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Newsletter for the week of June 21, 2020

Welcome Back!

The Parish office will be open 18 hours per week for the remainder of June, July and August.

If you need to see Joanne at the office, the best hours would be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9am and noon. If there is anything you need outside of these hours, please leave a message at the office. If it is of an urgent matter, please contact Fr. Joseph at 705-920-1514.

Five Things of which to be mindful

A GENERAL DISPENSATION FROM THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION WILL REMAIN. The dispensation for the obligation to attend Mass will remain in effect. Because of this, the live-streaming of Masses will continue for those who are not able to attend at their churches/parish.

Attendance will be limited. The maximum capacity of each church is reduced to 30% fire code capacity, or fewer if required to ensure physical distancing.

Physical Distancing must be consistently practiced. Expect that your parish church will have pews/rows that are sectioned off, and that family groups and individuals will be asked to keep at least two meters (six feet) distance from each other. Wear a mask to Mass to guard against germ spread. Anyone presenting symptoms of illness or who have travelled out of country in the past 14 days are directed to stay home.

Liturgical changes will be in place. Similar to protocols established when churches were closing, extra precautions will be taken. Temporary adjustments will be made with respect to how we celebrate Mass and receive Holy Communion.

There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass. Even with best health practices and strict physical distancing, anyone who enters a public space should recognize there is a risk of contracting the corona virus. Improved cleaning will occur in our churches, but no one should expect that they will be any safer from germs than in other public spaces.

Till further notice, there will only be one weekday mass for each Parish.

Levack will be 10am on Tuesdays

Dowling will be 10am on Wednesdays

Cartier will be 9am on Thursdays

St. Bartholomew :

Saturday June 20 – Peter Dusick by Linda & family

Sunday June 21 – Linda & Paul Ethier by Liona & David

Tuesday June 23 – Dr. Ronald Andrews by the CWL

Saturday June 27 – For the Pope, our Bishops and Priests

Sunday June 28 - For the People/ Missa pro popula

St. Francis Xavier :

Sunday June 21 – For the People/ Missa pro popula

Thursday June 25 – For Souls in Purgatory by Jeff & Sandy

Sunday June 28 – Ronald Espaniel by Sandy & Jeff

St-Étienne/ St. Stephen the Martyr :

Sunday June 21 – Father Joseph by Arnet & Michelle

Wednesday June 24 – For the conversion of souls by Arnet & Michelle

Sunday June 28 – Béatrice & Fernande Chouinard de Roland

The Catholic Parishes would like to thank the parishioners who have continued to make their weekly donations. Your continued support and generosity at this very difficult time is truly appreciated!

Donations June 14th 2020

Church envelopes (white)	\$ 320.00
Renos	\$ 60.00
HOP	\$ 40.00
Initial Offering	\$ 25.00
Total Deposit	\$ 445.00

Misc. Deposit

June 17th 2020

Knights of Columbus	\$ 114.11
Les Dames du Sanctuaire	\$ 300.00
Canada Emerg. Wage Subsidy	<u>\$ 3639.96</u>
Total Deposit	\$ 4054.07

If any gifting imposes a level of hardship of any kind whatsoever, please do not donate.

If you are able to donate during this time, please consider one of the suggested gifting methods for your current weekly donation:

- 1) dropping your envelope into the parish mail slot
- 2) forwarding to the parish, by local mail, a series of post-dated cheques and Sunday envelopes.
- 3) Signing up for a **PADP** - pre-authorized donation program (contact office for the form)

Congratulations to Phillip Renaud, winner of \$50 in week #9 of the Parish Lottery!

Homily for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel begins with the words: do not be afraid (Mathew 20:26). These four words appear often in the Bible. This phrase 'do not be afraid' was first addressed to the prophets in the old testament. In the new testament, the angel Gabriel spoke it to Mary. And finally, when Jesus commissioned the Apostles to go out into the world, he instructed them not to be afraid. He also added: I will be with you always, to the close of the age (MTT 28:19ff). It is wonderful to hear the same admonition today as we return to the church, for the first time after an absence of three months, due to COVID- 19.

Before he left this world, Jesus told his disciples to be of good cheer, for he had overcome the world. He knew that there would be situations that could arise and break our bodies and spirits, wear us down and possibly affect our belief in God and humanity. But the truth that Jesus taught about God, is that God always remains the same. He is always a caring God, compassionate and forgiving. So we must stick to our calling, be convinced of the message of the good news, and live our lives for God and for each other. And if we must be afraid of anything, let it be the fear of losing God.

May our fellowship today renew our bond of love as one big family, and let us pray that every threat to our life and peace be crushed by the power of God, Amen!

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers! If at times you feel that you're struggling with your role of leadership in your home, we say to you: Do not be afraid; God is with you! Have a great day!

Au début de l'évangile d'aujourd'hui, nous trouvons ces quatre mots : N'ayez pas peur. (Mathieu 20:26). Ces mots apparaissent souvent dans la Bible. Cette phrase a d'abord été adressée aux prophètes dans l'Ancien testament. Dans le Nouveau testament, l'ange Gabriel a répété à Marie: n'ayez pas peur. Enfin, lorsque Jésus a chargé ses disciples de proclamer la bonne nouvelle, il leur a dit de ne pas avoir peur. Il a ensuite ajouté qu'il serait toujours avec eux jusqu'à la fin des temps. (Mathieu 28:19) C'est merveilleux d'entendre ces mots aujourd'hui, alors que nous retournons à l'église après une absence prolongée de trois mois, en raison de COVID-19.

Avant de quitter ce monde, Jésus a dit à ses disciples de ne pas s'attrister car il avait vaincu la mort. Dans notre vie, nous devons parfois envisager des situations pénibles qui peuvent risquer de briser notre corps et notre esprit, nous décourager et même mettre en doute notre croyance en Dieu et en l'humanité. Jésus nous a démontré que Dieu est toujours constant; qu'il est attentionné, compatissant, indulgent, toujours prêt à nous pardonner. Nous devons donc tenir ferme, rester convaincus dans le message de la bonne nouvelle et vivre

notre vie pour Dieu et pour notre prochain. Si nous devons avoir peur de quoi que ce soit, que ce soit notre peur de perdre Dieu.

Que nous puissions aujourd'hui renouveler notre lien d'amour avec Dieu et notre prochain. Prions pour que chaque menace à notre bien-être soit écrasée par la puissance de Dieu. Amen

Bonne fête des pères à tous nos papas! Si parfois vous trouvez votre rôle de père difficile à remplir, nous vous disons :N'ayez pas peur! Dieu est avec vous! Qu'il vous bénisse!!! Passez une très bonne journée!!!

