

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 20, 2017



Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." (Mt 15: 21-28)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1561.65
 'Host a Family..' \$ 55.00
 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 90.00
 Canadian Missions - 168.00
Bless you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Events

Golf & Dinner - Sept. 17th
Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:
 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.

GETHESEMANE ANNUAL PICNIC 2017
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 ~ 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 AGES 3 - 11 - \$10
 AGES 11 & ABOVE - \$15
 VENUE: GETHESEMANE CENTRE
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Children's liturgy

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions from August 19, 2017 to August 27, 2017

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
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	7:00PM	Mass of Thanksgiving by Helen Charette
Wednesday	9:00AM	For the health of Dawn Ann McDonald by Lydia Matchett
Thursday	9:00AM	† Giuseppina Gallo by Mr. & Mrs. Sabino Salvi
Friday	9:00AM	† Vincenzo Guzzi by Annie Silvestri
Saturday	5:00PM	† Franco Sdao by Rosalba Bevacqua Murray Cadieux by Husband Pasquale Vaccaro by Wife & family
Sunday	9:00AM	† Franc Horvat by Wife Theresa Horvat Pietro & Teresina Montemurro by Daughter Ines Mauro Lerino & Angelina Spinosa by Joe Belcamino Tony Maddalena by Wife & family
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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

The weakness of God is stronger than men

From a homily on the first letter to the Corinthians by St. John Chrysostom, bishop

It was clear through unlearned men that the cross was persuasive, in fact, it persuaded the whole world. Their discourse was not of unimportant matters but of God and true religion, of the Gospel way of life and future judgement, yet it turned plain, uneducated men into philosophers. How the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and his weakness stronger than men!

In what way is it stronger? It made its way throughout the world and overcame all men; countless men sought to eradicate the very name of the Crucified, but that name flourished and grew ever mightier. Its enemies lost out and perished; the living who waged a war on a dead man proved helpless. Therefore, when a Greek tells me I am dead, he shows only that he is foolish indeed, for I, whom he thinks a fool, turn out to be wiser than those reputed wise. So too, in calling me weak, he but shows that he is weaker still. For the good deeds which tax-collectors and fishermen were able to accomplish by God's grace, the philosophers, the rulers, the countless multitudes cannot even imagine.

Paul had this in mind when he said: The weakness of God is stronger than men. That the preaching of these men was indeed divine is brought home to us in the same way. For how otherwise could twelve uneducated men, who lived on lakes and rivers and wastelands, get the idea for such an immense enterprise? How could men who perhaps had never been in a city or a public square think of setting out to do battle with the whole world? That they were fearful, timid men, the evangelist makes clear; he did not reject the fact or try to hide their weaknesses. Indeed he turned these into a proof of the truth. What did he say of them? That when Christ was arrested, the others fled, despite all the miracles they had seen, while he who was leader of the others denied him!

How then account for the fact that these men, who in Christ's lifetime did not stand up to the attacks by the Jews, set forth to do battle with the whole world once Christ was dead – if, as you claim, Christ did not rise and speak to them and rouse their courage? Did they perhaps say to themselves: "What is this? He could not save himself but he will protect us? He did not help himself when he was alive, but now that he is dead he will extend a helping hand to us? In his lifetime he brought no nation under his banner, but by uttering his name we will win over the whole world?" Would it not be wholly irrational even to think such thoughts, much less to act upon them?

It is evident, then, that if they had not seen him risen and had proof of his power, they would not have risked so much.

Year of the Rosary

A Diocesan Marian Event Saturday, September 30, 2017 at St. Alfred Church in St. Catharines.

Church YARD SALE

SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

Our Annual Yard/Garage sale is set for Saturday September 23, 2017 from 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM. A sign up sheet for volunteers will be located at the back of the church starting Labour day weekend (Early September). Please bring your no longer used treasures to support this event. You may drop them off inside the basement behind the door following any Mass. Additionally on Thursday September 21st & Friday September 22nd there will be an opportunity from 6:30PM to 8:00PM to drop off the items in the basement as well. If you would like to rent a vendor table outside, they are available for \$20. Call 905-732-5046 to reserve your table now. For more info call Mary Jane @ 905-734-1611 or the office 905-732-5046. Thank you.

POPE FRANCIS

Vatican Radio—August 13, 2017
 (Vatican Radio) Angelus: Listen to the Lord not horoscopes or fortune tellers



"When you do not cling to the word of the Lord, but have more security in consulting horoscopes and fortune tellers you sink". Those were Pope Francis' words during his Angelus address on Sunday in St Peter's Square.

He was referring to the Gospel of the day where Jesus walks on the waters of Lake Galilee to save Peter and the disciples from sinking in their boat due to the heavy waves of the sea.

The Pope recounted how this story is rich in symbolism. The boat, he continued, "is the life of each of us, but it is also the life of the Church; The wind represents difficulties and trials." Peter's invocation: "Lord, command me to come to you!" And his cry, "Lord, save me", the Holy Father noted "are so much like our desire to feel the closeness of the Lord, but also the fear and anguish that accompany the toughest moments of our lives and our communities, marked by internal fragility and external difficulties."

Pope Francis explained, that at that moment, Peter was not sure of the word of Jesus, which was like a rope to cling to in hostile and turbulent waters. This is what can happen to us as well, he said, "when you do not cling to the word of the Lord, but to have more security in consulting horoscopes and fortune tellers you sink". The Gospel of today, the Pope underlined, "reminds us that faith in the Lord and in his word does not open a path where everything is easy and quiet for us; It does not take away the storms of life.

But faith, the Holy Father went on to say, "gives us the assurance of a Presence, that is Christ, which pushes us to overcome the existential buffs; Faith, in short, is not a loophole from the problems of life, but it sustains our journey and gives it meaning. <http://www.news.va/en/news/angelus-listen-to-the-lord-not-horoscopes-or-fortu>