

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5, 2009



Weekday Masses:

July 6, 7:15 pm
July 7, 8, 9, 10: 8:30 am

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to bring good news to the poor.



FAITH FIRST REGISTRATION 2009-2010

ON-LINE REGISTRATION continues for *all children*

Visit: www.stthomasabecket.org

N.B. A late fee of \$25 will be charged to all registrations received after June 26.

FOR FIRST-TIME REGISTRATIONS, please visit the website posted above and watch the PowerPoint presentation for registration instructions.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Reading 1: Ezekiel 2:2-5 (A Prophet Has Been Among Them)

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (Weak Yet Strong)

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6 (A Prophet at Home)

Adults: What is one thing I can do this week to grow in confidence that God guides my life?

Children: What is one thing I can do this week to help a friend grow in his or her self confidence?

VOCATIONS REFLECTIONS: Look with new eyes at the people in your neighbourhood. Whose son or daughter has the capacity to serve God's people as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Diocesan Vocations Office: 514-925-4348.

VOCATION PRAYER

~ YEAR FOR PRIESTS ~

JUNE 19, 2009 - JUNE 19, 2010



Almighty Father, who gives us new life by your Son's death on the Cross, give us priests who, as signs of Christ, will be ministers of your mercy through Reconciliation, of your love through the Eucharist, of your wisdom by the proclamation of your word, and who will continue to gather the Church in our name.

Send forth your Spirit to strengthen the hearts of those you call and grant them the courage to respond with generous commitment and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Lady of Ville Marie, pray for us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. STEPHEN OTVOS, on his appointment as Pastor of St. Willibrord Parish in Verdun. We wish Fr. Stephen much joy and many blessings in his new ministry.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: small bags of rice, cookies, canned salmon, tomato paste, Kleenex, laundry detergent.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: JULY 05 - JULY 12

Saturday	July 04	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 pm	Dorothy Plamondon	Joyce Clark
Sunday	July 05	
9:00 am	Georges Carré	Bernie & Lois Lavigne
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	July 06	
7:15 pm	Lilian Mertck	Rosa & Pietro Raschella
Tuesday	July 07	
8:30 am	Berthavida Valero	Dawn & Gerry Richardson
Wednesday	July 08	
8:30 am	Nicola & Philomena Ferrara	The Ferrara family
Thursday	July 09	
8:30 am	Anne Hart	Marjorie Duguay
Friday	July 10	
8:30 am	Gratia Belanger	Cecile Trepanier
Saturday	July 11	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 pm	Jean-Jules Tetreault	Lorne & Lorraine Haley
Sunday	July 12	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Alan Transleau	The Gunn family

Readings for July 06 to July 10:

Mon.	July 06	Gn 28: 10-22a	Mt 9:18-26
Tues.	July 07	Gn 19:15-29	Mt 9:32-38
Wed.	July 08	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5a, 17-24a	Mt 10:1-7
Thurs.	July 09	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5	Mt 10:7-15
Fri.	July 10	Gn 46: 1-7, 28-30	Mt 10:16-23

SANCTUARY LAMP: Week of July 5: Elizabeth Pestana requested by the Wight family.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Mrs. Thérèse Hébert (Surprenant) who died on Wednesday, June 17. Mrs Hébert is the mother of Fr. Gilles Surprenant, Pastor of St. Luke's Parish, Pierrefonds. Visitation: July 1, 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m at Memoria, 3254 Bellechase. Funeral Mass will be presided by Fr. Gilles on Thursday, July 2, 11 a.m. at St. Isaac-Jogues, 1335 Chabanel Est.



ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS: All are invited to bring their pets to the apron on **July 5 at 1:30 pm** for a special blessing.

VISIT TO GROSSE ÎLE AND THE IRISH MEMORIAL: The Ancient Order of the Hibernians will make their annual pilgrimage to Grosse Île memorial site on **August 15**, to commemorate the thousands of Irish immigrants who died at sea or in quarantine, after fleeing from the Great Irish Famine in the 19th century. All are welcome. For more information call Victor Boyle at 514-928-7196 or email Reservations@AOH-2009.com



ORDINARY TIME: SUMMER - A SENSE OF THE SEASON

What do the words Ordinary Time mean? Dorothy Day said, “The words ‘Ordinary Time’ in our prayer books put me in a state of confusion and irritation. To me, no time is ordinary.” She was right. The Ordinary in “Ordinary Time” refers to ordinal—counted—time, not to a lack of something to celebrate. The Roman document, General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, says: “Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character [Advent, Christmastime, Lent, Triduum and Eastertime], 33 or 34 weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.”

How do we celebrate “the mystery of Christ in all its aspects”? We gather every Sunday. Sunday is our original feast day. Christians have gathered every Sunday—the day of Christ’s resurrection, the first day of the week—ever since there were Christians.

When we gather on Sundays in Ordinary Time, as always, we hear the scriptures proclaimed. The church reads straight through “the gospel of the year,” either Matthew, Mark or Luke, each week often picking up where we left off last week. (We read John during Lent and Easter, and on feasts.) The first readings, from the first testament of the Bible, have been chosen for their relationship to the gospel passages. Many voices are heard throughout summer Ordinary Time. We also read through some of the letters of the second testament of the Bible. The mystery of Christ “in all its aspects” unfolds.

What is the heart of our Sunday celebration? We do our eucharist; that is, we do our thanksgiving. We praise and thank God for all creation; we pray for the whole world, as we remember Christ’s life, death and resurrection. We share the bread and wine, the body and blood. We are sent forth to be the body and blood of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, our country, our world.

“What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living.” (Saint Andrew Bible Missal [Brooklyn: William J. Hirten Co., 1982.]

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The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



The Lord is my campguide... I have everything I need. He let's me rest at clean campsites with running water and electricity. He gives me good rest, and leads me on the paths marked clearly to the restrooms and hot showers, because he is good. Even though I walk through the valley of mosquitoes, I will not be afraid, 'cuz you giveth me deet. Your campfire and picnic pavilion comfort me. You prepare s'mores and hot dogs in the presence of racoons. You fill my Coleman lantern with oil, and my coffee mug overflows. Surely, good weather and fun will be with me, and I will stay in the Lord's campground forever!

Psalm 23, Campers International Version.