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Sunday, August 27th, 2017
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

— Mt 16:19-20
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Sat. Aug 26	9-10am 4-4:45pm	Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Graham Dakin (Wendy Atkins)
Sun. Aug 27	10:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Aug 28	9:30am	✠ Saveria Fabbro (Liliana Haynes)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Aug 29	9:30am	✠ Dominique Forgeron (Yvette Larocque)
Wed. Aug 30	9:30am	✠ John & Teresa Sporbeck (Nick & Shelley Dawson)
Thurs. Aug 31	9:30am	✠ Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Fri. Sept 1	9:30am	Special Intention for Jackie & Guy Lupien (Maeve & Doug Devlin)

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

Offertory August 12th & 13th, 2017

66 Envelopes	\$1,630.00
Loose Collection	\$ 133.95
Total Offertory	\$1,763.95
Catholic Missions Canada	\$ 543.25

Offertory August 19th & 20th, 2017

65 Envelopes	\$1,650.50
Loose Collection	\$ 115.00
Total Offertory	\$1,765.50
Catholic Missions in Canada	\$ 20.00

We welcome in Baptism the following: **Abigail Delia Clark**, daughter of Colton Clark & Rosalie Muraca; **Hunter-Marie Leopardi**, daughter of Anthony Leopardi & Jenny Kneebone; **Willow May O'Mara**, daughter of Adam O'Mara & Maria El-Zeghayar; **Logan Avery Kriter**, daughter of Rob Kriter & Tanya Czerlau. May the gifts which Baptism bestows grow unhindered in us all.

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Simon got a new name after his profession of faith. As soon as he declared to Jesus, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,"* Jesus renamed him with a title that means "rock." And with that name he gave Peter the mission to be a solid foundation upon which he would build **his** church. Not Peter's church. Not James or Paul's church. Not Martin Luther's or John Calvin's or anybody else's. This is Jesus' church, the church of Christ himself, that we call the Catholic Church. So it was Christ himself who desired to give authority in the church—"the keys to the kingdom of heaven"—to a human leader. Peter was thus established as the first pope. He exercised a special kind of headship, within the community of the apostles and the Church at large, because Jesus gave him the power to do so, not because Peter claimed it for himself. And so too every pope since, right down to our Holy Father today, exercises this unique leadership within the Church.



What a gift this is to us! Jesus knew well the human tendency to squabble and disagree, to argue and compete. He knew that the church would be prone to all of this because of her members, and that providing a final voice of authority, saying in effect that "the buck stops here" would be helpful for maintaining unity. As Catholics, even in spite of the differing opinions and perspectives that are manifest in the Church, we nonetheless maintain a strong sense of identity and belief thanks in large part to the papacy. Today, may we give thanks for the pope and pray for him as he strives to lead all of us closer and closer to Christ.



Sponsored by Branches Catholic Ministries, **Regenerate(d) 2017** will take place again at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario on **Saturday, November 18th**. This year's theme is based upon one of the most important questions of our time, *"What is Truth?"* and how and where do we find it? In a culture that promotes that truth is relative how do we as Catholics respond? Keynote speakers such as Jennifer Fulwiler, Trent Horn, Dr. David Anders and Steve Weidenkopf will address atheism, relativism, the divisions in Christianity bringing Protestantism and how to discuss this with family and friends. For the first time **Regenerate(d) Youth 2017** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18 years. Early-bird tickets are available now! To purchase tickets and more information about these conferences visit www.branchesoftheword.org or call Branches at 905-685-7000.

Outdoor Mass at Mount St. Joseph Cemetery: All are welcome to join Bishop Gerard Bergie as he celebrates his first Outdoor Mass at Mt. St. Joseph Cemetery, 735 Lakeshore Rd., Port Colborne, **Thursday, September 14th, 2017 at 6:30pm**. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be re-scheduled for Thursday, September 21st at 6:30pm.

Do you have questions about the Mass? Why do we do all the things we do at Mass? Why do we stand, sit and kneel? Why the 'smells and bells'? Join us at **St. Anthony of Padua Church, 360 River Road, Welland**, for a series of eight talks presented by Fr. Stuart MacDonald designed to help us understand the ritual we call The Mass. **Each talk will be presented twice weekly**, Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm, beginning on September 5, and Friday mornings at 11:00 am, beginning on September 8. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more details. For more information or to register, please call Helen Smits at 905 988 2274.

Sunday, September 3rd, 2017
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?"

— Mt 16:24b-26
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Sat. Sept 2	9-10am 4-4:45pm	Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Sept 3	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
	11:00am	✠ Mary Jo Loiselle (Liliana Haynes)
Mon. Sept 4	9:30am 7-8pm	Intention Available Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Sept 5	9:30am	✠ Dorothy Racz (Racz Family)
Wed. Sept 6	9:30am	✠ Dominique Forgeron (Liliana Haynes)
Thurs. Sept 7	9:30am	✠ Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Fri. Sept 8	9:30am	✠ John Nenadovich (Rosemary Lastovic & Family)
Sat. Sept 9	9-10am 4-4:45pm	Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Sept 10	9:30am	✠ Kristina & Frank Hozjan (Stefan Hozjan & Family)
	11:00am	✠ Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Peter had expressed horror at the prophetic words announcing that Jesus' suffering and death were imminent. Peter didn't want his friend and teacher to undergo this terrible ordeal. He wanted *"no such thing"* ever to happen to his Lord. But Jesus sharply rebuked Peter's response, comparing it to that of the tempter, Satan. Just as temptation becomes an obstacle to our doing what is right, so Peter was presenting an obstacle to Christ's mission. Suffering was part of it, like it or not. To deny this difficult element of Christ's work would be to deny the bigger plan of God. And so Jesus rightly told Peter that he wasn't thinking like God thinks. Of course, since we are human, it's only natural that we should think as human beings do. We, like Peter, tend to recoil at the idea of facing unpleasant or painful circumstances. But clearly God sometimes allows such situations to take place for a greater good. Jesus understood this; even as he prophesied about his death, he also mentioned his Resurrection. Today's Gospel challenges us to think *"as God does"* by holding both of these elements together. Unlike Peter who only focused on the sad part of the story, we are called to recognize the Resurrection on the other side of the cross, and to be willing to do whatever is necessary to get there.

Parish Calendar

August.....	
Aug 26/27...	Mission Appeal—Diocese of Keren, Eritrea, East Africa
September.....	
Sept 1.....	Visitation of the sick and homebound
Sept 5.....	School resumes
Sept 6.....	Confirmation class 4-5:30pm
Sept 6.....	Youth Ministry resumes 6:30-8:30pm
Sept 10th....	Sundae Sunday after Sunday morning Masses
Sept 10th....	St.V. de Paul meeting following 11am Mass
Sept 12.....	Tuesday Bingo resumes
Sept 13.....	Finance Committee meeting 6:30pm
Sept 18-Oct 6...	Office Closed. Messages will be checked regularly.
Sept 24.....	Bishop's Collection for Needs of the Church In Canada

Prayer Intention Month of September:
Evangelization: Parishes—That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be placed where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Youth Ministry
 Serving God By Serving Others

YOUTH MINISTRY Returns Wednesday evenings beginning **September 6th** from 6:30-8:30pm. All Youth in Grades 5-12 are invited to attend.

"Equipping young Catholics to share the truth through word, deeds, and actions, so that their lives are forever purpose-driven and centred on Christ, inviting others to do the same."

Confirmation Classes resume Wed. Sept 6th from 4-5:30pm. Attendance is mandatory for all candidates.

Adult Altar Servers: We are looking for volunteers to take on the role of Adult Altar Server for the 11am and 5pm Masses. Anyone in their teens and older can sign up. There will be training in late August/early September after which a schedule will be prepared. Adult altar servers will need to arrive at the church 10-15 minutes before Mass to help setup and will need to have a clean and neat appearance suitable to the role that they will be performing during Mass. Please contact Liliana at the parish office if you are interested.

Mission Appeal from the Diocese Keren: Weekend of August 26/27: The Catholic Diocese of Keren, established in 1995, located in Eritrea (East Africa), serves a population of about half a million of which 11% are Catholic and 80% Moslem. As our people continue to struggle with difficulties that hamper development at every turn, the Catholic Church has been and is a beacon of hope that provides pastoral care, oversees 39 schools and 8 clinics, feeds malnourished children, takes care of orphans and expecting mothers. The Diocese is blessed with vocations with its seminarians and religious congregation full. Your financial assistance will support the Diocese of Keren to carry out its mission in spreading the Good News in words and deeds. Your prayers and generous financial support are greatly appreciated. Dr. Amine Kidane, Representative for the Diocese of Keren. **Envelopes have been attached to today's bulletin. Extras are at the back of the church.**

Prayer for the Beginning of a New School Year: Father, We thank you for the opportunity to begin this new school year, and we ask that you bless the students, faculty, and student families that make our school a great place. We pray that you will guide us in your ways, so that we will seek your will in everything that we do, and love others as you love us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen