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✠ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

July 7, 2024

SUMMER COTTAGE PARISHIONERS: We warmly welcome back our seasonal parishioners and hope that you once again have a wonderful summer in our beautiful area of creation! This is just a reminder that if you do not have envelopes, please visit the entrance table to pick up an envelope box. Please be sure to put your name, address and phone number the first few times you use them. Your contributions are appreciated and vital for helping with expenses.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, LATCHFORD BRIDGE: A Rite of Visitation at the grotto of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** (Feast Day, July 16) will take place at 6pm followed by a procession to the church for Mass on Saturday, July 13. All are welcome!

This grotto was originally erected by the members of the Third Order of Carmelites (Lay Carmelites) who belonged to St. Francis de Sales.

LIFE IS PRECIOUS: Our local Pro-life Group will be erecting a 4x8 foot billboard in July just before Airport Road as you leave Barry's Bay. They are inviting contributions towards this project. There are pink envelopes available at the entrance of the church (or you may use designated e-transfers) which can be used and annotated with "Life is Precious Sign". All donations will be recorded through our parish. *Thank you for your support. ~ Fr. John Burchat*

1ST THURSDAY HOLY HOURS TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: July 4th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Casimir Parish, Round Lake Centre. The Holy Hour will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Music, a reflection by Fr. Murray, a Rosary for vocations, and time for silent prayer. These Holy Hours are open to everyone, not just those considering a priestly vocation. For more information and details please visit www.pembrokevocations.ca

Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time

July 8 – 13

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	(with <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions</i>) + Howard Kavelman & Stehen A. Peplinskie <i>by Maxie & Maureen Kiedroski</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	+ Deceased Members of the Recoskie Family <i>by Rosemarie Recoskie & Family</i>

+ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

July 14, 2024

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+ Glenn Prince <i>by Lambert & Alicia Coulas</i>
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

July 13

July 14

Readings

John Morris

Ursula Jeffrey

Communion

Neil O'Reilly

Pierre-Paul Fillion

Offertory

Bruce Sullivan

John Jeffrey

Barry Dombroskie

Jason Dombroskie

KNEELING FOR HOLY COMMUNION: When Fr. Lenius is the only person distributing Holy Communion, in charity, please refrain from kneeling before him because he suffers from bouts of vertigo, and it is at times disorienting for him. When there is more than one person distributing, and you wish to kneel, please approach the other person. The Roman Rite wisely permits a diversity of ways for receiving Holy Communion (standing, kneeling, on the tongue, by hand) so long as they are done with reverence.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy. Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- that the Lord Jesus would anoint Fr. Michael Brehl as he prepares to shepherd our diocese
- Fr. Lukas Casta who was recently ordained to Holy Orders
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Cathy Serran; Carmel Rumleskie.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Kay Luckasavitch; Margaret Thuemen.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Tuesday	- St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, martyr & Companions, martyrs
Thursday	- St. Benedict, abbot
Saturday	- St. Henry

THE SON OF MARY: “I would like to reflect briefly on this Sunday’s Gospel passage. It is taken from the text that has the famous saying “Nemo propheta in patria”. In other words, no prophet is properly accepted among his own people who watched him grow up (see Mk 6:4). Indeed, after Jesus, when he was about 30 years old, had left Nazareth and had already been traveling about preaching and working miracles of healing elsewhere, he once returned to his birthplace and started teaching in the synagogue. His fellow citizens “were astonished” by his wisdom and knowing him as “the son of Mary”, as the carpenter who had lived in their midst, instead of welcoming him with faith were shocked and took offence (see Mk 6:2-3).

This reaction is understandable because familiarity at the human level makes it difficult to go beyond this in order to be open to the divine dimension. That this son of a carpenter was the Son of God was hard for them to believe. Jesus actually takes as an example the experience of the prophets of Israel, who in their own homeland were an object of contempt and identifies himself with them. Due to this spiritual closure Jesus “could do no mighty work there [Nazareth], except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them” (Mk 6:5). In fact, Christ’s miracles are not a display of power but signs of the love of God that is brought into being wherever it encounters reciprocated human faith. Origen writes: “as in the case of material things there exists in some things a natural attraction towards some other thing, as in the magnet for iron... so there is an attraction in such faith towards the divine power” (Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew, 10, 19).

It would therefore seem that Jesus—as is said—is making sense of the negative welcome he received in Nazareth. Instead, at the end of the account, we find a remark that says precisely the opposite. The Evangelist writes that Jesus “marveled because of their unbelief” (Mk 6:6). The astonishment of Jesus’ fellow townspeople is matched by his own surprise. In a certain sense he too is shocked! Although he knows that no prophet is well accepted in his homeland, the closed heart of his people was nevertheless obscure and impenetrable to him: how could they fail to recognize the light of the Truth? Why did they not open themselves to the goodness of God who deigned to share in our humanity? Effectively Jesus of Nazareth the man is the transparency of God, in him God dwells fully. And while we are constantly seeking other signs, other miracles, we do not realize that he is the true Sign, God made flesh, he is the greatest miracle in the world: the whole of God’s love contained in a human heart, in a man’s face.

The One who fully understood this reality was the Virgin Mary, who is blessed because she believed (see Lk 1:45). Mary was not shocked by her Son: her wonder for him was full of faith, full of love and joy, in seeing him so human and at the same time so divine. Let us therefore learn from her, our Mother in faith, to recognize in the humanity of Christ the perfect revelation of God. *From an Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; July 8, 2012*

 **Welcome to all our summer visitors!** 

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,558.00 (Envelopes: \$1,812.00; Loose: \$341.00; Visitors: \$155.00; E-transfers: \$250.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./109; 10:30 a.m./158]

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parish is in accordance with diocesan policy which encourages a process of individualized family faith formation. Families who wish to have their children begin preparing for these sacraments are invited to speak to Fr. Burchat after Sunday Mass. Parents will also be invited to return to the practice of the faith with regular Mass attendance. The parish provides resources and catechetical assistance.

EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall.

84th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF ST. ANN, CORMAC – Sunday, July 28th The Triduum of preparation led by Father Ryan Holly, Diocesan Administrator will be Thursday to Saturday, July 25th-27th. The principal Pilgrimage Mass will be held on Sunday, July 28th at 11 a.m. at the Shrine. A Mass of healing with the Anointing of St. Ann's oil will be celebrated at 2 p.m. (Please bring your own seating). St. Ann's religious articles, St. Ann's Mass League memberships, food and refreshment vendors will be on site. For more information visit the website at <https://cormacpilgrimage.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/CormacStAnn>.

WALK THE OPEONGO LINE TO ST. ANN'S SHRINE: From July 25th to July 28th. Join pilgrims from all ages (7-77) in this life-changing, 4-day journey from Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Renfrew to St. Ann's Shrine, Cormac. Walk, pray, sing and camp your way to St. Ann's! For more information, or to register, visit the website at <https://walktheopeongoline.org>

MEMORIAL BUTTERFLY RELEASE: Reserve your butterfly for the Memorial Butterfly Release, which takes place on Sunday, July 28 in Barry's Bay. Hosted by Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care and St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation. Reserve by Friday, July 12 online at www.sfhvfoundation.com or call 613-756-3045 ext 217. Proceeds to go to hospice palliative care services in the community.

HOLY CANADIAN MARTYRS CWL ANNUAL BAKE AND YARD SALE: on Saturday, July 13, at the home of Shirley Radey, 1039 Mill Street. Includes baked goods and crafts. The Farmer's Market is also open! Come and visit!