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PASTOR

Rev. Patrick M. Dobec, P.P.

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. - Sacristy

Weekdays – Before weekday Masses in Sacristy

or by appointment

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

29 AUGUST 2021

Let us pray . . .

Saint Joseph, Pray for Us

Pope's Prayer Intention (September)

An environmentally sustainable lifestyle: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

For peace and assistance where it is needed in the world . . . especially in Afghanistan and for earthquake relief efforts in Haiti.

For those experiencing illness . . . we pray for the health of family and friends, for those experiencing anxiety, fear and isolation; for those undergoing treatment; for those awaiting surgery.

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially for the repose of the souls of Isaiah Biernaskie and all Pandemic Victims. Requiescant in Pace!

CELEBRATION OF MASS

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Marie Dunn by Sheilagh Dunn James Ross by Beatrice Ross
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Joan Prince by The CWL Mary Keenan by The Family

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 5 SEPTEMBER 2021

Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Howard Kavelman by Richard and Suzanne Luckasavitch
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for all the People)

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS

	September 4 th	September 5 th
Readers	Karen Yakabuski	Jeremy & Monique Rivett-Carnac
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Maxine Smaglinski	Judy & Pierre-Paul Filion

St. Joseph Most Courageous, Pray for Us

So perfectly was he [St. Joseph] dead to the world and the flesh, that he desired nothing but the things of heaven.
St. Bridget of Sweden

Latin Mass: A Latin Mass according to the Roman Missal of 1962 is offered at St. Columbkille Cathedral at 9:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month. Next Latin Mass – September 4th.

Too often our words express concern and compassion for others – but it becomes clear that the words are prompted by another agenda. Compassion and mercy, empathy and generosity begin in our hearts, in the place where God dwells; conversely, avarice, bigotry and pride come from a heart in which self-centeredness has replaced the holy. As Jesus makes clear in today’s Gospel, the kind of human being we are begins in the values of the heart, the place where God dwells with us – but the evil we are capable of, the hurt we are able to inflict on others, the degrading of the world that God created begins “within,” as well. May God open our spirits and consciences to listen to the voice of God speaking in that sacred space within every heart, calling us to understanding instead of judgment, forgiveness instead of vengeance, respect instead of ridicule, reconciliation instead of division.

You are invited to the Diocesan Council for Justice and Peace Virtual ‘Open House’ Meeting

Join us and Bishop Guy to find out how, in community, you can put Catholic Social Teaching into Action! Thursday, September 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Registration Required: https://us02web.zoon.us/meeting/regist/tZlpc--sqz8pGdKb7VvYpkdAbOqsgR1_UVi1

No access to Internet? Call Tara at 613-738-9644 ext 224

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

In 2015, Pope Francis declared September 1st as the World Day of Prayer for the care of Creation. Coinciding with a celebration instituted by the Orthodox Church, it is also a day of ecumenical prayer and unity. The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (which is in the process of merging with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development) has some proposed celebrations on their website. Gatherings for prayer are encouraged in parishes. The faithful should also be encouraged to take practical initiatives to combat earth’s environmental crisis.

Labour day Weekend marks the end of the summer vacation period and the resumption of activities in home, parish and school. We take this as an opportunity to encourage active and renewed participation in our community of faith.

Clergy Appointments

The Most Reverend Guy Desrochers C.Ss.R. announces the following appointments:

Due to immigration issues that continue to preclude the return of Reverend Cyril Okebanama, s.m.m.m. from Nigeria, **Reverend Justin Bertrand** is appointed as Administrator of Ste-Thérèse Parish, Témiscaming and Our Lady of the Lake Mission in Kipawa from September 1, 2021, to October 31, 2021. It is hoped that Father Okebanama will be able to return to Témiscaming and Kipawa within that period of time.

Reverend Murray Kuemper, of Madonna House, is appointed as Administrator of Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish, Combermere, and St Francis de Sales Mission, Latchford Bridge, from September 1, 2021, to October 31, 2021.

Bishop Desrochers is grateful to Father Bertrand, Father Kuemper and the Directors General of Madonna House for their generosity and sacrifice to assist in these appointments.

Registered Households 184

Last Sunday Offering \$2255.00

52 Household Envelopes & 1 E-transfers: \$1862.00
Building Fund: \$30.00

Loose: \$48.00

Northern Missions: \$15.00

Visitors: \$300.00

May God bless you for your generosity!

God is definitely not Quarantined, but is Moving and Alive

A Letter to College and University Students

By Sarah Wallace, The McGrath Institute, University of Notre Dame

Dear College and University student,

You're free! If you're anything like I was, you can't wait to get to college. People told me my college days would be some of the best of my life. It was true! What I didn't expect, though, was how my faith would change while I was there. For the first time in my life, my parents weren't blasting me out of bed for church on Sunday, my youth minister wasn't there to make sense of things, and my best friends weren't sitting in the pews behind me. It was all up to me. No matter where you're headed in the fall, living your Catholic faith in college is a choice you'll have to make. It won't just fall in your lap. If you are serious about making God a part of your life this year, you have to pursue him. You have to make your faith your own. How do we do this? Here are a few practical tips:

Put your relationship with God first.

The first step to building a relationship with God is to show up. With all the opportunities of college life, though, this isn't always easy. When you sit down to plan your schedule for the semester, carve out time for Sunday Mass and daily prayer first. Find people you can go to Mass with – they'll help you get there every week. When you make showing up to prayer a priority, you give God the opportunity to work in your life.

Seek our Catholic community and true friendships.

If you are serious about pursuing God in college, it is so important to find other people who are going to run after him with you. Of course, this doesn't mean "only have catholic friends"; it means that you need Catholic people around you who can walk with you, challenge you, and inspire you in your life of faith. You were not made to do this alone.

Sometimes, finding this kind of community isn't easy. Don't be discouraged if finding friends is slow at first or if it is hard to "break in" to a group. This is hard for everybody. First, find your school's catholic campus ministry organization (sometimes called a Newman Center, or Catholic Campus Outreach) and go to their events as soon as you get to campus. Then, start to meet people! Don't be afraid to introduce yourself or join a group conversation. They've all been where you are and most of them want friendship just as much as you.

Know and live your faith.

It's a big world out there and sooner or later, you are going to run into ideas that are contrary to Catholic teaching. Take the time to get to know what you believe and why. If something comes up in class or in conversation, go home and learn about the Church's answer – the Catechism is a great place to start. It's okay to ask questions about faith, but your questioning should lead you to look for answers. Too many people let laziness or unsatisfactory answers dictate their belief (or lack of it). Remember: every "no" in the Church's teaching is actually about a greater "yes" to something else. Seek out what we are saying yes to as Catholics and put it into practice in your life.

Pursue a life of true freedom.

So many people think that college = freedom, and "freedom = doing whatever you want whenever you want. But if you can't (or won't) say no to a drink, another game of Halo, skipping class, or hitting the snooze button for the tenth time, you could actually become enslaved to those things. True freedom is about having the ability to do the right thing in a situation, even if it doesn't feel good in the moment. Pursue true freedom. Strive to grow in virtue by making goodness and excellence a habit in your life.

My friend, college is a wonderful time and it goes fast. Enjoy every minute of it and remember that God wants to use it to speak to you. He loves you unconditionally and he is with you as you go. God Bless You!