

August 19 2018

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

John 6: 51-58

Bubby's cookbook

Thirteen-year-old Jared was about to celebrate his bar mitzvah. His grandmother, whom he called Bubby, asked what he'd like for a present. This 13-year-old, who could have asked his grandmother for anything in the world, said, "Bubby, I'd like you to make me a cookbook with all your recipes in it." His grandmother could not have been more touched.

She spent an entire year writing out all the family recipes by hand, and along with the recipes she shared her stories, about special occasions and about special people and what carrying on the traditions of her mother and grandmother meant to her. On the first page of "Bubby's Cookbook," she wrote:

Dear Jared,

I feel greatly honored that you asked me to put this recipe book together for you. I don't know of any other grandchild that ever made such a request. In every way I thank you.

It brought back so many wonderful memories of dinners prepared for various holidays . . . Of course with the many meals and recipes I recorded here came the memories of so many people that gathered at my home, sat at my table and became forever inscribed in my heart and mind . . . Especially Friday nights - the lit candles, the pretty braided challah . . . the beautiful faces that surround it all . . . I feel totally inspired . . . all this becomes my creative expression of my love for all of you.

My attitude toward food centers around bringing people together . . . feelings of warmth toward each other and in celebration of life. What better way to display nature's infinite bounty and beauty, for which I have enormous feelings of appreciation and gratitude.

Jared, I designed these recipes so that they will be easy to follow . . . I hope you find them useful, that you enjoy the creative aspect of cooking and baking, but most of all, that you provide for others, as I'd like to think I did, with the opportunity to share it all.

I love you dearly,

Bubby

A grandson and his grandmother appreciate that food is much more than fuel for the body. Food is about gathering people in a spirit of gratitude for both the gifts of the earth and those gathered to share them; at the tables where, in breaking bread together, we celebrate family and connect with friends; in creating communities of support and reconciliation in the bounty we harvest together. In calling himself "bread" - the simplest and most basic of foods - Jesus connects our everyday acts of humble charity and grateful sharing with the compassion and mercy of God. In the bread of the Eucharist, Jesus transforms us, his church, into his own body and blood; in the Eucharist, we become for one another the bread of compassion and justice and peace that is Christ.

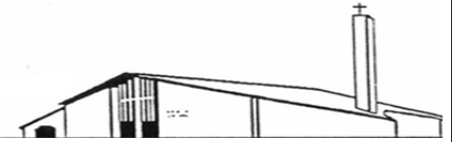
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ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
Sunday Morning - 10:30 A.M.

ROSARY

Saturdays from 11:30 am until 12:30 pm.
RECONCILIATION
Saturdays at 3:00 P.M.; anytime by request

MARIA REGINA PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 4:30 P.M.
Sunday - 9:00 A.M.

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:30 A.M.
Thursday Adoration 10 A.M. - 12 NOON
1st Friday - Acadian Village - 2:00 P.M.
3rd Friday - Silverwood Manor - 2:30 P.M.

MARRIAGES. Six months notice is required; a year's notice is recommended.

BAPTISM PREPARATION. Next Session - *September 24th, 2018 - Please call to register*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. The 3rd Sunday of the month beginning at 2:00 P.M. and ending with benediction at 4:00 P.M.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

St. Stephen's Prayer Group — Wednesday at 7:45 P.M. in the Parish Meeting Room.
Word & Spirit Prayer Group — Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. in St. Anne's Hall.

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 am - 4:30 pm,
FRIDAY - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM **CLOSED DAILY 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

RECEIVED WITH THANKS Aug 11 & 12:

Sunday Collection \$ 2675.95
Capital Repairs \$ 566.05

WELCOME: To relatives, friends and everyone visiting us this summer season. Enjoy your stay and have a safe journey back home.

CONGRATULATIONS NEWLY BAPTIZED:

We extend our congratulations and prayers to Roman James Doucette, Brooklyn Isabel Shular, Hazel Arizona Sophie Young, Callie Lynn St. Croix, Kayley Millicent Hodge, Swyer Leo LeCointre, Charlotte Carrie Rose Jesso and Jasper Charles Kevin Alexander who over the last few weeks recently celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism. May the newly baptized, and their families continue to grow in the ways of faith.

SCENT-FREE : Please be aware that some people have allergic reactions to perfumes and other scents. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU: We would like to extend sincere gratitude to His Excellency Bishop Hundt for officiating mass on Wednesday August 15, 2018 at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Port au Port. We would also like to offer our warmest thanks to everyone who helped make this Eucharist possible.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Hospital visit are made on a regular basis, however, if someone is seriously ill, kindly let us know.

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Sunday August 19, 2019 the Exposition & Benediction will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

EVIL TRIES TO CONVINCe US THAT DEATH IS THE END OF EVERYTHING. BUT THE RISEN CHRIST REVEALS A NEW DIMENSION OF ETERNAL LIFE!"

Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS:

Jesus said to the crowd, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life...." We can hardly blame the crowd for their shock at this statement — eating the Flesh and drinking the Blood of our Lord should cause us a bit of a shock. Yet how easy it is to show up at Mass Sunday after Sunday, receiving the Eucharist as simply part of a weekly routine. If we really spent time contemplating the gift our Lord is offering us in this sacrament, we would be awestruck at the love and power in this gift. Through it, our Lord is giving us the very best He has to give - Himself. Not even the greatest theological scholar or the holiest of saints can fully understand this mystery. Thankfully we don't need to be a saint or a scholar to receive this gift. But we should do our best to receive the Eucharist with gratitude. And we can look to today's readings to glean two fundamental principles for becoming better Christian stewards.

The Eucharist is the foundation for a stewardship way of life. Through His gift of the Eucharist, God fills us with His love and strength. This love and strength empower us to live as generous stewards — to be faithful to the ministries we serve in, joyful in material giving, and offer our very best to our families and secular work. The Eucharist is the ultimate *inspiration* for a stewardship way of life. When we contemplate this gift of God, we will want to make a joyful return to Him. Mass will become anything but routine and we will live each day as His passionate disciples.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018:

The 2018 World Meeting of Families will take place August 21-26 in Dublin, Ireland, with the theme "Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World". Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. Pope Francis will attend the Festival of Families in Croke Park on Saturday 25th August and will celebrate an open air Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sun 26th Aug.

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

Universal:

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Reflection

People can authentically speak to the experience of growth in a family. In small yet steady increments over the years, we grow with our brothers and sisters, as parents we are drawn out of ourselves and into the paradigm that is caring for our children. It offers us opportunities to grow deeper in our humanity, stronger in hope, and more richly in love than we can ever imagine.

Family is not a defined ideal but rather a mosaic made up of many different realities. Families often feel abandoned due to a lack of interest on the behalf of the State. This failure to support is often expressed in a tentativeness to welcome new life, in a tendency to see older persons as a burden, the poverty of loneliness and in an increase of extreme

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Through the sacrament of marriage, your Church sees in human love a sign of your presence. The fruitful love of spouses is an example of what each of us is "called to" as your children: to generate life.

The family is a place of life, hope, the future and communion.

For this reason, I pray to you this month, in union with Pope Francis and the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, for all families, so that they may receive political and economic support to fulfil their mission.

I pray in particular for those who live with greater difficulties, that your Spirit may be their strength and consolation.

Our Father...

Hail Mary

Glory be

HUMOUR: Children's Sermon:

A pastor was giving the children's message during church. For this part of the service, he would gather all the children around him and give a brief lesson before dismissing them.

On this particular Sunday, he was using squirrels for a lesson on industry and preparation. He started out by saying, "I'm going to describe something, and I want you to raise your hand when you know what it is." The children nodded eagerly.

"This thing lives in trees (pause) and eats nuts (pause)..." No hands went up. "And it is gray (pause) and has a long bushy tail (pause)..." The children were looking at each other, but still no hands raised. "And it jumps from branch to branch (pause) and chatters and flips its tail when it's excited (pause)..."

Finally one little boy tentatively raised his hand. The pastor breathed a sigh of relief and called on him. "Well," said the boy, "I "know" the answer must be Jesus ... but it sure sounds like a squirrel to me!"

ASKED TO ANNOUNCE:

WEST ST. CEMETERY COMMITTEE: The West Street Cemetery Committee have opened an account at the Recycling Depot on the Hansen Highway. If anyone would like to donate their recyclables please let a staff member know at the time of drop-off. If you are unable to bring your recyclables to the Depot and wish to donate them, please call 643-5910 to arrange for pickup.

CHASE THE ACE: Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their 9th Chase the Ace fundraiser. This event is held on Sunday with ticket sales starting at 1:00 pm and ending at 3:45 pm with the draw taking place at 4 pm.

Your Weekly Smile - Christian One-Liners

_ God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

_ He who angers you, controls you!

_ If God is your co-pilot, swap seats!