

NINETEENTH AND TWENTIETH SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: All three readings today speak of the expansive and universal nature of the “Kingdom of God,” in contrast with the theory that salvation was offered first to the Jews and only then to the rest of the world. Although God set the Hebrew people apart as His chosen race, He included all nations in His plan for salvation and blessed all families of the earth in Abraham (Gn 12:1-3). By declaring through the prophet Isaiah (the first reading), “*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples,*” God reveals the truth that in His eyes there is no distinction among human beings on the basis of race, caste or color. The long-expected Messianic kingdom was intended not only for the Jews but for all nations as well. Today’s Responsorial Psalm (Ps 67) rejects all types of religious exclusivity: “*Let all the peoples praise You, O God; ...For You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth, so that Your saving power may be known among all the nations.*” In the second reading, Paul explains that, although the Jews were the chosen people, most of them denied the promised Messiah, and, consequently, God turned to the Gentiles who received mercy through their Faith in Jesus. In the Gospel story, Jesus demonstrates that salvation was meant for the Gentiles as well as for the Jews by healing the daughter of a Gentile woman as a reward for her strong Faith. Thus, Jesus shows that God’s mercy and love are available to all who call out to Him in Faith. So we need to persist in prayer with trustful confidence. Although the essential parts of prayer are adoration and thanksgiving, the prayer of petition plays a big part in our daily lives. Christ himself has told us to ask him for these needs: “*Ask and you shall receive.* We need to pull down our walls of separation and share in the universality of God’s love: Very often we set up walls which separate us from God and from one another. Today’s Gospel reminds us that God’s love and mercy are extended to all who call on Him in Faith and trust, no matter who they are. In other words, God’s care extends beyond the boundaries of race and nation to the hearts of all who live, and God’s House should become a House of Prayer for all peoples. It is therefore fitting that we should pray and work sincerely so that the walls which our pride, intolerance and prejudice have raised may crumble.

MASS SCHEDULE AUGUST 12 – 27, 2017		
Saturday, August 12	5:15 p.m.	Clement and Sheila Leeder
Sunday, August 13	8:30 a.m.	Wilbert Scott
	10:00 a.m.	For Parishioners
Tuesday, August 15	6:30 p.m.	Unannounced Mass
Wednesday, August 16	9:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Duffy family
Thursday, August 17	9:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Vanderlinden family
Friday, August 18	9:00 a.m.	Unannounced Mass
Saturday, August 19	5:15 p.m.	Intentions of Moses and Ninette Martin
Sunday, August 20	8:30 a.m.	For Parishioners
	10:00 a.m.	Mark McLean
Tuesday, August 22	6:30 p.m.	Intentions of Christine Anderson
Wednesday, August 23	9:00 a.m.	Unannounced Mass
Thursday, August 24	9:00 a.m.	Unannounced Mass
Friday, August 25	11:00 a.m.	Bridlewood Manor -Unannounced Mass
Saturday, August 26	5:15 p.m.	Randy Haggart
Sunday, August 27	8:30 a.m.	George Brewer
	10:00 a.m.	For Parishioners
The Sanctuary Candle burns for: August 13-19 – Our Parishioners August 20-26 – Bunny Harris		
Weekly Target: \$3500.00	Actual Offering – July 30: \$ 4034.50 August 6: \$ 2837.00	Operating Surplus: \$ 534.50 Shortfall: \$ 663.00

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday, August 16	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, August 17	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Group in the Chapel
Wednesday, August 23	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, August 24	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Group in the Chapel

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Please remember in your prayers the following: Reggie Bernardo, Armand L’Anglais, Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Harry Brand, Dorothy Meaney, Stella Alberry, Heidi Reid, John McInnis, Kathryn Coates, George Churney, Cecile Hall, Gerald and Irene Moriarty, Bibin John, Bob Visneski and Leone McIntyre.

ANNOUNCED MASS: Did you know that you can arrange to have a Mass in memory of a loved one or for a special intention? The cost for a Mass is \$20.00 and it can be arranged through the parish office.

“Lord, command me to come to you on the water.” – Matthew 14.22-23 – August 13, 2017
“Woman, great is your faith.” – Matthew 15.21-28 – August 20, 2017

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MINISTRY SCHEDULES				
<i>MASS TIMES</i>	<i>HOSPITALITY</i>	<i>LECTORS</i>	<i>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</i>	<i>ALTAR SERVERS</i>
Saturday, August 19 5:15 p.m.	Anne Peace Theresa Houston	Neil and Margaret Cameron	Joanne Story Carol Ravnaas	Samantha Glashan Grace Kelly Allie White
Sunday, August 20 8:30 a.m.	Marguerite and Jill Whiteland	Theresa Iddon Deborah Souder	Margaret Bougie Heather Charbonneau	Grace Whiteland Evan Duffy
Sunday, August 20 10:00 a.m.	Mary Gilliard Donna Cody	Ann Gilliard Christine Provost	Deacon Shawn Souder Doug Roughton	Christopher Logstrup Isabelle and Liam Heffernan
Saturday, August 26 5:15 p.m.	Carol Ravnaas Johanne Cardinal	Sarah and Clancy MacDonald	Sylvia Shackles Cecile Houle	Lauren McDonald Grace Kelly Allie White
Sunday, August 27 8:30 a.m.	Margaret Bougie Noreen Shepherd	Debbie Zabloski Marc Dennis	Phyllis Dennis Heather Charbonneau	Grace Whiteland Evan Duffy
Sunday, August 27 10:00 a.m.	Teresa and Kevin Tanney	Larry Baldissera Isabelle Heffernan	Deacon Shawn Souder Mary Gilliard	Liam Heffernan Christopher Logstrup Joshua O'Keefe

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: and prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries in August:
 Michel and Deborah LaBonte 35 years August 14
 Al and Lucille Minifie 59 years August 16
 Brian and Olga Brougham 56 years August 19
 Hien Vu and Lieu Nguyen 21 years August 19
 Kevin and Teresa Tanney 35 years August 21
 Ron and Claire Zajac 19 years August 22

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEER MINISTERS: Schedules will soon be drawn up for these ministries for September through December. Volunteers are needed for the Saturday 5:15 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses for the following Ministries: **Hospitality:** to meet and greet before/after Mass; **Lectors:** to read the First and Second Readings, Psalm and Prayers of the Faithful during Mass; **Eucharistic Ministers:** to assist with giving Communion; **Altar Servers:** to assist Father Jacob at weekend Mass. These young people must have received their First Communion in order to serve. **Junior Liturgy:** to serve our young people in presenting the Word of God at 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact the office or Father Jacob.

ST. DENIS HAM AND TURKEY SUPPER: St. Denis in Athens will be having their Annual Ham and Turkey Supper on **August 16 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at 3 George Street, Athens.** Adults - \$12.00; Children (5-12) - \$6.00; Children under 5 – Free.

SHOEBOXES FOR SENIORS: The 2017 campaign began on August 1 and runs until December 31. This program which consists of shoeboxes filled with essential hygiene items for seniors is offered under the Canadian Aid for Chernobyl, a charitable organization based in Brockville. For further information, contact Mary Bernard at 613-342-6589.

THE WORD OF GOD IN THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH: This gathering will focus on the role of the Word of God in our lives as Catholics. We shall explore the place God's Word has in the preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and first sharing in Holy Communion as well as the implications of having the Word of God at the heart of the initiation process (RCIA). This event is for all baptized, especially those who prepare people to celebrate Sacraments of Initiation. **Friday September 15, 2017 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday September 16, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Providence Spirituality Centre, 1200 Princess St. Kingston, ON.** Cost for commuters is \$50.00. For more information and Registration Form, please see the Archdiocese of Kingston/Liturgy website, or call the Liturgy office at 613.548-4461.

A DAY OF REFLECTION AND RENEWAL: This event takes place at **Providence Spirituality Centre on September 30.** It is open for all laity involved in any ministry. The day's agenda will run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the cost will be \$10 with lunch included. For more info contact Goret at Diocesan Centre 613-548-4744.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Transformation in old age: Two old men are chatting. One man says, "My friend, you must try this memory pill I'm taking. I remember everything. It's an amazing memory booster." The other man says, "Sounds wonderful. What is the name of the pill?" The first man says, "Hmm! The name of the pill ... Let's see ... Hmmm, what is the name of the flower produced on a garden plant with thorns? It's red ... You give it on Valentine's Day." The other man says, "A rose?" The first man says, "Yes, that's right!" Then, calling for his wife, he says, "Rose, what is the name of that pill which I take to boost my memory?"

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