

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **MESSAGE FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Today's readings give us an invitation to avoid unnecessary worries by putting out trust and love and providential care of a loving and merciful God, and by living each day's life as it comes, doing His will and realizing His presence within us, within others, and all events of our lives. In today's Gospel, Jesus emphasizes his disciples to avoid unnecessary worries. Worry is a pagan and irreligious attitude for those who do not believe in a loving and providing God. In nature, other creatures like birds work hard for their daily food, but they do not worry about tomorrows. Worry is useless because we cannot increase even an inch of height by days of worrying. Worry is also injurious to the health causing physical and mental problems and illnesses. So we need to avoid worry. We need to live one day at a time.

**“Lord Jesus, free me from needless worries and help me to put my trust in You. May my first and only concern be for your glory and kingdom of peace and righteousness. Help me to live each day and moment with trust and gratitude for your providential care for me.”**

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday, March 2	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Group in the Chapel
Friday, March 3	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Holy Hour in the Chapel
	12:10 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Soup for the Soul Lunch
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Movie Night
Saturday, March 4	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon	Family Catechism – St. John Bosco School
	5:15 p.m. Mass	Confirmation Enrollment
Sunday, March 5	10:00 a.m. Mass	Confirmation Enrollment

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Please remember in your prayers the following: Reggie Bernardo, Armand L'Anglais, Sr. Navina, Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis and Norma Savage, Harry Brand, Maurice and Madeleine Belec, Dorothy Meaney, Stella Alberry and Fred Pankoski.

**PAPAL INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:** Let us pray that persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

MASS SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 5, 2017		
Saturday, February 25	5:15 p.m.	Intentions of Christine Anderson
Sunday, February 26	8:30 a.m.	Norm Blinn
	10:00 a.m.	For Parishioners
Tuesday, February 28	6:30 p.m.	Deceased Members of The Pashnicki family
Wednesday, March 1	9:40 a.m.	Millie MacDonald
	7:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Barr family
Thursday, March 2	9:00 a.m.	Unannounced Mass
Friday, March 3	9:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of The Leger family
Saturday, March 4	9:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Warder family
	5:15 p.m.	Unannounced Mass
Sunday, March 5	8:30 a.m.	For Parishioners
	10:00 a.m.	Therese Deneault

**The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for:**  
*Jennifer Khan*

Weekly Target: \$3500.00	Actual Offering – February 19: \$3217.00 Property Maintenance: \$2211.00	Operating Shortfall: \$283.00
Thank you for your continuous support.		

**COUNTDOWN TO LENT:** March 1 is Ash Wednesday this year. Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. We will celebrate Ash Wednesday with Mass at 9:40 a.m. with St. John Bosco School and at 7:00 p.m. Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes. During Lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God.

### **LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOCIAL AT**

**SJB:** During Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross before every Daily Mass. Starting on **March 3 and every Friday at 12:10 p.m.**, there will be Stations of the Cross followed by a Lenten Social. There will be a hot bowl of soup and a bun served every Friday from Mar. 4 – Apr. 7. Free will offering. Volunteers are needed to make soup or help serve and clean up. Please see the sign-up sheets in the atrium. Contact Margaret Cameron at 613-498-1702.

**“Do not worry about your life or tomorrow.” Matthew 6.24-34**

