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✠ **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ✠

July 26, 2026

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION: Families in our three parish communities who wish to have their children prepare for First Holy Communion **and** Confirmation are invited to an **informal information session** on **Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m.** in the **parish hall at St. Lawrence O'Toole, Barry's Bay.**

Parents are the **primary educators of their children in the faith.** Throughout the preparation period, **the parish will provide resources, guidance, and catechetical support** to help families walk this path with confidence and joy.

Jesus the Good Shepherd opens the gate before us and calls us into the generous, ever-awakening life of God. May this time of preparation be a moment of blessing for our children and for our whole parish family.

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.

Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

July 27 – August 1

Tuesday SLO NO MASS

Wednesday HCM 9:00 a.m. + Dr. Denise Coulas *by Kathy Neskovic*

Thursday HCM 9:00 a.m. + Alphonse Yantha *by Marie Yantha*

Friday SLO 9:00 a.m. + Paul Kuiack *by Charlotte & Family*

+ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

August 2, 2026

Saturday SLO 4:00 p.m. + Clarence Prince *by Karen & Kaylee Pierunek*

Saturday SFdS 6:00 p.m. + Dianna May Madigan *by B. W. Madigan*

Sunday HCM 9:00 a.m. + Michael Sauro *by Judy & Rick Sauro*

Sunday SLO 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

SLO August 1

Jane Beahen

Beverly Glofcheskie

Bruce Sullivan

Barry Dombroskie

SLO August 2

Judy Filion

Ursula Jeffrey

John Jeffrey

Jamie Prince

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

SFdS August 1

Katrina Boguski

HCM August 2

Joseph Baklinski

Tony Harrison

Michael Palubeskie

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Wednesday - Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus, disciples of the Lord

Thursday - St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor

Friday - St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Saturday - St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for parishioners and friends who are sick: *Diane Green, Ray Vananburg,*

Patricia Duggan, Judy Sauro, Carmel Rumleskie.

- for those who have died, especially: *Jacob DeVries; Marie Dombroskie, Roger Mahon.*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: *The grace we receive in Confession not only heals our sins and restores us in our friendship with God — it strengthens us to forgive others with the Divine Mercy we ourselves have received.*

SLO: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy. Weekdays – before/after weekday Masses in the sacristy.

HCM: Before all weekday and weekend Masses.

SFdS: Before/after Mass

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY: TODAY was established by Pope Francis in 2021 and observed each year on the last Sunday of July, near the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Pope Francis reminds us that grandparents and elders are “the living memory of the Church,” carrying wisdom, tenderness, and the perseverance of faith. He instituted this day so that every parish might recognize the vocation of older adults: to hand on hope, to keep the story of faith alive, and to show that God never sets anyone aside. As we honour our grandparents and elders today, we give thanks for their prayers, their stories, and the quiet fidelity that has shaped our families and communities. Their witness steadies us in uncertain times, and their love roots us more deeply in Christ. May this day renew our gratitude for the generations who have built our parish with faith, sacrifice, and joy. May the Lord bless them with strength, peace, and the joy of knowing how deeply they are cherished.

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.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

SLO: Total: \$2,533.00 (Envelopes: \$1,921.00; Loose: \$402.00; Visitors: \$140.00; E-transfer: \$40.00; Building Fund: \$30.00)

HCM: Total: \$1,575.10 (Envelopes: \$711.00; Loose: \$254.10; E-Transfers: \$350.00; Summer Collection: \$150.00; Building Improvement: \$110.00)

SFdS: Total: \$575.00 (Envelopes: \$400.00; Loose: \$120.00; Summer Collection: \$5.00; Building Improvement: \$50.00)

Every parish is its people: a community where Christ's beauty and mercy take living form in faith and service. Thank you for your generous donations, which sustain our mission and ministry.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD PRAYER GROUP: Looking for a prayer group to attend? We meet every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church. Our purpose in being, is first and foremost, to give praise to God, and to intercede for the needs of others. All are welcome. For more information call Greg or Mary at 756-6643.

SAINT BONAVENTURE SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY: meetings take place at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Hall the last Sunday of the month starting Sunday September 27. All those interested in learning more about the charisms and the way of life of Saint Francis of Assisi or to learn more about becoming a Secular Franciscan, are welcome to attend Saint Bonaventure Fraternity meetings at 1:00 - 3:00 pm the last Sunday of each month starting September through to and including June. For more information or questions please contact: Marek Milan (613) 756-2835.

THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND READING - Romans 8:28-30: St. Paul unfolds a vision of God's saving purpose through the language of foreknowledge, calling, restoration, and glory. He is not describing a narrow destiny reserved for a select few, but the vast horizon of God's loving intention for all creation. God "foreknows" us by beholding each person in the fullness of the redeemed humanity we are created to become. God "predestines" us by willing that we be conformed to Christ, the perfect image of true humanity.

This passage assures us that God's love is neither fragile nor exclusive, but steadfast, faithful, and ultimately victorious. No power in creation can frustrate the good that God desires for us, and nothing can separate us from the love made known in Christ Jesus. Paul's words invite us to trust that God's grace is always at work beneath the surface of our lives, quietly drawing us toward the likeness of Christ. God's purpose is not a distant decree fixed in the past, but a living and healing presence active in every moment of our journey. Even amid uncertainty, suffering, or failure, God continues to shape us with patient love. In this promise, we find courage and hope, confident that the story God is writing in our lives is one of restoration, transformation, and, ultimately, glory.