

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time— Sunday July 28th, 2013



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



Mass Schedule & Intentions from July 27 – August 4, 2013

Saturday	5:00PM	†	Eamon Morris by wife & family Giorgio & Clementina Giovinazzo by grandchildren & great-grandchildren Maria Teresa Nerini by Frank & Franca Sdao
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Carl & Olive Madsen by Cheryl Maurice & family Peter Guglielmi by Maria & Pedro Guerin Lucia Rosati by Mr. & Mrs. Giovanni Ranieri
Monday	11:00AM		For the People of our Parish No Mass
Tuesday	6:30PM 7:00PM	†	Frank Pellegrino Adoration
Wednesday	9:00AM	†	Davide & Rosina Rizzuti by Elvira Piluso
Thursday	9:00AM	†	Raffaele Tummolo by Angelina Caporicci
Friday	9:00AM	†	Elena Croce by Nardina Inneo
Saturday	5:00PM	†	Agata Montemurro by Maria & Tony Sdao Antonio Gallo by wife & family Irene Iker by George Smucz & family
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Franc Horvat by wife Theresa Horvat Ida Martire by sister Lea Locco Mike Credico by Nardina Inneo
	11:00AM		For the People of our Parish



“So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Luke 11:1-13

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WYD 2013: Pope Francis’s homily at Aparecida Mass on Wednesday, 24 July 2013

My Brother Bishops and Priests,
Dear Brothers and Sisters,



What joy I feel as I come to the house of the Mother of every Brazilian, the Shrine of our Lady of Aparecida! The day after my election as Bishop of Rome, I visited the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome, in order to entrust my ministry as the Successor of Peter to Our Lady. Today I have come here to ask Mary our Mother for the success of World Youth Day and to place at her feet the life of the people of Latin America...

...Today, looking forward to the World Youth Day which has brought me to Brazil, I too come to knock on the door of the house of Mary – who loved and raised Jesus – that she may help all of us, pastors of God’s people, parents and educators, to pass on to our young people the values that can help them build a nation and a world which are more just, united and fraternal. For this reason I would like to speak of three simple attitudes: hopefulness, openness to being surprised by God, and living in joy.

1) Hopefulness. The second reading of the Mass presents a dramatic scene: a woman – an image of Mary and the Church – is being pursued by a Dragon – the devil – who wants to devour her child. But the scene is not one of death but of life, because God intervenes and saves the child (cf. Rev 12:13a, 15-16a). How many difficulties are present in the life of every individual, among our people, in our communities; yet as great as these may seem, God never allows us to be overwhelmed by them. In the face of those moments of discouragement we experience in life, in our efforts to evangelize or to embody our faith as parents within the family, I would like to say forcefully: Always know in your heart that God is by your side; he never abandons you! Let us never lose hope! Let us never allow it to die in our hearts! The “dragon”, evil, is present in our history, but it does not have the upper hand. The one with the upper hand is God, and God is our hope! It is true that nowadays, to some extent, everyone, including our young people, feels attracted by the many idols which take the place of God and appear to offer hope: money, success, power, pleasure. Often a growing sense of loneliness and emptiness in the hearts of many people leads them to seek satisfaction in these ephemeral idols.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us be lights of hope! Let us maintain a positive outlook on reality. Let us encourage the generosity which is typical of the young and help them to work actively in building a better world. Young people are a powerful engine for the Church and for society. They do not need material things alone; also and above all, they need to have held up to them those non-material values which are the spiritual heart of a people, the memory of a people. In this Shrine, which is part of the memory of Brazil, we can almost read those values: spirituality, generosity, solidarity, perseverance, fraternity, joy; they are values whose deepest root is in the Christian faith.

2) The second attitude: openness to being surprised by God. Anyone who is a man or a woman of hope – the great hope which faith gives us – knows that even in the midst of difficulties God acts and he surprises us. The history of this Shrine is a good example: three fishermen, after a day of catching no fish, found something unexpected in the waters of the Parnaíba River: an image of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. Whoever would have thought that the site of a fruitless fishing expedition would become the place where all Brazilians can feel that they are children of one Mother? God always surprises us, like the new wine in the Gospel we have just heard. God always saves the best for us. But he asks us to let ourselves be surprised by his love, to accept his surprises. Let us trust God! Cut off from him, the wine of joy, the wine of hope, runs out. If we draw near to him, if we stay with him, what seems to be cold water, difficulty, sin, is changed into the new wine of friendship with him.

3) The third attitude: living in joy. Dear friends, if we walk in hope, allowing ourselves to be surprised by the new wine which Jesus offers us, we have joy in our hearts and we cannot fail to be witnesses of this joy. Christians are joyful, they are never gloomy. God is at our side. We have a Mother who always intercedes for the life of her children, for us, as Queen Esther did in the first reading (cf Est 5:3). Jesus has shown us that the face of God is that of a loving Father. Sin and death have been defeated. Christians cannot be pessimists! They do not look like someone in constant mourning. If we are truly in love with Christ and if we sense how much he loves us, our heart will “light up” with a joy that spreads to everyone around us. As Benedict XVI said: “the disciple knows that without Christ, there is no light, no hope, no love, no future” (Inaugural Address, Fifth General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean, Aparecida, 13 May 2007, 3).

Dear friends, we have come to knock at the door of Mary’s house. She has opened it for us, she has let us in and she shows us her Son. Now she asks us to “do whatever he tells you” (Jn 2:5). Yes, dear Mother, we are committed to doing whatever Jesus tells us! And we will do it with hope, trusting in God’s surprises and full of joy. Amen.

Upcoming Parish Events



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday July 30th, at 7:00pm.

Annual Mission Appeal: August 3/4 at all Masses.

VBS: August 5–9, 2013. 9am-12pm daily, Friday 9am-2pm. Cost for the week is only \$10. Afternoon Child Care is also available. For details call the parish office.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): Classes will begin in mid-September.

Annual Golf Tournament: Sunday September 15th, 2:00pm at Sparrow Lakes. Tickets are available in the Parish Office.

St. Andrew’s Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Sunday September 15, 2:00pm start

Sparrow Lakes Golf Club

105 South Pelham Rd. Welland

Tickets: \$50.00

Dinner Only Tickets: \$15.00

Tickets are available in the Parish Office

Any individuals or businesses wishing to provide prizes or sponsorship are asked to contact the Parish Office 905-732-5046.

Spiritans Mission Appeal for Formation/Development 2013

Sunday August 4, 2013

Next weekend we will hear from a missionary priest who works with the Spiritans for our Annual Mission Appeal. Special Collection Envelopes are inserted in this week’s bulletin. Please use them next Sunday.

A Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments V.B.S.

This is the final week to register your children or grandchildren for our parish’s annual Vacation Bible School. For a nominal cost, children will spend mornings throughout the week learning more about the catholic faith through fun and games, crafts, prayer and creativity. Please try to join in this wonderful event.