinful behavior in order to embrace the call of Jesus. Others of us have been Christians since the day of our baptism as infants and have always walked the path of belief, but perhaps can trace certain moments when we embraced a deeper commitment and resolved to abandon particular behaviors, relationships, or worldly priorities that were in conflict with our faith. Whatever the case, Jesus instructs us today not to look to "what was left behind." Instead, we are called to keep our focus on what lies ahead, namely, life in Christ and the ultimate hope of union with him in heaven.



Keeping this focus can be quite a challenge. So often, it's tempting to think that the grass is greener somewhere else. As Christians, we can fall into the trap of imagining that it might feel better to be ... something else. Perhaps, seeing others around us whose lives are not shaped by their faith, we might think they have it easier than we do. Or perhaps we get lost in reminiscence about the way things were in the good old days, and thus get distracted from the mission that stands in front of us today. But thoughts like these are not fit for our new life as disciples of Christ. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, "For freedom Christ set us free." May we embrace the gift of this true freedom and follow Christ without looking back.

**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. It is my hope that this Year of Mercy will be a time of increased prayer and increased reception of the Sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, so that we may grow much closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ and better appreciate and put into practice the great love and mercy He shows us.

**Summer Mass Hours**

**Beginning the weekend of July 2/3, weekend 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.**  
**Beginning the weekend of June 11/12, the bulletin will be published every 2 weeks to the end of August.**  
**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.  
**Youth Ministry** will continue throughout the summer months. Programming for this ministry will be announced.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Donations of yarn for this ministry would be much appreciated. Drop off at the parish office. If you are willing to crochet or knit a shawl, that also would be appreciated.

**Sunday, July 3rd, 2016**

**Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" — Lk 10:8-9

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Mon. July 4	7:00pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Reconciliation</b>
Tues. July 5	9:30am	✠ Martin Smith (Jim & Mary Smith)
Wed. July 6	9:30am	✠ David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Thurs. July 7	9:30am	✠ Evert & Ann Bakker (Leo & Emmy Reus)
Fri. July 8	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Anna & Domenic Cecco)
Sat. July 9	9-10am	<b>Reconciliation</b>
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Special Intention given by Bill & Mary Podolyak
Sun. July 10	10:00am	Missa Pro Populo

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

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Coming this Summer—Vacation Bible School**

"Join us this summer for St. Ann's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016, **Cave Quest, Monday August 8<sup>th</sup>-Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am - 12:00pm each morning.** The program is run by donation, collected on the last day. Registration forms can be found online at [www.saintannfenwick.com](http://www.saintannfenwick.com) (click on the Youth Ministry tab), at the St. Ann School Main Office, or at the back of the parish. For more information contact Roberta Plantic at [rplantic@branchesoftheword.org](mailto:rplantic@branchesoftheword.org) or call/text 905.401.0174. The registration deadline is June 17<sup>th</sup>! ALL are welcome—invite friends!

**Youth Ministry Events....** June 29th—Movie Night. **Friday, July 1st,** - Canada Day— **Bingo Night CANCELLED.** **Youth Ministry summer programming July: July 6th—** Summer Kick off— Games/Movie/Sports Night; **July 13th—** Altaration—Session One; **July 20th—**Altaration— Session Two; **July 27th—**Altaration—Session Three. **August: Aug. 3rd—**Altaration—Session Four.; **Friday, Aug 5th—** Bingo Night—Lookout Ridge; **Aug. 8th-12th—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—YOUTH NIGHT CANCELLED. WE WILL BE OFF FOR THE REST OF AUGUST.** **Friday, Sept 2nd—**Bingo Night—Lookout Ridge.



**The Catholic Women's League** will meet on **Thursday, June 30th at 7pm** for a short meeting and social. The fall bazaar fundraiser in November will be a raffle for chance to win \$500 cash. Tickets to buy or sell will be available at the meeting. If you would like to purchase tickets or sell them, contact us and we will be happy to accommodate your request. We thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Can we be counted among the laborers? Are we ready and willing to work for the sake of our faith, or are we looking for the easy way out?

Our faith is more than a personal experience. It's more than a routine that fits into our weekly schedule. Our faith is meant to be shared with others, even when that requires a bit of work on our part. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to "Go on your way," to prepare people for the Lord. And we are called to do the same. We are meant to go on our way-out of our homes, and even out of our churches—to share the good news of the Gospel and to serve those in need.



It can be tempting to think, "I believe, I go to church, isn't that enough?" But Jesus tells us that there is an abundant harvest out there—countless people who may just need to know that Jesus loves them or that someone is willing to help. If we don't

step up to the task then those people will miss out on that word of encouragement, that personal invitation to Mass, that act of kindness that might have made all the difference in their life. God may be calling some of us to an even deeper commitment—to be a lay minister in a parish or to discern a religious vocation, for example—but there is no doubt that God is calling all of us to labour for his kingdom in some way.

This mission isn't for someone else. It's for us to carry out the work of the disciples because we are today's disciples. When we accept this mission, we will not only enjoy seeing the benefits that others receive, we will also rejoice with those whose "names are written in heaven."

**Parish Calendar**

**June 29th...** Confirmation class 5-6:30pm  
**June 30th ....** CWL meeting and social 7pm  
**July ....**  
**July 1st...** Canada Day. Office Closed  
**July 3rd...** Spanish Mass 1pm  
**July 11th—22nd...** Fr. Chad will be on vacation. See information below.  
**July 12th ....** Youth Ministry Cave Quest Prop Day  
**Fr. Chad will on vacation from Monday, July 11th—Friday, July 22nd.** Deacon Jim will have a Communion Service at 9:30am during those two weeks from Tuesday– Thursday inclusive. Holy Hour is cancelled on July 11th and 18th. Reconciliation from 9-10am on July 16th is also cancelled. Messages will be checked regularly. In case of a hospital emergency, please ask for the chaplain on call.



**Prayer for Canada** (inspired by Psalm 72)  
*"He shall have dominion from sea to sea...."* Psalm 72:8

O Lord, we gather together in your presence on this Canada Day. We read of your "dominion" in Psalm 72, and claim this promise—that your will would prevail in this land. We pray for the movement of your Holy Spirit across this nation and for the work of your church in every city and village. O Lord, make us mindful of your generosity, and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honourable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride, arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Make us, who come from many different backgrounds and countries, a united people – one in purpose and vision. Give our government a spirit of wisdom and compassion that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, lead us to thanksgiving, and when times are troubled, lead us to a deepening trust in you. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.