

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL

June 29, 2008

Mathew 16:13-19

You put the question to me, Lord: "Who did you say that I am?"

As I pray about your question, your own words echo in me: "*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.*"



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 30TH

PLEASE NOTE: Weekday Masses are cancelled until Friday, August 15th

Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Lajoie family by Marie
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Herman DeBlois by Claudette and family
	11:00 a.m.	Roland Aubrey by Gloria Henderson and family

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS: \$2,295.30 Thank you!

The Parish General Assembly of June 17

A respectable number of parishioners attended this year's **Parish General Assembly**. We were given well-prepared reports of the activities and concerns of both the **Parish Pastoral Council** and the **Fabrique** by their respective chairpersons, Jean-François Landry and Henri Lacasse. It was an informative session much appreciated by those present. It was followed by some welcome food and drink (for some it was their supper) and by fellowship.

Parish General Assemblies tend not to be well attended. That is unfortunate because much of parish business is on the table. Is the timing right? The last week of school, the beginning of the summer, we have had our fill with meetings.... The attendance at ours was respectable.

Still, one cannot help but wonder what forum we have to design and give ourselves where we as parishioners can constructively discuss together the things we may be talking about in the parking lot or at Tim Horton's, the things we talk about in small groups, the things that make us leave St. Mark's, the things that make us come to St. Mark's.... it would also be the sort of forum where we could discover the small steps we could and/or need to take – but steps carried and supported by the parish community – if we want to be serious about the challenge of our Bishop *to move from the practice of preparing for sacraments to the practice of forming for the Christian life*. This is not simply the challenge coming from our Bishop. It is the challenge that comes from our drastically changed times, it comes from the humble and almost negligible place the Church has in our society today; it comes from the difficulties we face in passing on the faith we cherish to the next generation. It may well come down to the question, how to be Church of Christ today? What is the Spirit of Christ telling us not in our private visions, but in our communal Spirit-led discernment?

We baptized 14 children last Sunday!

We did it in two groups, one at 1:00 p.m. and another at 3:00 p.m. Naturally, being baptized is important for the children and for their families. But it is also important for the parish. That parish dimension is not so obvious when we celebrate baptism on Sunday afternoons. Mind you, it is still a parish celebration and the few dedicated parishioners that look after the different ministries are well aware of that. That also applies to those who take care of the music, which is so much part of a good celebration of the sacrament of Baptism too.

In the fall, we have to make an attempt to get some more parishioners to help us in looking after the different ministries that are called for in the celebration of baptism. As it is now, too much is being asked from the few that do it so well and with much dedication. Yes, it is only five times a year. But imagine spending practically

your entire Sunday afternoon in church, when you also have a job and a family to look after. And this is in addition to taking part in the preparation sessions (five times a year for three sessions) and in visiting most of the families before. In other words, especially for the actual celebration of the baptism we need help.

Anyone interested, please let us know.

Sometimes the suggestion is made to have more baptisms celebrated during the Sunday Mass. That would show how much baptism is also an important parish event. It is a suggestion that we want to take a look at. That is being done in a number of parishes. But as with everything, there are pro's and con's to that. The disadvantage that comes immediately to mind is leaving out some of the parts of the ritual in order to prevent the Mass from becoming too long. But shortcuts, however welcome to some, do not enhance the dignity and the significance of the celebration of Baptism, especially if you make it into a regular practice. At least, it is an aspect to which we need to give some thought.

For some, summertime is the time for a Pilgrimage

Various Shrine organizations sent us their publicity inviting us to their annual celebrations. Of course, we are all on pilgrimage in different ways. It is not a bad idea to join fellow pilgrims at spots that have meant a lot to others on their journey. Here follows the list that we have received:

Sunday, July 27:

70th Anniversary of Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Ann in Cormac

(Highway 512 between Eganville & Foymount)

For information 613 628-2020

Sunday, August 10:

54th Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock Shrine in Mayo

(From Buckingham, go 309 North to Junction 315 North to Mayo)

For information 819 986-3763

I have a soft spot for this one. I worked on it with many others for six years with great delight. And considering the price of gas, this is pretty close.

St. Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal in Montreal, where Brother André has a special place.

Various services are offered, with an English Mass every Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in the crypt church.

For information 514 733-8211

Two Summer Institutes at Saint Paul University: July 7-18

There is ample evidence that those who guide the parish's liturgical life and those who are involved in various parish projects of religious education or faith formation can benefit significantly from some more formal training in these areas. That is what the two **Summer Institutes** at Saint Paul University in Ottawa offer. One is in **Pastoral Liturgy** and the other is in **Religious Education**.

Courses in **Pastoral Liturgy** are:

- Introduction to Liturgy
- The Catechetical Foundations of Liturgical Renewal
- Receiving Baptized Christians into Full Communion
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Liturgical Year
- Sunday Eucharist

Courses in **Religious Education** are:

- Accompanying Adult Faith: Vision and Pastoral Practice
- Foundations in Religious Education
- Catechesis: Processes and Resources
- Introduction to Liturgy
- Ethics and the Religious Educator
- Spirituality for Ministry

Don't be intimidated by the titles of the courses. It is the instructors that really count. And they are all very good.

There is some money set aside in the parish budget to assist parishioners who plan to take one or more of the courses. If you intend to apply for some financial assistance, please do so now so that the money available can be fairly distributed.

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THE CEILING OF THE CHURCH TO BE REPAINTED

This will happen the week of July 7th. At least, that is what the plan is at this point. In preparation, Wayne is removing a number of the hooks that are presently in the ceiling. The only hooks that are left are the ones that we use for the sets of banners we have for the various liturgical seasons.



Come and enjoy...

On Sunday, July 6th in the Church Hall, from NOON until 2:30 p.m.
EVERYONE WELCOME! Donations only.

CAMP AWESOME: This year, **Camp Awesome will take place at Aylmer United Church, 164, rue Principale during the week of August 18th – 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for children aged 4-12 years.** It is an ecumenical event sponsored by the churches in the Aylmer Ministerial Association (St. Mark's Catholic Church, Christ Church Anglican, Aylmer United, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Potter's Wheel Christian Fellowship and Vendocia Ministries). **Registration: Please register by June 30, 2008** (the first 40 children will be accepted). Application forms are available at the Parish Office or call: 819 684-5345, 819 682-2401 or 819 685-2059.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?



Welcome to all who want to make their faith home here! You may come from other places. You may have been "away for a while". Be assured that we love to have you among us. We would appreciate it very much if you identified yourself at Mass, It would also help if you would take time to fill out a registration form. The next time you are with us, you may leave it in the collection basket or give it to one of the ushers or the priest. **WELCOME!**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Kindly remember Dave McCormick, Claire Rochford, Tony Sciampacone, Wandaw Bobrowski, Hilda Preslawski, and their families in your prayers.



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