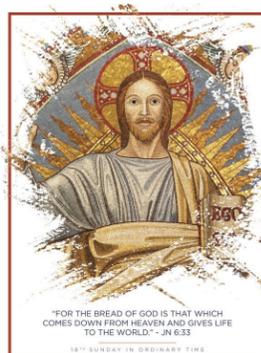


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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.



We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who

we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

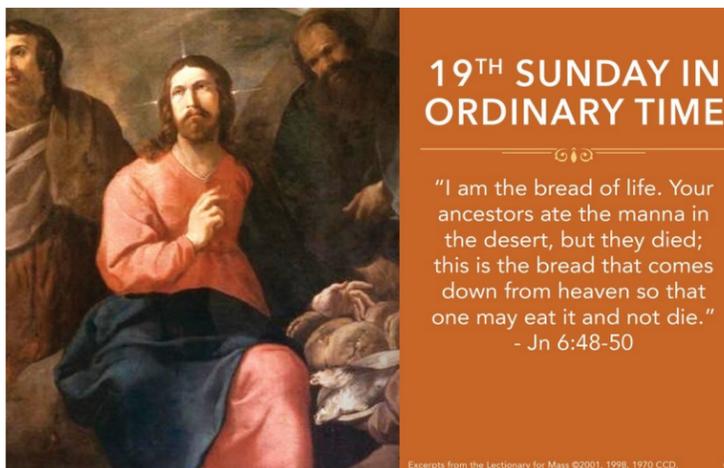
Pope's Prayer Intention Month of August:

Evangelization: The Church—Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Visitation of the Sick and Homebound:

Fr. Jacek will bring First Friday Holy Communion to the sick and homebound on August 6th. Please phone the office to arrange a visit.

Sunday, August 8th, 2021



Mon. Aug 9	9:30am	MASS CANCELLED
Tues. Aug 10	9:30am	✠ Cecil Shannon (Racz Family) ✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)
Wed. Aug 11	7-8pm 9:30am	HOLY HOUR & Confessions Vince Addario (Lena Addario) Intentions of Bishop Bergie (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Thurs. Aug 12	9:30am	✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Chris Meyo)
Fri. Aug 13	9:30am	✠ Ivan & Teresa Balazic (Teresa Blazic)
Sat. Aug 14	4-4:45pm 5:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions ✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Aug 15	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo ✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)

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

Ontario Government Roadmap to Re-open—Step 3

Expanded capacity for religious services, rites, ceremonies including weddings and funerals. No fixed capacity is mandated, however, since physical distancing requirements remain in place, indoor capacity is approximately one-third/33% capacity. The seating arrangements in the church at this time will remain in place allowing for distancing and the 1/3 capacity. . A reminder that no reservations are required for all Masses/Liturgical celebrations.

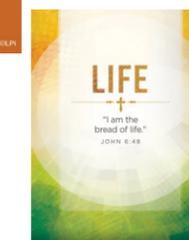
Requirements for masks or face coverings remain in place in indoor public settings throughout Step 3 and are likely to remain in place until at least September.

Contact tracing is to continue. If you attend weekday Masses or Holy Hour on Tuesdays, please sign in. The weekend Masses have ushers to take attendance. We ask that you clean your pew at the end of Mass. Disinfectant and paper towels can be found in the pews. When you leave, there is a waste basket at the church entrance to dispose of towels.

The dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance remains in effect.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.



But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life

is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special. The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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 destruction that was visited on them on the day of the unforgettable fire. What you endured has also inflicted 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 all indebted to your for the living and constant appeal for peace that you are.” (Nagasaki, February 26, 1981)

Canadian Missions Shared Collection: On the weekend of August 7th and 8th, the annual Canadian Missions Collection will be taken to assist Catholic Missions In Canada and our paired Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay. This collection brings national attention to the plight of our Canadian home missions. We say ‘home’ because many think missions are in foreign countries only. It's time to recognize and join spiritually with those in our own country where the Church is yet to be fully established. (Please note that the World Mission Sunday collection in October goes to developing nations and does not stay in Canada.)

Sunday, August 1st, 2021



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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Sat. July 31	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	Intentions of Sophia Sapega (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Sun. Aug 1	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Deceased Members of the Legay & Guest Families (Rebeiro Family)
Mon. Aug 2	9:30am	MASS CANCELLED
Tues. Aug 3	9:30am	Special Intention (Teresa & Colin Walters)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Aug 4	9:30am	✠ Anton Srebernjak (Ana Mikolic)
Thurs. Aug 5	9:30am	✠ Antonio Addario (Vince Addario)
Fri. Aug 6	9:30am	Intentions of Pope Francis (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Sat. Aug 7	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Aug 8	9:30am	✠ Janez & Frances Blazic (Ana Mikolic)
	11:00am	✠ Ralph Biancanello (Vince Addario)

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

Offertory July 17th & 18th, 2021

Envelopes: \$ 2, 355.00

Offertory July 24th & 25th, 2021

Envelopes: \$1, 280.00

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