

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 16, 2007

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday - Saint Robert Bellarmine  
Wednesday - Saint Januarius  
Thursday - Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul  
Chong Hasang & Companions  
Friday - Saint Matthew

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. George Tessier by Sandra Robinson & family  
Friday 9:00 a.m. Elizabeth McHenry by Pauline & Jim Dickson  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. Runyon & Charron Families by Don & Lana  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Pastor's Mass for the Parish Community  
11:00 a.m. (1) Michel Morin by Claire Laframboise  
(2) Cecile Lavigne by her Daughters

### ARE WE GOING TO HAVE WEEKDAY MASSES?

It is an issue that has been raised a number of times. Understandably so, because many are attached to having Mass on weekdays too! We discussed it at last Tuesday's Parish Pastoral Council meeting. In the discussion, a number of issues surfaced. One of these is the availability of the priest. Without making him the center of it all, the fact is that Fr. Bill has other responsibilities outside our own parish. That makes a fixed schedule for Mass every day practically impossible.



Secondly, There is a difference between Sunday Mass and weekday Mass. Of course, they are all legitimate Masses. Nevertheless, the entire parish is engaged in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday. After all, Sunday is for us Christians the *Day of the Lord*. Sunday – parish community – Eucharist go together. On a practical note, the times for Sunday Masses are fixed and they are indicated on the front cover of the church bulletin. Weekday Masses, on the other hand, are of a more devotional nature. While we'll try to come close to a fixed schedule, their times may vary. That is the reason why those interested in weekday Masses will need to consult the first inside page of the weekly bulletin, where they normally will be the first item.

Thirdly, Mass is for us Christians not the only way to worship and pray. There is the Church's morning and evening prayer. We can think of a Liturgy of the Word. We can come together for a period of meditation which, in fact, a group is already doing. The potential repertoire is quite rich. How about exploring that rich repertoire?

Naturally, this is not the last word about the issue but, let us give it a try.

### WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST LAST SUNDAY!

That was **Sunday Eucharist** at its finest! Ideally, a parish has only one Sunday Eucharist, but we tried to accommodate those who have difficulty joining us on Sunday morning, especially when it is outside. To all of those who worked for it, who "executed" it, who participated in it, **many thanks!** Similarly, our thanks to all

those who made the lunch after Mass such a success! **What a spirit, fellowship, and life!** Much to be grateful for and to build on!

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS:** \$1,820.00

Thank you for your support!

**ST PAUL'S CEMETERY – AYLMEER ROAD:** Liturgy of the Gospel (Bilingual service) – **September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** In case of rain, the service will be held at St. Mark's Church. The cemetery will be closed to vehicles between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

**WYD & EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS FUNDRAISER:** Apple pies are being made by the two groups and are being sold or **picked-up after Mass on September 21 and 22.** They are \$8.00 each. **To order your pie(s),** contact Julie Salois 819 684-7254.



**HELP NEEDED FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

The Parish Pastoral Council needs a secretary to record the minutes of its monthly meetings. PPC meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month from September to June (there is a recess during the summer months). Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. (or after the evening mass if there is one) and last on average about an hour and a half. To volunteer, please call or email Jean-François Landry (819 682-0064; [landryjf@sympatico.ca](mailto:landryjf@sympatico.ca)) or the Parish office.



**MEET AND GREET PLANNED:**

***Come one, Come all! Monday, September 24, 7:30 p.m.***

Fr. Bill is not the only “new kid on the block”. There are many new parishioners who have joined us at St. Mark's over the last year or so. How about getting together with the more “established” parishioners on Monday evening September 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall? We may have met already at Sunday Mass, but that is usually a quick encounter. A less formal get-together over something to eat and drink may give us an opportunity to get to better know St. Mark's parish and each other. Various parish activities could be explained and we could share our views and expectations...

Who are the newcomers? Well, anyone who has joined us in the last year or two, and others who may want to know more about St. Mark's. Please, no one excluded.

Who are the more “established” parishioners? We could start with those whose names are listed on the last page of the church bulletin, plus their associates. Of course, this is not a matter of “us” and “them. We are all followers of Jesus Christ. And that makes us all be in the same boat, His boat. It is an experiment well worth trying. **Since the event will be catered, please RSVP your attendance to Parish Office 819 684-6926 by Tuesday, Sept. 18.**

**ST. MARK'S GOLF TOURNAMENT: Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

It is time for St. Mark's annual golf tournament! For the second year in a row, we'll be golfing at **Le Vieux Moulin** in Aylmer. **Price:** \$60 for golf and dinner; \$12 for the dinner only (kids 10 and under are free). **The proceeds from this event will support our young parishioners who are participating in the two major Roman Catholic events in 2008: World Youth Day in Australia and the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City.** Lots of fun and prizes! For more information/register/volunteer, please call Greg Fergus at 819 684-6416 or 613 552-6416.





**SPAGHETTI SUPPER & AUCTION:**

We will be hosting our *4<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti Supper & Auction* on **October 21<sup>st</sup>**. If you have items to donate for the auction, please call Rita 819 684-8445, Joan 819 684-5039, Fran 819 684-3329 or Florence 819 682-5619.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** Forty years ago, when Development and Peace commenced operation was certainly a time of great energy and expectation: **EXPO 67**, The **Space Race** that would see mankind leave its imprint on the Moon...**Renewal** in the Catholic Church, sparked by the Second Vatican Council. The stirring Encyclical *Gaudium et Spes* (of Joy and Hope), published just over a year before, spoke ardently of the “Joys and Hopes, the Grief and Anxiety of the peoples of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way inflicted. These are the Joys and Hopes, the Grievs and Anxieties of the followers of Christ.”

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Kindly remember May McGee, Wandaw Bobrowski, Hilda Preslawski, Arthur Patacairk, John Foran, Danica Havlin, Delina Farkas, Robert Nolan and their families in your prayers.

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