

Sunday, June 25, 2017
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS: Jeremiah 20.10-13 Romans 5.12-15
Psalm: 69 **Gospel:** Matthew 10.26-33

Saturday, June 24 - 4:00 pm

Offered for: Thomas Sunday – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection
Altar Servers: Cheyenne, Keon and Summer
Lectors: Janine Rourke and Amanda Rourke

Saturday, June 24 – 6:30 pm
Tri-District Elders Lodge

Offered for: Agnes Bero – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection
Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan

Sunday, June 25 – 10:00 am
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Offered for: Ann Terrance – 2nd Anniversary (June 23rd)
Requested by husband Eddie Terrance
and Family
Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylie and Kenia
Lectors: Lisa Tarbell and Bernice Lazore

Tuesday, June 27 – 7:00 pm

Offered for: Hattie Bashaw – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Wednesday, June 28 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Anthony John McDonald – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Thursday, June 29 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: John and Louise Mitchell Cree – Memorial Mass
Requested by Margie Lazore

Friday, June 30 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Albert and Bernadette Menard Hamelin
and Lucien Hamelin – Memorial Mass
Requested by Sally Hamelin

Saturday, July 1 - 4:00 pm

Offered for: Julia Thomas – 1st Anniversary
Altar Servers: Megan, Philip and Morgan
Lectors: Liz Sunday and Harold Caldwell

Sunday, July 2 – 10:00 am
Children's Mass

Offered for: Allan Gorrow – 1st Anniversary (June 25th)
From the funeral collection
Altar Servers: Analeyna, Rylie and Kenia
Lectors: Children and Youth

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering cannot be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

DIocese of Valleyfield News

Monseigneur Simard was appointed ordinary member of the Pontifical Academy for Life.

On 16 May 2017, Pope Francis called 45 ordinary members and 5 honorary members to the Pontifical Academy for Life. Corresponding member for several years, Mgr. Noël Simard was reappointed as an ordinary member for a period of five years. This is a mark of confidence the Holy Father and a recognition of the contribution that Mgr. Simard brings many years to the defense and promotion of the value of human life and dignity.

The Pontifical Academy for Life brings together worldwide experts to study the problems concerning human life and dignity, to form a culture of life and to know the mind of the Church on these issues.

Bravo and congratulations, Monseigneur Simard!

The Lord's Prayer (in Mohawk)

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens. NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

JUNE 25 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE HAVE ALL faced times when we have found it difficult to share our faith with others. We may be afraid of being criticized, teased or even losing our job. It is difficult to face these pressures and fears alone. The courage to face them comes only from trust in God's loving care. In today's gospel, Jesus sends his disciples on a mission to proclaim his message publicly. He warns them that they will face opposition in the form of difficulties, persecution and humiliations, but tells them not to be afraid. He asks them and us to trust in God's faithful care and attention. God watches over the sparrow, the cheapest life sold at the market. He has also counted the hairs of our head, knowing whether they are many or few. If he cares for even the smallest creatures in nature and the smallest details of our lives, he will certainly not abandon anyone who follows the way of Christ. He will give us the strength and courage to defend our faith in Jesus. Jesus is present to us in a special way in this Eucharistic celebration. Let us ask him today for the strength and courage to give witness to our faith by our actions, our words and our choices, by the way we live our lives. *Nada Mazzei, Toronto, ON.*

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE DECEASED

Sacred Heart of Jesus, we commend to Your healing love Arthur Tarbell, Orlo Ransom, Clyde Cree, Francis Cree, Nancy Phillips, April Benedict, Isabelle Rourke, Marita Francis, Philip Francis, Hilda Smoke, and all who suffer alone or in the hospitals, nursing homes, and rehabilitation centers.

ANNUAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

Please welcome Sr. Kateri Mitchell on Sunday, June 25th, as she shares information about the annual Tekakwitha Conference. She will speak during the homily at the Sunday Mass. Welcome Sr. Kateri.

ALTAR SERVERS' PICNIC – Diocese of Ogdensburg.

The Vocations Department is trying to re-establish the annual altar server picnic. Please mark your calendars for Friday, August 4th at 11:00. We will start at the Cathedral, attend the noon mass with the Bishop and then go for a picnic and games to the diocesan campus. We will have a small gift to recognize each server who attends. Please contact the Vocation Office by email or phone with your number as the date gets closer. We hope to see many there and have a lot of fun!

IN GRATITUDE

A heartfelt gratitude is being extended to all the coordinators and volunteers at the recent golf tournament fundraiser at Cedar View Golf Course. The narrative report is being completed, including the financial report, and will be presented to the parishioners in next weekend's bulletin. Niawenko:wa/Thank you.

Baptism Seminar

Next session is scheduled for July 11th, beginning at 5:30 pm at the St. Kateri Center. Please obtain and complete a registration / information sheet, and provide a copy of the child(ren)'s Birth Certificate prior to attending. Thank you.

CAMP GUGGENHEIM REGISTRATION

There are still a few spots remaining in most sessions at Camp Guggenheim! Register now for a life-changing week of hiking, swimming, and praising! Register at www.rcdony.org/camp or contact the Department of Youth Ministry for more information: [315-393-2920](tel:315-393-2920) or vlalonde@rcdony.org. You can also contact Laura Morris for assistance in acquiring the forms to be completed for the camp registration.

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Ministry meetings will not be convened during July and August of 2017. Ministry meetings will resume in September 2017. A special meeting will be convened on emergency needs. For questions, please call the Rectory office. Thank you and God Bless.

NEW RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Beginning June 26th, the Rectory office hours will be 9:00 am to 12 noon – Monday thru Friday.
Beginning July 17th, the Rectory office will be closed on Mondays, and will re-open on Tuesday morning. This will remain until further notice.

COLLECTIONS for: June 17 and 18, 2017

\$395.75 CDN \$425.19 US