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✠ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

August 10, 2025

IN THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL Jesus continues his teaching to the disciples on the value of the person in God's eyes and on the futility of mundane worries. This does not mean doing nothing. Indeed, on hearing Jesus' reassuring invitation: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Lk 12: 32), our hearts open up to a hope which illumines and animates real life. We have the certainty that "the Gospel is not merely a communication of things that can be known it is one that makes things happen and is life-changing. The dark door of time, of the future, has been thrown open. Whoever has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life" (see *Encyclical Spe Salvi*, no. 2).

And Jesus in today's Gospel illustrates through three parables how waiting for the fulfilment of the "blessed hope", his Coming, should urge one more and more toward a profound life, rich in good works: "Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys" (Lk 12: 33). It is an invitation to use things unselfishly without thirsting for possession or dominion, but according to the logic of God, the logic of consideration for others, the logic of love: as Romano Guardini succinctly wrote, "in the form of a relationship: beginning with God, in view of God" (see *Accettare se stessi*, Brescia 1992, 44). *From an Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; August 8, 2010*

O Lord, You crown the year with Your Goodness

Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

August 11 – August 16

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Beatrice Peplinskie & Kevin *by Kiedroski Family*
Friday 9:00 a.m. + Bernice Peplinskie *by +Veronica O'Reilly*

+ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

August 17, 2025

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Jamie Madigan *by Bryan & Jean Madigan*
+ Stanley Zilney *by Robert & Kathleen Luckovitch*
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

August 16

Susan Coulas

Leona C. / Neil O.

Bruce Sullivan

Maureen Kiedroski

August 17

Paul Rivett-Carnac

Terry R. / Ursula J.

John Jeffrey

Greg Kelly

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:

- The repose of the soul of Father Mervin Coulas, 1938-2025, priest of the Diocese of Pembroke for 62 years, and former pastor of Saint Lawrence OToole Parish.
- 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 parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Ray Vananburg, Carmel Rumleskie, Linda Pilgrim.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Jacqueline (Villeneuve) Nicholson, Raymond Bielawski, Cora 'Dolores' Flood, Anne Neiman, Raymond Dombroskie.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - St. Clare, virgin

Tuesday - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious

Wednesday - St. Pontian, pope and St. Hippolytus, priest, martyrs

Thursday - St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr

Friday - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Special Patron of Acadians

Saturday - St. Stephen of Hungary

A HUGE LEAP FORWARD FOR HUMANITY: When man set foot on the moon, he said a phrase that became famous: “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind”. In essence, humanity had reached a historical goal. But today (August 15), in Mary’s Assumption into Heaven, we celebrate an infinitely greater conquest. The Madonna has set foot in paradise: she went there not only in spirit, but with her body as well, with all of herself. This step of the lowly Virgin of Nazareth was the huge leap forward for humanity. Going to the moon serves us little if we do not live as brothers and sisters on Earth.

But that one of us dwells in the flesh in Heaven gives us hope: we understand that we are precious, destined to rise again. God does not allow our bodies to vanish into nothing. With God, nothing is lost! In Mary, the goal has been reached, and we have before our eyes the reasons why we journey: not to gain the things here below, which vanish, but to achieve the homeland above, which is forever. And Our Lady is the star that guides us. She went there first. She, as the Council teaches, shines “as a sign of sure hope and solace to the People of God during its sojourn on earth” (Lumen gentium, 68). *From an Angelus Address by Pope Francis; August 15, 2020*

TRADITIONAL MORNING OFFERING PRAYER:

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day
for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world,
for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians;
for the intentions of our bishops
and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.

“LORD I AM NOT WORTHY” that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” So, we pray before the reception of each Holy Communion. What do we mean when we pray that we are not worthy? Do we mean that we have not earned by our own moral standing the right to such sacramental and personal intimacy with Christ. The answer to that question is yes, obviously. But we also mean something more. While we cry we are not worthy we nonetheless cry out for his personal visitation of our souls in this sacrament.

When we are told to conduct ourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ, we are not being asked to do what only Christ can do or to earn what only Christ can earn. We are told to live in such a way that our very lives call out for the visitation of the Son of God as their only fitting completion. Doing this personally brings personal sanctity. Doing this collectively gives the Bridal Church her voice as she cries out not only, “Lord, I am not worthy” but also and finally, “Come, Lord Jesus.” ~ *Fr. John Dominic Corbett, O.P.*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$4,037.65 (Envelopes: \$2,817.00; Loose: \$400.65; Visitors: \$100.00;
E-transfer: \$630.00; Special Northern Mission: \$20.00; Building Fund: \$70.00).

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

BIBLE STUDY: Summer Series on the Gospel of John (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture by Fr. Francis Martin). Chapter 6 to Chapter 8. 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.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Join us for a fun afternoon at the Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 16 at 3:00 p.m. at Wolf Ridge Golf Course, Killaloe. \$80 per person includes 9 holes of golf, cart rental, and a chicken dinner. Every hole has a \$100 prize! To register, call James Kluge at 613-639-2725 by August 14. Proceeds support the good works of Barry's Bay Council 6894. ~ sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Barry's Bay.

THE MONTH OF AUGUST: is often considered a transitional month in our seasonal calendar. It is the time of the year we begin to wind-down from our summer travels and vacations and prepare for Autumn — back to school, country fairs, fall festivals, harvest time, etc. The days of summer have provided a welcome change of routine and pace affording us the time to relax and refresh. However, as creation peaks in its fruitfulness and then begins to wane, we are also left with an uneasy sense of the transience of existence itself. All is passing. What remains?

In her liturgical calendar during August, the Church most notably celebrates the feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord (August 6) and the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15). As if to re-ignite our faith, the Church offers these feasts which fill us with a divine hope that strengthens us with courage and resilience to endure the vicissitudes of time. This divine hope anticipates a promised future already breaking into the present.

We present-day members of the Mystical Body are certain of the destiny to which we are called, for Christ's Transfigured body is a preview of that glory. Moreover, in the Assumption of his Mother, Our Lord has demonstrated his fidelity to his promise. Her privilege is the highest fruit of the Redemption and our consoling assurance of the coming of what we hope for — the glorification which is ours too in Christ Jesus. Yes, all is passing but all that is filled with Christ, endures!

Enjoy the rest of the summer and the beauty of God's first gift: creation.