

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
August 20, 2017**

*We gather in this house of prayer as a people brought
together by the love of Christ.*

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

CWL - Congratulations to Patrick MacCarthy for being the recipient of the Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL), Good Shepherd Council's Scholarship in 2017. He was chosen for his exemplary service and support to the Good Shepherd CWL; for his selfless giving and sharing of his gifts and talents to the Good Shepherd Parish activities and ministries; and for his gift of mentorship and example of all youth in our parish. The award will be presented to him on Sunday August 27 at the end of the 11:15 a.m. mass.

Donation of a Good Used Car

Dn. Wayne has become aware of the need for good used car by a member of the clergy of the Archdiocese. In the past Good Shepherd parishioners have kindly donated "gently used" vehicles to those in need. Please contact Dn. Wayne if you may be able to assist in this worthy venture. Contact info is in the Parish Bulletin

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).

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).

REMINDER – PRIESTS FOR LIFE CANADA: In Ottawa, **Mon., Aug. 28 – Wed., Aug. 30.** With Fr. Thomas Lynch, Fr. Stephano Penna and Dr. Jose Pereira. A frank discussion on the issue of pastoral care in the light of Canada's new laws regarding assisted suicide / mercy killing. Info: mail@priestsforlifecanada.com.

Offering for August 13, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1859.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	<u>\$ 646.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 4765.00

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

Fr. Shroff's Corner

Today's Gospel reading is about faith and the universality of Christ's salvific mission of redemption. Jesus was sent into the world to bring His salvation to all. However, within the cultural context of the Gospel, it was believed that salvation was predominantly for the Jews: the people designated by God in the Old Testament to be His chosen people. The Messiah, for whom all faithful Jews waited with an eager expectation, was believed to be only for them. He is "our Messiah," "our Saviour." Jesus makes reference to this in today's Gospel when He says, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." He was referring to the Gentiles, who were considered by the Jewish people to be impure and unworthy of God.

But Christ, at the same time as he acknowledges the cultural stereotype of His people, overcomes it and transcends the borders of race and culture. He wants to show that His salvation is for all who accept it, whether they be Jew or Gentile. God does not discriminate amongst peoples. All He asks for is an act of faith.

Today's Canaanite woman in the Gospel makes that very act of faith when she replies to Our Lord, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the Master's table." Jesus in fact praises her faith: "O woman, great is your faith!" and then grants her her request and heals her possessed daughter.

The Scriptures tell us that faith can move mountains. Jesus Himself told His disciples: "If you have enough faith, even though it be small as a mustard seed, then you will say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and it shall be moved." Jesus invites His Apostles very often to make an act of faith. Recall Peter, for example, walking on the water. He begins to sink only when his faith wavers, and that is when Jesus corrects him by saying, "O you of little faith; why did you doubt?"

Faith is the cornerstone of our relationship with God. Faith gives us eyes to see what otherwise we would not be able to see. We deepen that faith by fortifying our relationship with Christ, especially through the means of prayer. The one who prays will grow in faith; the one who abandons prayer will slowly lose the faith. And finally, let us never forget that faith produces good works. Those works attest to our faith in Jesus, a faith that is lived out in acts of charity toward our neighbour.

Today, let us ask Our Lord for the gift of faith – that it may grow and be strengthened within us. Let us recall the beautiful prayer of Pope Clement XI which begins with these words: "Lord, I believe in You; increase my faith."

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

INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 19– Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 For Our Parishioners

Sunday, August 20 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Lorna Kennedy req by Marian & Phil Tremblay

†David Turner req by Bobbi Timko

Souls in Purgatory req by Mariane Louis-Seize

The family of Michael Osezua req by the family

11:15 am †Hosanna Kejderian req by Father Shroff and the RCIA team

†Dn William Svab req by the Parishioners of Good Shepherd

†Florenio Agpoon req by Elisa Agpoon

Monday, August 21 – Memorial – St. Pius X, Pope

9:00 am †Lorna Kennedy req by Sean & Anna May O'Carroll

Tuesday, August 22 – Memorial – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am †Guenter Andrews req by Myrna Andrews

Thursday, August 24 – Feast – St. Bartholomew, Apostle

9:00 am The family of Michael Osezua req by the family

Friday, August 25 – Twentieth Friday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday, August 26– Twenty-First Sunday on Ordinary Time

5:00 pm †Lorna Kennedy req by the CWL

†Bill Sheedy req by the CWL

†CK & Aurora McGuire req by Dr. Gm Lusignan

Deceased members of the CWL

Sunday, August 27 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

11:15 am †Donald Pascal req by Agatha Constance

†Flight Sergeant Stanley Ball req by Jim & Pam Aung Thin

Please pray for our sick; Julia Ferguson, Antoinette Tissaaratchy, 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, that they may be received into God's love.

PRO LIFE CORNER

Let us pray that we may do more to welcome, cherish, and protect the gift of life which, like all God's gifts, is irrevocable. Prayer is our most powerful weapon against contraception, abortion, euthanasia, and other attacks against the sanctity of human life. We can storm Heaven with prayers in defence of life from conception to natural death. Join the international rosary for life at: priestsforlifecanada.com Abortion healing retreat takes place Friday 10 - Sunday 12 Nov. For additional information visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or call Lynda or Terry Munroe 613-806-5522 rvr_ottawa@yahoo.ca