

## **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **June 25, 2017**

*As we humbly gather in this sacred place, we seek the God  
who rescues the poor and the downhearted.*

#### **Parish Pastoral Council - Election Results**

Thank you to all of our candidates for agreeing to stand for election, and for to everyone who voted in the recent pastoral council elections. Congratulations to the top 6 voted candidates: **Marilyn Olson, Alan Dunham, Nick Jaz, Sarah MacDonald-McLean, Mark McAvoy,** and **Barb Paquette**, who have been elected to the Parish Pastoral Council.

#### **GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH SEEKING PART-TIME YOUTH**

**MINISTER:** To start in August 2017. The parish will receive applications until July 7; please forward your resume to [charityc564@gmail.com](mailto:charityc564@gmail.com). No phone calls please. We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

#### **Good Shepherd Parish Welcomes Dn. Denis (“Dan”) Careau**

As many of you might know, the new pastoral assignments for the Archdiocese of Ottawa have just been published. In regard to our parish, Fr. Hezuk Shroff and Fr. Greg Murray will continue as Pastor and Associate Pastor, and Dn. Wayne Lee has been re-assigned to Good Shepherd as our Permanent Deacon. We also are very happy to announce to you that Good Shepherd Parish will be receiving a second Permanent Deacon, Dn. Denis (“Dan”) Careau. Deacon Dan’s appointment officially begins August 1, but you will likely see him around the parish before then. Deacon Dan and his wife, Dee, will be present on July 16 at our parish BBQ, so parishioners will have the opportunity to get to know them better then. Welcome to Good Shepherd, Dn. Dan and Dee!

**Hike for Life** - Thanks to the Good Shepherd family and individuals who participated in the Hike for Life 2107. Our parish raised \$814.75 to support the pro-life educational initiatives of Action Life Ottawa.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE SHEPHERDS OF GOOD HOPE** –

Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>; 10-18 volunteers 830 am to 1 pm

Monday August 7<sup>th</sup>; 4-5 volunteers 830 am to 1 pm

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** – The office will be closed on Mondays for the months of July and August

**GUIDED TOURS OF NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL - JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2017:** *This year, there will be free guided tours of the cathedral during the summer months. Further info:* (<http://www.notredameottawa.com/guided-tours-2017>).

## Offering for June 18, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2775.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	<u>\$ 649.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 6084.00

Our financial requirements are approx. **\$8,000** per week to support our approx. **\$2,000** a week mortgage payment.

### Deacon's Corner – Matthew 10, 26-33 – “Fear not ...”

Jesus didn't consider equality with God a thing to be grasped for, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, yes, the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:6-8).

Jesus tells us not to expect anything better for ourselves. Jesus came to serve--to give--to save--and Jesus expects us to serve--to give--and to save. Evil people hated Jesus, and Jesus warns us that evil people will hate us too--if we are doing our job as his disciples.

Jesus tells us not to fear. He says, **"Don't be afraid of (evil people), for there is nothing covered that will not be revealed; and hidden that will not be known" (v. 26).** Evil people love darkness, because it hides their evil deeds. They conspire in secret. They cover their tracks.

They can run from God, but they can't hide. Truth will triumph! Truth-tellers will be vindicated! God will not permit evil to win--that is Jesus' promise!

Then Jesus tells us again not to fear. **"Don't be afraid of those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. Rather, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna" (v. 28).**

It's interesting that the scriptures never tell us to fear Satan. Christ has defeated Satan. Satan is history. However, the scriptures tell us often to fear God. **"The fear of (God) is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10).** That isn't a call to become anxious, but to become reverent. It's a call to align ourselves with the Lord. If God is for us, it matters not who is against us. But if God is to be for us, we must also be for God. If we want God to be on our side, we must also be on God's side.

Then Jesus gives us another reason why we need not fear. We serve a God who knows and cares about every sparrow. We serve a God who knows and cares about every hair on our heads. God loves us with that kind of intensity. All this talk about fear takes place in a context where Jesus is telling his disciples to proclaim the Gospel from the housetops.

Jesus is asking us to have the courage to proclaim the Gospel in the face of opposition. In our experience, there has been little opposition. We might fear offending a neighbor or co-worker if we mention Jesus, but we know little about opposition. The Christians of the first century experienced terrible persecutions--but we are removed from those experiences by half a world and two thousand years. In fact, in our experience, the church is a good place to meet people--to network--perhaps to find a job--perhaps to find a customer--perhaps to find a friend. There isn't much of a downside.

The words of Jesus to first-century Christians are meant for us too. Jesus says, **"Don't be afraid of those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul" (v. 28).** He assures us that God loves us so much that the very hairs of our heads are numbered. And then he promises:

**"Everyone therefore who confesses me before men, him I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies me before men, him I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven." (vv. 32-33).**

The image is of Jesus as our advocate--our counsel--our lawyer--pleading our case before the Father. With Jesus on our side, we cannot lose.

Let's sincerely hope that our present troubles will be settled soon--that extremists from every religion will come to realize that, under our skin, we are all brothers and sisters--that suicide bombers will decide to make love instead of war--that our children will grow up amidst peace and prosperity.

But I am not sure that is what we will get. Jesus has not promised us a Rose Garden.

What we need to consider thoughtfully is this--if it becomes dangerous to be a Christian, where we will stand--on which side of the line--with Jesus--or across the gulf on the other side.

Let's pray that God will be with us. Let's pray that we will be with God.

## **INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, June 24– Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm †Guenter Andrews req by the Hlady family  
†Lloyd Wong Buckley req by the family  
†Vivian Lusignan req by Dr. G.M. Lusignan  
†Kuriaiype and the Souls in Purgatory  
Deceased members of the CWL

### **Sunday, June 25 –Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For Our Parishioners  
11:15 am †Guenter Andrews req by Stase Danaitis  
Intention of George & Dorothy Gibbs req by Gail Lussier  
Intention of Nancy Mackay req by Jean Hall

### **Monday, June 26 – Twelfth Monday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am †Theodora Morgan req by Willy

### **Tuesday, June 27 – Twelfth Tuesday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory

### **Thursday, June 29 – Solemnity Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

9:00 am †Ginette Laurin Mariette req by a Parishioner

### **Friday, June 30 – Twelfth Friday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am In loving memory of Jack, Peg, Joe & Sylvie

### **Saturday, July 1 – Thirteenth Sunday on Ordinary Time**

9:00 am †Pilar Viterbo req by the Magmanlac family

5:00 For Our Parishioners

### **Sunday, July 2 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am †John McCormick req by Sean & Anna May O'Carroll

11:15 am †Guenter Andrews req by Stase Danaitis  
Intention of Dominique Duma for thanksgiving and  
healing  
req by the family  
Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

*Please pray for our sick;* Joe MacDonell, Rose Dugandzic, Jean-Ella Lemire, Bob & Francine Davidson, Bonnie Lehman, Elsie & Steve Stadler, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Dorothy Dillon and John MacDonald.

*Please pray for our deceased,* that they may be received into God's love.

## **143<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO STE-ANNE-DE-BEAUPRÉ AND CAP-DE-LA-MADELEINE, AUGUST 12-13,**

**2017:** Weekend Celebrant is Bishop Michael Mulhall, Diocese of Pembroke. Pilgrimage theme "*That My Joy May Be In You.*" Pope Francis has invited all Catholics to continue practicing the Jubilee of Mercy for 2017. Info: Mike Budge (613-224-8110); ([www.ste-anne-de-beaupre.com](http://www.ste-anne-de-beaupre.com)).

### **PRO LIFE CORNER**

As we hear in St. Mathews Gospel today "so do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows." then let us in our prayers and our actions be advocates for all unborn babies and for those who may be considering medical aid in dying. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that every human life must be protected from conception until natural death.

**Pregnant?** thought of adoption? visit: [www.adoptionincanada.ca](http://www.adoptionincanada.ca) or [www.abortionincanada.ca](http://www.abortionincanada.ca)