

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 23, 2007

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday - Saints Jean de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and companions
Thursday - Saint Vincent de Paul
Friday - Saint Wenceslaus or Saint Lawrence Ruiz
and companions.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24TH

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Mabel Danson by Debra Connors
Friday 9:00 a.m. George Tessier by St. Vincent de Paul
Saturday 7:00 p.m. Helen Laverty by Seniors Sunshine Group

Sunday 9:00 a.m. (1) Louise Frawley by Jose Hamilton
(2) Peter Proulx by Wayne & Marie Harris
11:00 a.m. Pastor's Mass for the Parish Community

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: \$2,587.00

Thank you for your support!

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 the last 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.

MARGARET SOMERVILLE, an author who helps us reflect on difficult ethical issues. Last Monday, *the Ottawa Citizen* carried an article by Margaret Somerville. That has happened a few times during the year. She deals with difficult ethical issues of our time. This time she writes about 'The rights of the unconceived'. *As families change – she writes – more children will be conceived as 'genetic orphans' – we need to determine society's obligation to the children it helps bring into being.*

For those interested in getting more acquainted with her thinking, she has written the book *The Ethical Imagination, Journeys of the Human Spirit*. It is not an easy read, but well worth the effort.

BAPTISM:

This Sunday afternoon, 17 children will be baptized. Kindly remember them and their parents in your prayers.

Jayden	son of	Stephanie Clairmont & Denis Charron
Courtney	daughter of	Christa Martin & Joey Chartrand
Lukas	son of	Laura Beattie & Jack Slawecki
Hannah	daughter of	Alana Vadneau & Dennis Cyr
Emilie	daughter of	Rachelle Gervais & Chad Renaud
Taylor	daughter of	Julie Pombert & Steve Vinette
Keyshawn	son of	Gina Mandar & Shayne Leggo
Jayden	son of	Ashley Shea & Kevin Leon
Reegan	daughter of	Heather St-Aubin & Jeffrey St-Aubin
Cooper	son of	Allana Hayes-Stevenson & Sean Stevenson
Noah	son of	Teresa Gravelle & Thomas Walsh
Yannick	son of	Rosalina Chandra & Danielle Latreille
Haley	daughter of	Karen Umrysh & Matthew Potvin
Evan	son of	Jasmine Paquette & Joseph Pantuso
Kalyana	daughter of	Jasmine Paquette - Cloutier & Patrick White
Reuben	son of	Diana & Robert Kibuka Musoke
Rosalie	daughter of	Marie-Noelle Pelletier & Paul Campbell

SEE OUR BULLETIN INSERT THIS WEEK - FOR MORE CHURCH NEWS!

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 7:30PM (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) 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...

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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.

INVITATION FROM THE BISHOPS TO GIVE GENEROUSLY:

On **Sunday, September 30th**, the annual **Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada** will be held. The money raised will help finance the activities of the **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB)**. This organization was created by and for the Bishops of Canada to support one another in their pastoral responsibilities and to respond to major issues in Canadian society and the Church. Thank you for giving generously.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Kindly remember Wandaw Bobrowski, Hilda Preslawski, Robert Nolan and their families in your prayers.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES: Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the Tessier family on the loss of Delina Farkas.

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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.



ST. MARK'S GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Sunday, September 30th

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 **4th Spaghetti Supper & Auction** on **October 21st**. 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.

BENEFIT TEA PARTY - GRANDMOTHERS IN AFRICA – An estimated 13 million children in Africa have been orphaned by AIDS. Grandmothers bury their own children and then raise their grandchildren with little to no support. The Gogo Grannies of Aylmer are holding a Benefit Tea Party with live entertainment in aid of Africa's grandmothers on Sunday, October 14th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in St. Mark's church hall. Advance sale tickets only: \$15.00 adults; \$7.00 children (8-12 years); children under 8 free. Contact: Dora at 819-685-1352 or Trudy at 819-685-1591. All proceeds go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. For information on the Foundation, visit www.stephenlewisfoundation.org