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✠ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

July 6, 2025

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL presents Jesus sending out 72 disciples to the villages he is about to visit in order to prepare the way. This is a particular feature of the Evangelist Luke, who stressed that the mission was not exclusive to the Twelve Apostles but extended also to the other disciples. Indeed, Jesus said: "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few" (Lk 10: 2). There is work for all in God's field. Christ, however, did not limit himself to sending out his missionaries: he also gave them clear and precise instructions on how to behave. He first sent them out "two by two" so that they might help each other and bear witness to brotherly love. He warned them that they would be like "lambs in the midst of wolves". They were to be peaceful in spite of everything, and were to bear a message of peace in every situation; they were not to take clothes or money with them in order to live on whatever Providence offered them; they were to heal the sick as a sign of God's mercy; wherever people rejected them, they were to depart, doing no more than to alert them to their responsibility for rejecting the Kingdom of God. St Luke highlighted the disciples' enthusiasm at the good results of their mission and recorded Jesus' beautiful expression: "Do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven" (Lk 10: 20). May this Gospel reawaken in all the baptized the awareness that they are missionaries of Christ, called to prepare the way for him with words and with the witness of their lives. ~ *Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Address, July 8, 2007.*

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 6 p.m. followed by a procession to the church for Mass on Saturday, July 12. 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.

☀ **Welcome to all our summer visitors!** ☀

Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

July 7 – July 12

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Cathy Serran *by Larry Serran & Family*
Friday 9:00 a.m. + Deceased Recoskie Family Members
 by Rosemarie & Family

+ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

July 13, 2025

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Frank, Annie & Deceased Serran Family Members
 by Bob & Margaret Serran
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

July 12

Sean Conway

Maxine Smaglinski

Bruce Sullivan

Barry Dombroskie

July 13

Joanne Olsen

Pierre-Paul Fillion

John Jeffrey

Jamie Prince

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 as we welcome these days of summer leisure, we remember those who for whatever reason cannot enjoy a vacation: the sick, the elderly and all persons who are alone.
- for *Marsaili May Evelyn Lester*, daughter of Kyle Lester & Brittany Scott, who was recently baptized into Christ.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Ray Vananburg*, *Carmel Rumleskie*, *Linda Pilgrim*.
- for those who have died, especially: *Conrad Pierroz*.

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Wednesday - St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, martyr & Companions, martyrs

Friday - St. Benedict, abbot

EVENING OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Thursdays
at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Hall from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

ON PILGRIMAGES: As we welcome these days of summer leisure and recreation, may this summer period of rest and relaxation bring you renewed joy and strength in our Lord Jesus Christ. Summertime is also a traditional time for making pilgrimages and visiting shrines as places for prayer. A pilgrimage is a source of grace and a means of growing in faith. Scripture shows the special significance of setting out to go to sacred places. For example, Israelites would go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Temple where the Ark of the Covenant was kept.

Ordinary families today may need to choose a local shrine like St. Ann's in Cormac or the statue of Our Lady of Combermere at Madonna House. The cathedral of each diocese is one recommended place of pilgrimage. In many dioceses there are approved shrines that accommodate limited budgets. Even though transportation is often necessary, pilgrims normally walk as much as they are able and are ready to accept discomforts, inconveniences and hardships. Pilgrims pray along the way, both coming and going.

Unfortunately, aspects of tourism are often mixed with pilgrimages. We quickly look around, get a short history, take some pictures and move on so we keep on schedule or accommodate some shopping! We need to linger at the holy places and enter into the spiritual atmosphere of the shrines. We need to leave behind the distractions! *"A real pilgrimage originates through an inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is a kind of 'prayer in motion.' Since the Holy Spirit calls or invites us on pilgrimage, he has a plan for us. So, we want to be attentive to the Spirit's inspirations as we go along, and to the graces God will have awaiting us along the way. [Fr. Robert Wild, Madonna House Apostolate]"*

85th ANNUAL CORMAC PILGRIMAGE: to the Shrine of St. Ann in Cormac and our Diocesan Celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope will take place on Sunday, July 27th, 2025. The Triduum of Preparation and Pilgrimage Sunday will be led by Bishop Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R., Bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke. **Triduum Masses on Thursday, July 24th, Friday, July 25th and Saturday, July 26th at 7:00 p.m. each evening.** The principal Pilgrimage Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. at the Shrine.

CWL NEWS: The CWL participated in the Rockathon at Valley Manor to help raise funds for local healthcare. Thanks to all who sponsored the 8 members that made up "Team CWL", the Team brought in an amazing \$6,751.00. On the day of the event Team members enjoyed time with the Valley Manor residents, while rocking and being entertained by local talent. Your generosity will help in purchasing a new washer, window curtains etc. for Valley Manor. Thank you.

THE WILNO HERITAGE SOCIETY COMMUNITY CHOIR will be performing at the **Sacred Heart League fundraising BBQ under the portico at St. Hedwig's** at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 13 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. All are welcome!

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,974.15 (Envelopes: \$2,662.00; Loose: \$242.15; E-transfer: \$40.00; Visitors: \$30.00).

The act of generosity, whether in time, talent or treasure, is integral to the act of faith. When I see the Sunday Collection being taken up, or when I see all the volunteer hours offered around our parishes, I always pray: "May the Lord bless you for your generosity and support for the mission of His Church." ~ Fr. John

THE SUMMER VACATION PERIOD has arrived, and I wish you and your families a happy period of rest and renewal. Many people may make plans to travel, such as going to a cottage, spending time at a beach or pool during hot weather, visiting family and friends, or exploring different areas within the province or country. Enjoy your recreation, opportunities for hospitality, and conversations!

I also encourage you to make prayer and the spiritual life, particularly Sunday Mass, a priority when making traveling plans. As a day of rest, Sunday provides an opportunity for withdrawing from the sometimes excessively demanding cycle of earthly tasks in order to renew our awareness that everything is a gift from God. But Sundays must not degenerate into emptiness or boredom. The Day of the Resurrection offers a time for creative leisure, spiritual enrichment, and opportunities for contemplation and familial communion.

Pope Francis said that the lazy summer months are the perfect time to step back and refocus on the essentials. He called summer a *"providential moment to enhance our commitment to seek and encounter the Lord. In this period, students are free from scholastic duties and many families are taking their vacation; it's important that in the time of rest and detachment from daily concerns, they can re-energize the forces of body and spirit, deepening their spiritual path."* Pope Francis also entrusted everyone's vacation to Mary so that they would be serene and beneficial. As he did, we also offer prayer for those who are unable to take a vacation due to age, health, work or financial trouble. He prayed that for these people, summer would *"still be a relaxing time, cheered by friends and happy moments."* ~ Fr. John

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR: Fridays at 9:45 a.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish.

BIBLE STUDY: Summer Series on the Gospel of John (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture by Fr. Francis Martin). Chapter 6 to Chapter 8 starting Wednesday June 11th ending August 27th. Books can be ordered online. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Hall. For more information contact John Morris, 613-729-6647.