

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 27, 2017



“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” (Mt 16: 13-20)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1544.45
 'Host a Family..' \$ 10.00
 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 28.00
 Canadian Missions - 50.00
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.

Mass with the Anointing of the sick

Our next Mass with the anointing of the sick will be celebrated on September 17th weekend. Anointing of the sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church, that a person can receive any number of times. It is administered to the seriously sick or elderly or those who are to undergo a serious surgery.

Golf and Dinner - fund raising Program

Sunday, Sept. 17th, 2PM at Whisky Run Golf Club (631 Lorraine Rd, Port Colborne). Golf and dinner ticket will be \$60, and dinner only ticket will be \$20.

Mass Schedule & Intentions from August 26, 2017 to September 3, 2017	
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
	11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	7:00PM † Tony DiCesare by Patricia Presti
Wednesday	9:00AM † Agata Presti by Mr. & Mrs. Sam Addario
Thursday	9:00AM † Vince Fazzalari Maria Fazzalari
Friday	9:00AM † Loreto Rey by Willie & Susie Due
Saturday	5:00PM † Franco Sdao by Matilde Pane Mike Fazari by Wife Nancy Fazari & Son Angelo Maria Sorbara by Sister Nancy Fazari Margaret Jansen by Joe & Lidia Labricciosa
Sunday	9:00AM † Domenico Locco by Wife Lea & family Salvatore & Rosario Belcamino by Son Joe Belcamino Eva & Tesena DiGaetano by Sister Maria Magazzeni Peter Notaro by the Tamburino family
	11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones



Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'

Children's liturgy

Children's Liturgy may resume on Sunday September 17, 2017. Please talk to Fr. Paul whether you will bring your children for this program on a regular basis. Kindly inform us of a preference for the 9am or 11am Mass. Thank you.



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

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way adults come to learn about and experience the Christian life, specifically our Roman Catholic tradition, and become initiated into the life of our Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. **The RCIA is not something new.** It is a return to the earliest traditions of our Church which took place between the second and the fifth centuries of the Christian era! The RCIA takes place step by step in the midst of the Christian community. The whole community is called to reflect upon the value of their faith, to renew their own conversion, and by their example, to lead those who are searching to be open to the presence of the Spirit in their lives.

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

Precursor of Christ in birth and death

From a homily by St. Bede the Venerable, priest
 August 29—The Passion of St. John the Baptist

As forerunner of our Lord's birth, preaching and death, the blessed John showed in his struggle a goodness worthy of the sight of heaven. In the words of Scripture: Though in the sight of men he suffered torments, his hope is full of immortality. We justly commemorate the day of his birth with a joyful celebration, a day which he himself made festive for us through his suffering and which he adorned with the crimson splendour of his own blood. We do rightly revere his memory with joyful hearts, for he stamped with the seal of martyrdom the testimony which he delivered on behalf of our Lord.

There is no doubt that blessed John suffered imprisonment and chains as a witness to our Redeemer, whose forerunner he was, and gave his life for him. His persecutor had demanded not that he should deny Christ, but only that he should keep silent about the truth. Nevertheless, he died for Christ. Does Christ not say: I am the truth? Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ.

Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, he bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer.

Such was the quality and strength of the man who accepted the end of this present life by shedding his blood after the long imprisonment. He preached the freedom of heavenly peace, yet was thrown into irons by ungodly men; he was locked away in the darkness of prison, though he came bearing witness to the Light of life and deserved to be called a bright and shining lamp by that Light itself, which is Christ. John was baptized in his own blood, though he had been privileged to baptize the Redeemer of the world, to hear the voice of the Father above him, and to see the grace of the Holy Spirit descending upon him. But to endure temporal agonies for the sake of the truth was not a heavy burden for such men as John; rather it was easily borne and even desirable, for he knew eternal joy would be his reward.

Since death was ever near at hand through the inescapable necessity of nature, such men considered it a blessing to embrace it and thus gain the reward of eternal life by acknowledging Christ's name. Hence the apostle Paul rightly says: You have been granted the privilege not only to believe in Christ but also to suffer for his sake. He tells us why it is Christ's gift that his chosen ones should suffer for him: The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us.

Year of the Rosary

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As we continue to explore the virtue of Christian hope, we discover in the final pages of the Bible that the ultimate destination of our Christian pilgrimage will be the heavenly Jerusalem. And on this pilgrimage we encounter the God of surprises who treats us with infinite tenderness, like a father welcoming his children home after a long and difficult journey. Even if many experience life as a prolonged period of suffering – think of the fearful faces of those haunted by violence and war – still there is a Father who weeps with infinite compassion for his children, and who waits to console them with a very different future. We believe that neither death nor hatred have the last word, for we Christians see, with great hope, a larger horizon: the Kingdom of God, where all evil is banished forever. It is Jesus himself who is the light of this new future, and who even now accompanies us on our way. Creation did not stop on the sixth day of Genesis, because God is continually looking after us, always ready to pronounce his blessing: “Behold, I make all things new! (Rev 21:5)”.



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.