

The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2017

*We come together seeking the reign of God, giving thanks
and praise for this great gift.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – The 7th annual VBS will take place on **August 14th - 18th from 9:00 am until 12 pm.** It's a summer camp with fantastic and fun activities for children and youth entering into grades between SK and 7 (or conversely, coming out of grades between JK and 6. The cost of the camp \$70 for this first child and \$10 for each additional child not to exceed \$90 per family. Registration forms can be found on the book shelf in the gathering space.

Spiritual Adoption

I am now 7 months old. I can turn my head from side to side; my arms, legs, and body are becoming plump because of all the needed fat accumulating under my skin. I enjoy moving a lot, so my mom is having some trouble sleeping. I especially like kicking and somersaults are so much fun. Please keep praying for me and my mom. Many unborn babies are aborted even at this stage of their life, yes even in Canada. *Catechism of the Catholic Church: 2270* Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.

Good Shepherd Parish Bible Study. The Fall session, beginning the week of September 18, 2017, for 10 weeks, will study the Gospel According to Mark. The course, using materials prepared by Little Rock Scripture Study, is offered twice a week - Monday evening or Wednesday morning. Application forms can be found on the bookshelf at the back of the church. Please apply by August 18, 2017. For further information contact gsbiblestudy@rogers.com

GUIDED TOURS OF NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL - 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>).

OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM: Basic Training course: **Mon. Sept. 18 – Mon. Nov. 27.** Advanced Course: **Tues. Oct. 3- Tues, Oct. 24.** Continuing Education: “Beneath the Cry for Help: Pastoral Care and Suicidality” **Tues. Nov. 7.** Info: Verna Nuttall (verna@storm.ca) or (www.ottawapastoralcare.com)

VOLUNTEER WITH THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: Founded as a social service to provide items to the needy, the Thrift Stores also sell merchandise to the general public, with profits going to the community. Volunteer depending on availability. Contact: Jenny (613-722-7166 x13); (ssvp.jenny.martin@gmail.com).

Offering for July 22 & 29, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 5259.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 5320.00
Loose:	<u>\$ 1093.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 11672.00

Mission Mwanza

\$ 3822.00

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

Reflection from Father Greg Murray

In our gospel reading for the feast of the Transfiguration, the Apostles, Peter, James, and John receive a great gift, a wondrous miracle, a real proof of God's presence. They see Jesus in His glory, the divine Son of God among them. He is the one "...like a human being, coming with the clouds of heaven." The one prophesied by Daniel. This is a marvelous blessing, but it also contains some unexpected consequences. They have seen the glory of the Lord, and so are given the responsibility of sharing their Lord's life, including the hardships he had to endure. Look at what comes after: Jesus goes on from there to Calvary, and suffers and dies upon the cross. Peter is martyred for his faith in Rome: James is beheaded by Herod: John is spared martyrdom, but spends most of his remaining years in exile. From a human point of view these outcomes would not be described as fortuitous, or as apt rewards for faithfulness. But does that mean that God isn't present, that God has abandoned His Apostles? If we see only with the eyes of the world we'd probably say yes; how are these fates in keeping with God's promises of reward? But as Christians we're called to see with the eyes of faith, and understand that things are not always as they seem. We need to see God's purpose in all the events of life. To believe that Jesus has experienced our lives Himself and is with us through it all. To believe what Daniel says: "His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and His Kingdom is one that shall never be destroyed." If Jesus has received dominion over all the world, if He is the divine Son of the Creator, if he did love us so much as to suffer and die on our behalf, and if He was raised to new life to have providence over all life, over all human fortune and misfortune, then everything that happens to us must have a purpose, and that purpose must be a loving one. Just because we see something as negative, as contrary to our perceived happiness, doesn't make it so. No. We don't always understand, but we can believe, and believing we can begin to gain some insight into the human condition of good and evil, and so receive the grace to hold firm to the promise that: "All things work together for good for those who love Him." God bless you.

REGISTERING FOR KINDERGARTEN - OTTAWA

CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD: If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2017, then it's time to register for the kindergarten program at Ottawa Catholic School Board elementary schools. Info: (ocsb.ca/registrations).

PRO-LIFE MASS: To pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa., **Sat., Aug. 26, 10:00 a.m.**, St. Isidore, 1135 March Rd., Kanata & **Sat., Sept. 16, 9:00 a.m.**, Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1758 Alta Vista Dr. Info: Wanda (613-831-2515); (wandawoj@rogers.com).

INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 5– The Transfiguration of the Lord

9: 00 am For Our Parishioners

5:00 pm †Guenter Andrews req by Peggy & Peter Houliston

†Lorna Kennedy req by Claudia & Denis Cudahy

†Lillian Romard req by Jean, Rene & Sarah

Sunday, August 6 –The Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

11:15 am †Mae McNeely req by Jean Hall

Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

Monday, August 7 – Eighteenth Monday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory req by Cecile Pilon

Tuesday, August 8– Memorial – St. Dominic, Priest

9:00 am Intention of Patrick Leland req by the MacDonald family

Thursday, August 10 – Feast - St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

9:00 am †Ricardo Guzman req by Jack & Dyann MacDonald

Friday, August 11 – Memorial – St. Clare, Virgin

9:00 am †Dorothy Quinn req by Joe & Margaret McGlade

Int of Sheila & Jacques Carriere on their 50th Wedding

anniversary req by Bob & Joan Dunn

Saturday, August 12– Nineteenth Sunday on Ordinary Time

5:00 pm †Leonidas & Carmelina Roperero req by the family

†Duncan Robson req by Bob & Joan Dunn

Deceased members of the Pereira family

Sunday, August 13 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

11:15 am †Lorna Kennedy req by Carol Faure

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

Please pray for our deceased, including Katie Theresa Lewis, that she may be received into God's love.

ALL NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF

FATIMA; For Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St.

Maurice Parish, **Thurs. Sept. 7 11:00 p.m.- Fri. Sept. 8 6:00 a.m.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet at

3:00 a.m. **Contact:** Shirley & George Nedoborski, 613-225-6529,

george@nedoborski.com

PRO LIFE CORNER

At the end of life, one is faced with a weak and deteriorating body while at the same time the soul is experiencing a moment of great openness and strength. This mystery of the human person is critical in understanding the end of life.

Do you know that Canada is the only democratic country in the world does that not have any laws to protect unborn children; that the Ontario government spends about \$50,000,000 per year to fund abortion; that abortion is permitted in Canada for all 40 weeks of pregnancy and that even if a baby survives abortion he or she is left to die? Isn't it time we did something to stop abortion in Canada?