

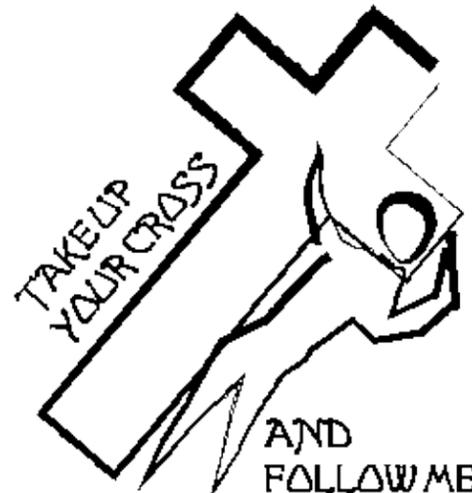
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 16th, 2012



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us

Mass Schedule & Intentions from September 15-23, 2012

Saturday	5:00PM	†	Marisa Stancato by Giulia & Mario Mazza & family Antonio Palermo by Angelo Nobile Domenico & Giuseppe Scolaro by Frank & Franca Sdao
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Franc Horvat by Teresa Horvat Henry Devereaux by Shirley Proulx Josefina Berardi by Tony & Beth Laocco Debbie Hardt by Jonathan Hardt & family For the People of our Parish
Monday	11:00AM		No Mass
Tuesday	7:00PM	†	Mary Guzda by Mary Petruzella
Wednesday	9:00AM	†	Nick Lorusso by Mr. & Mrs. Tony DeChellis
Thursday	9:00AM	†	Domenic Fazari by Vince & Maria Fazzalari
Friday	9:00AM	†	Francesco & Stella Fazzalari by Teresa Fazzalari
Saturday	5:00PM	†	Nicola, Talina & son Joseph Marchio by Maria Nobile & family Antonio Gallo by family Rosario & John Maddalena by wife & family
Sunday	9:00AM		In Honour of Saint Gabriel, Saint Antonio & Saint Padre Pio by Aladino & Maria Magazzeni
		†	Andre Coulombe by Mr. & Mrs. Slobodnick
	11:00AM		For the People of our Parish



KEEP WARM AND EAT WELL

Saint James was a strong believer in Social Justice. He illustrates this with a sort of reverse view of Jesus' sermon on the Last Judgment. Christ had taught that our salvation would depend on whether we fed the poor, gave drink to the thirsty, clothed the naked, etc. James builds on this by teaching that, if we ignore those in need, our faith is dead. For example, if someone came to us looking for food and we offered to simply pray for them, we would flunk our test. Do you just wish "good luck" to those in need, or do you make a real difference in the war against poverty?

Last Sunday's Collection - \$1849.90
Bless you for your continued generous support.

The cross is Christ's glory and triumph A discourse of St Andrew of Crete

We are celebrating the feast of the cross (on 14th) which drove away darkness and brought in the light. As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.

Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be cancelled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honourable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation – very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honourable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

The cross is called Christ's glory; it is saluted as his triumph. We recognise it as the cup he longed to drink and the climax of the sufferings he endured for our sake. As to the cross being Christ's glory, listen to his words: Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in him God is glorified, and God will glorify him at once. And again: Father, glorify me with the glory I had with you before the world came to be. And once more: "Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." Here he speaks of the glory that would accrue to him through the cross. And if you would understand that the cross is Christ's triumph, hear what he himself also said: When I am lifted up, then I will draw all men to myself. Now you can see that the cross is Christ's glory and triumph.

World Tourism Day 2012 September 27

A World Tourism Day was created in 1979 by the World Tourism Organization (WTO). The Church's concern for tourism is encouraged by the words of Jesus to his disciples, "Whatever house you enter, first say 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace lives there, your peace will rest on that person." (LK 10:5-6)

This year's theme is: "Tourism and Sustainable Energy: Powering Sustainable Development". Cardinal Antonio Veglio (President of The Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People) has published a message encouraging all Catholics to consider the environment in planning their travels.

In his message, Cardinal Veglio urges individuals to promote and support all initiatives that are energy efficient, using renewable energy sources and have the least environmental impact so that we may establish sustainable tourism.

As individuals, we must consider the repercussions of our own decisions and attitudes. It is crucial "to encourage more sober lifestyles, while reducing ... energy consumption and improving its efficiency."

The social doctrine of the Church reminds us that, "care for the environment represents a challenge for all of humanity. It is a matter of a common and universal duty, that of respecting a common good." A good which human beings do not own but are "stewards", a good which God entrusted to them so that they would administer it properly.

Spend some time in prayer on Thursday September 27 to consider how you might support and promote sustainable tourism through your own actions.

Thank You

A great big thank you goes out to all those involved in the organization of this year's **Golf Tournament Fundraiser**. The event was very successful. We truly appreciate all the time and energy put into the preparation and execution of this event.

Thank you also to all of our parishioners who contributed to the event's success through participation in the dinner and tournament.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend helps you prepare for your future, your married life together, with topics such as Communication, Forgiveness, Romance, Finances, and much more. Weekends are held four times a year. Upcoming is Nov. 9-10.

For more information or to register, call Liz & Claude at 905-357-1232 or ceeniagara@gmail.com

Upcoming Parish Events

CWL General Meeting: Monday September 17th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): Classes will begin in late September. Contact the Parish Office for more information or to register.

Great Adventure Bible Study for kids is an adaptation of Jeff Cavins' Bible study program. Mark your Saturday mornings starting September 22nd. This is a free program.

Fresh Homemade Pie Sale: just in time for Thanksgiving. Saturday September 29th after 5:00pm Mass.

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) has announced it is accepting donations to assist flood victims in Manila and the surrounding area, as well as collaborating with aid efforts by Caritas Internationalis and local partners in the **Philippines**. Mail your donation to:

Development and Peace

1425 René-Lévesque Blvd West, 3rd Floor
Montreal QC H3G 1T7

Please make sure to include your return address with your cheque.

Youth Ministry Fundraiser

St. Andrew's Youth Ministry will be hosting a fundraiser event on Saturday September 29th. After the 5:00pm Mass we will be selling pumpkin and apple pies for \$10 each in the church hall. Pre-orders are available by contacting the Parish Office. All other pies will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participate in **Life Chain**, a peaceful, prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life on Sunday September 30, 2012 along Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls from 2:30pm-3:30pm. With your family and friends, come stand in solidarity with thousands all over the world, rain or shine, to pray for the millions of unborn children who have no voice but ours.

For more information, contact Adelaine: 905-892-0998