

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 13, 2017



And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." (Mt 14: 22-33)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1549.75
 'Host a Family..' \$ 20.00
 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 431.00
Bless you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Events

Golf & Dinner -Sept. 17th
Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:
 Grocery Store BBQ - August
Garage Sale - September 23rd
 (Save & donate your spring cleaning treasures!)
 Pie Sale - October
 Prosciutto Raffle - November
 Winery Wine Sale - November
Friends, please join and support that we may help our two Syrian families.

Catholic Missions in Canada

This week's shared collection will benefit Catholic Missions in Canada and the Diocese of St. Catharine's Canadian Mission partner, the Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay in Nunavut. Catholic Missions in Canada provides over \$3 Million in financial support to missionaries working in 24 Mission Dioceses in Canada: support of missionaries (\$2 million); religious education (\$1 million); repair & maintenance of churches (\$550,000). Read more on www.emic.info

Mass Schedule & Intentions from August 12, 2017 to August 20, 2017

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| Saturday | 5:00PM † Antonio & Giuseppina Gallo by family Franco Sdao by Guiseppe Mauro |
| Sunday | 9:00AM † Salvatore Giovinazzo by wife Ippolito Mauro by Wife Ines & family Mark Bankes by Maria Magazzeni Albert Currie by Immacolata Giovinazzo |
| | 11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones |
| Monday | No Mass |
| Tuesday | 7:00PM † Alcide Charette by Wife Helen Charette |
| Wednesday | 9:00AM † Yolanda Czerlau by Linda Matchett |
| Thursday | 9:00AM † Francesco Sdao by Connie & George Poll |
| Friday | 9:00AM † Tommaso DiGioia by wife & family |
| Saturday | 5:00PM † Franco Sdao by Ercole & Sarina Altimari Carmella Agostino by Nancy Fazari & son Angelo The Deceased members of the Giovinazzo & Cannata families by Tina Giovinazzo |
| Sunday | 9:00AM † Pierino Ioannoni by wife Bruna & family Silvana D'Onofrio by Joe Belcamino Aladino Magazzeni by Wife & family Albert Currie by Pasquale Giovinazzo |
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Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'



Golf and Dinner - fund raising Program



Our annual Golf and Dinner fund raising will be on Sunday, Sept. 17th, 2PM at Whisky Run Golf Club (631 Lorraine Rd, Port Colborne). The dinner will begin here in our hall at 5PM. Golf and dinner ticket will be \$60, and dinner only ticket will be \$20. It is to add to our building fund and support our 'Host a Family Program'. Please join.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):

What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a formal program of catechetical instruction and liturgies whereby adults, those unbaptized and those baptized in other Christian denominations, are formally admitted into the Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism (for those not already baptized) Confirmation and Eucharist. During RCIA, individuals follow a spiritual journey of 'steps' accomplished through defined periods punctuated with liturgical rites.

Read more on: <http://www.saintcd.com/2016/04/rcia-a-spiritualjourney-of-faith/>

This program will be starting on **Wednesday September 20, 2017**. Contact the Parish Office for more information or to register.

Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



Your body is holy and glorious

The Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius XII on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In their sermons and speeches on the feast day of the Assumption of the Mother of God, the holy fathers and the great doctors of the church were speaking of something that the faithful already knew and accepted: all they did was to bring it out into the open, to explain its meaning and substance in other terms. Above all, they made it most clear that this feast commemorated not merely the fact that the blessed Virgin Mary did not experience bodily decay, but also her triumph over death and her heavenly glory, following the example of her only Son, Jesus Christ.

Thus St John Damascene, who is the greatest exponent of this tradition, compares the bodily Assumption of the revered Mother of God with her other gifts and privileges: It was right that she who had kept her virginity unimpaired through the process of giving birth should have kept her body without decay through death. It was right that she who had given her Creator, as a child, a place at her breast should be given a place in the dwelling-place of her God. It was right that the bride espoused by the Father should dwell in the heavenly bridal chamber. It was right that she who had gazed on her Son on the cross, her heart pierced at that moment by the sword of sorrow that she had escaped at his birth, should now gaze on him seated with his Father. It was right that the Mother of God should possess what belongs to her Son and to be honoured by every creature as the God's Mother and handmaid.

St Germanus of Constantinople considered that the preservation from decay of the body of the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, and its elevation to heaven as being not only appropriate to her Motherhood but also to the peculiar sanctity of its virgin state: It is written, that you appear in beauty, and your virginal body is altogether holy, altogether chaste, altogether the dwelling-place of God; from which it follows that it is not in its nature to decay into dust, but that it is transformed, being human, into a glorious and incorruptible life, the same body, living and glorious, unharmed, sharing in perfect life.

Another very ancient author asserts: Being the most glorious Mother of Christ our saviour and our God, the giver of life and immortality, she is given life by him and shares bodily incorruptibility for all eternity with him who raised her from the grave and drew her up to him in a way that only he can understand.

All that the holy fathers say refers ultimately to Scripture as a foundation, which gives us the vivid image of the great Mother of God as being closely attached to her divine Son and always sharing his lot. >>>



It is important to remember that from the second century onwards the holy fathers have been talking of the Virgin Mary as the new Eve for the new Adam: not equal to him, of course, but closely joined with him in the battle against the enemy, which ended in the triumph over sin and death that had been promised even in Paradise. The glorious resurrection of Christ is essential to this victory and its final prize, but the blessed Virgin's share in that fight must also have ended in the glorification of her body. For as the Apostle says: When this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the scripture will be fulfilled that says "Death is swallowed up in victory".

So then, the great Mother of God, so mysteriously united to Jesus Christ from all eternity by the same decree of predestination, immaculately conceived, an intact virgin throughout her divine motherhood, a noble associate of our Redeemer as he defeated sin and its consequences, received, as it were, the final crowning privilege of being preserved from the corruption of the grave and, following her Son in his victory over death, was brought, body and soul, to the highest glory of heaven, to shine as Queen at the right hand of that same Son, the immortal King of Ages.

POPE FRANCIS

General Audience—August 9, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



In our continuing catechesis, we now consider God's mercy as the driving force of Christian hope. When Jesus forgives the sinful woman, his action causes scandal, because it overturns the dominant attitude of the time. Instead of rejecting sinners, Jesus embraces them, those who are outcast, "untouchable". With a compassion that literally causes him to tremble in his depths, he reveals the merciful heart of God. This astonishing attitude to those in desperate situations, even those who have made many mistakes in life, marks our Christian identity with the stamp of mercy, and gives a sure foundation to our hope. We who have experienced God's forgiveness should avoid the danger of forgetting that this mercy was purchased at a great price: Christ's death on the Cross. Our Lord died not because he healed the sick, but because he did what only God can do: forgive sins. This divine mercy both transforms us and renews our hope. Our Lord, who rejects no one, graciously bestows upon us the mission to proclaim his mercy to the world.

Children's liturgy

Children's Liturgy will return on Sunday September 17, 2017.