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Sunday, July 31st, 2016
Eighteenth 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

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 “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.” This isn't a message that gets much advertising. On the contrary, just about every advertised message we hear comes from someone who wants to make money by selling us possessions. The message we hear loud and clear on television or Internet ads or on highway billboards or the back cover of magazines is that we need this product or that service in order to be happy. Professional marketers are in the business of creating a supposed need and then promising to fill it with their product. In today's culture, it's hard to remember that life isn't about possessions.

But in this Gospel, Jesus reminds us that there is more to life than having “so many good things stored up for many years.” All of this stuff—be it clothes, devices, equipment, decorations, entertainment centers, or anything else—does no lasting good if and when “this night your life will be demanded of you.” Unlike the fool who spends all of his time, energy, and money building larger barns, we should focus our resources on becoming “rich in what matters to God.” This means cultivating virtue instead of vice. It means sharing our money with those in need instead of hoarding it out of selfish greed. The call is a challenging one, and countercultural too. But Jesus never said that the Christian way was the way of the world. As St. Paul instructs us in today's epistle, “Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly.” Instead of falling for the marketers' messages, may we have the wisdom to store up our treasure in heaven.

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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.

Pope's Prayer Intentions Month of August:
Universal: Sports—That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.
Evangelization: Living the Gospel—That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty and love of neighbour.

The Rite of Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacon: Stephen Jopseph Bruzzese—Saturday, August 6th, 2016, at 10am, St. Thomas More Parish, Niagara Falls.

Offertory July 16/17, 2016	
80 Envelopes	\$1,902.00
Loose Collection	\$ 198.75
Total Offertory	\$2,100.75
Offertory July 23/24, 2016	
62 Envelopes	\$1,530.80
Loose Collection	\$ 77.80
Total Offertory	\$1,608.60

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 7th, 2016
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“Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” — Lk 12:39-40

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“You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” The only thing we really know about when Jesus will come again is that we won't be expecting it. As Jesus instructs us today, the best plan of action is thus to be prepared at all times. We need to be ready and waiting to meet Jesus so that when he does return, it won't catch us off guard.

A little thought experiment might be helpful here. Let's imagine that the doorbell rings this evening after dinner. We open the door and find Jesus standing there. He asks to come in. Are we ready for this honored guest? What will he find when he steps in unannounced? Is everyone at peace around the house? Is everyone speaking with love and acting with generosity? Is there anything in our home that, in his presence, we might be ashamed of—books, shows, movies, or music that aren't appropriate? Pictures, Facebook posts, or a record of Internet history that we hope he won't discover?

Now, imagine that he came unannounced into our HEARTS this evening. What would he find there? Are our hearts ready to welcome Jesus? In truth, we need not wait for the second coming to have Jesus in our hearts. He wants to live there already today!

So regardless of the timing of the second coming of Christ, we would do well to follow the traditional spiritual practice of a daily examination of conscience to see where we are doing well and where we need to make changes. Taking such a deliberate spiritual inventory is an excellent way to help us be ready for Jesus like those servants “who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.”

Thank You to all who assisted with our Feast of St. Ann celebration on July 24th. We had a beautiful day with a lovely BBQ organized by a wonderful group of volunteers who organized the event. It was a special day and we hope everyone enjoyed it!

The Catholic Women's League : The fall bazaar fundraiser in November will be a raffle for chance to win \$500 cash. Tickets to buy or sell are available. 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.

Congratulations to **Matthew Leask & Caitlin Robins** who were married in our parish on Saturday, July 30th. Best wishes for a long, happy & blessed life together.

Parish Calendar

July 30th/31st	Mission Appeal (see information below)
August Calendar	
Aug 5th.....	Visitation of the sick and homebound
Aug 7th.....	Spanish Mass 1pm
Aug 8th-12th....	Vacation Bible School
Aug 21st....	Special Collection SFM & Catholic Missions in Canada

YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Ann's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016, Cave Quest, **Monday August 8th-Friday August 12th, 9:00am - 12:00pm each morning.** Registration IS CLOSED. Thank you to all who have registered. **Youth Ministry Events.... 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. YOUTH MINISTRY WILL RESUME ON WED. SEPT 21ST.**

Praying and working for peace: On August 6 and 9, 1945, the cities of Hiroshima & 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 you today and all those who still carry in their bodies the signs of the 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 you for the living and constant appeal for peace that you are.” (Nagasaki, Feb. 16, 1981)

Special Collection August 21st - Scarboro Missions & Catholic Missions in Canada.... is a Canadian society of Catholic priests and laity. Motivated by the Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to the person, teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, who said: “**I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.**” (John 10:10) Sent by the Church, we seek: To serve in creative and new endeavours where the Gospel has not been heard; To collaborate with a local church that invites our presence; To live simply and in solidarity with the poor and marginalized people of the world and to work on behalf of justice; To encounter and celebrate God's presence in the life, history, culture and faiths of the people among whom we live; To collaborate with churches in Canada, generating enthusiasm for global mission and in promoting Gospel values. **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: We welcome Fr. Tony Chakungal, a Vincentian Missionary Priest from

India to our parish this weekend to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will share his missionary experience at all Masses and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions who need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities. They need our financial support for the training of young men studying for the priesthood. There will be a special collection today or you may make your offering through the general parish collection next weekend as well, in an envelope marked with your name, address and offertory number. **Please make cheques payable to “St. Ann Parish”.** Thank you very much for your prayers and generous financial support.

Sat. July 30	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. July 31	10:00am	✠ Afra & Christina Ootes (Leo & Emmy Reus)
Mon. Aug 1	7:00pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Aug 2	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Liliana Haynes)
Wed. Aug 3	9:30am	✠ David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Thurs. Aug 4	9:30am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Karen & Robert Franko)
Fri. Aug 5	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Bianchin Family)
Sat. Aug 6	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Aug 7	10:00am	✠ Elizabeth Clark (Frank & Maria-Teresa Berardi)
Mon. Aug 8	7:00pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Aug 9	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Lorraine Goodman (Gloria Egert)
Wed. Aug 10	9:30am	✠ Armand & Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
Thurs. Aug 11	9:30am	✠ Giuseppina Ettore (Gerard & Dolores Kennedy)
Fri. Aug 12	9:30am	✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Christine Meyo & Family)
Sat. Aug 13	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Aug 14	10:00am	✠ David Green (Voogt & Green Families)

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