

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 7, 2014



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us

Mass Schedule & Intentions from Sept 6-14, 2014

Saturday	5:00PM	† Eamon Morris by wife and family Antonio Gallo by family Luigi Riso by wife and family Peter Camposarcone by Rino Berardi
Sunday	9:00AM	† Joseph Violi by wife and family Mario Ricci by Mary and family Carmela Fazzalari by family Vince Fazzalari by Raffelina DiGioia
Monday	11:00AM	For the people of the parish No Mass
Tuesday	7:00PM	† Carmela Fazzalari by Maria Fazzalari
Wednesday	9:00AM	† Michele Mammoliti by grandchildren Tina, Nancy, and Rosa Giovinazzo
Thursday	9:00AM	† Vince Fazzalari by Steve Levay
Friday School Mass	9:00AM	† Gary Garland by wife Amie
Saturday	5:00PM	† Caterina and Ruggero Sdao by Frank and Franca Sdao Terzo Pace by Anthony and Angela DiCesare Angelo Nobile by Pat and Yolanda Tancredi Maria Agostino by Mario Naso
Sunday	9:00AM	† In honour of All Saints and in Thanksgiving by Carmelo and Venerina Presti Gilda and Filodoro Guglielmi by Lena Elliott Luigi Marasco by wife and family Peter Camposarcone by Mr. & Mrs. A Gervasio
	11:00AM	For the people of the parish



“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Matthew 18.15-20

Last Sunday's Collection
Offertory \$ 1,875.50.
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generous support.

Christian Wisdom

A sermon of Pope St. Leo the Great

The Lord then goes on to say: *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.* This hunger is not for bodily food, this thirst is not for any earthly drink: it is a longing to be blessed with righteousness, and, by penetrating the secret of all mysteries, to be filled with the Lord himself.

Happy is the soul that longs for the food of righteousness and thirsts for this kind of drink; it would not seek such things if it had not already savoured their delight. When the soul hears the voice of the Spirit saying to it through the prophet: *Taste and see that the Lord is good,* it has already received a portion of God's goodness, and is on fire with love, the love that gives joy of the utmost purity. It counts as nothing all that belongs to time; it is entirely consumed with desire to eat and drink the food of righteousness. The soul lays hold of the true meaning of the first and great commandment: *You shall love the Lord God with your whole heart, and your whole mind and your whole strength,* for to love God is nothing else than to love righteousness.

Finally, just as concern for one's neighbour is added to love of God, so the virtue of mercy is added to the desire for righteousness, as it is said: *Blessed are the merciful, for God will be merciful to them.*

Remember, Christian, the surpassing worth of the wisdom that is yours. Bear in mind the kind of school in which you are to learn your skills, the rewards to which you are called. Mercy itself wishes you to be merciful, righteousness itself wishes you to be righteous, so that the Creator may shine forth in his creature, and the image of God be reflected in the mirror of the human heart as it imitates his qualities. The faith of those who live their faith is a serene faith. What you long for will be given you; what you love will be yours for ever.

Since it is by giving alms that everything is pure for you, you will also receive that blessing which is promised next by the Lord: *Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.* Dear friends, great is the happiness of those for whom such a reward is prepared. Who are the clean of heart if not those who strive for those virtues we have mentioned above? What mind can conceive, what words can express the great happiness of seeing God? Yet human nature will achieve this when it has been transformed so that it sees the Godhead *no longer in a mirror or obscurely but face to face* – the Godhead that no man has been able to see. In the inexpressible joy of this eternal vision, human nature will possess *what eye has not seen or ear heard, what man's heart has never conceived.*



POPE FRANCIS
GENERAL AUDIENCE
St. Peter's Square
Wednesday, 3 September 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our catecheses, we have often noted that we do not become a Christian on our own, but by being born and nurtured in the faith in the midst of the People of God, that is the Church. She is a true mother who gives us life in Christ and, in the communion of the Holy Spirit, brings us into a common life with our brothers and sisters. The model of motherhood for the Church is the Blessed Virgin Mary, who in the fullness of time conceived through the Holy Spirit and gave birth to the Son of God. Her motherhood continues through the Church, who brings forth sons and daughters through baptism, whom she nourishes through the Word of God. In fact, Jesus gave the Gospel to the Church to bring forth new life by generously proclaiming his word and winning other sons and daughters for God our Father. As a mother, the Church nurtures us throughout life by illuminating our path with the light of the Gospel and by sustaining us with the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. With this nourishment, we are able to choose the good and be vigilant against evil and deceit, and overcome the difficult moments of life with courage and hope. This is the Church: a mother who has at heart the good of her children. And since we are the Church, we are called to live this same spiritual, maternal attitude towards our brothers and sisters, by welcoming, forgiving and inspiring trust and hope.



Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The traditional date of the feast, September 8, falls exactly nine months after the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Perhaps because of its close proximity to the feast of the Assumption of Mary, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not celebrated today with the same solemnity as the Immaculate Conception. It is, nonetheless, a very important feast, because it prepares the way for the birth of Christ. The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated at least by the sixth century, when St. Romanos the Melodist, an Eastern Christian who composed many of the hymns used in the Eastern Catholic Liturgy composed a hymn for this feast. By Scott P. Richert

Upcoming Events

Annual Golf Tournament:

Sunday September 21st, 2:00pm at Water Park Golf & Country Club. Tickets are available at the Parish Office or through Vince Bellantino at 905-788-3881. Donations and/or prizes are gratefully accepted.

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

Classes will begin on Sept. 24.

Children's Liturgy Resumes:

Sunday September 14th at 11:00am Mass.



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick with all Masses this weekend



St. Andrews Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday September 21, 2014 2:00 PM

Water Park Golf & Country Club,

61174 Regional Road 27, Welland ON

Tickets \$50. Dinner only tickets \$15

Any individuals or businesses wishing to provide prizes or sponsorship are asked to contact the parish office at 905-732-5046.