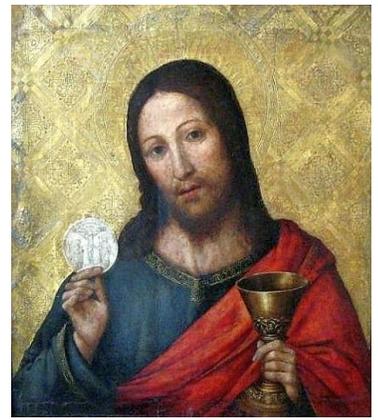


# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 19, 2018



### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: AUGUST 18 TO AUGUST 26

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 18</b>	<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:30 pm	Len Bocarro	The D'Lima Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 19</b>	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Louisa Rodrigues Ferreira	Ester & Deolinda Andrade
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug. 20</b>	
8:30 am	Fernand Fromont	Estate
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug. 21</b>	
8:30 am	Cizaltina Pereira Cabral	Rosemarie Della Rocca
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug. 22</b>	
8:30 am	Cizaltina Pereira Cabral	Christine & Pierre Charron
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Aug. 23</b>	
8:30 am	Cizaltina Pereira Cabral	family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug. 24</b>	
8:30 am	Cizaltina Pereira Cabral	Kathy Tobin
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 25</b>	<b>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:30 pm	Ernie Cassidy	Bill & Maureen Kelly
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 26</b>	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Norman Cornish	The Wellers

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)**

August 19: Barbara Kray, requested by Helen & Manfred

August 26: Peter Silas, requested by the Silas family.

**LORD GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

Shirley Anne Follett, sister of Mary Taillon

Ciro Colella, brother of Vincent Colella

**LECTORS NEEDED:** Are you wondering how to become involved in the parish? Not much extra time to commit? Consider becoming a Lector. You will be asked to read approximately once every 2 to 3 months. A schedule and training are provided. Lectors must be at least 16 years of age. Please consider joining this important ministry. Contact or email Tobias at 514-594-0830, [tkoikaran@terfloth.com](mailto:tkoikaran@terfloth.com)

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AUGUST 11/12 will be published in the bulletin of August 26**

Next special collection: August 26 – Building Fund

## SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED: THE SIGN OF THE CROSS



While tracing a cross over our bodies, we say, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." This simple prayer, however, is no empty ritual. In making the sign of the cross, we are performing a sacred biblical action. We are calling on the name of the Lord.

Whenever someone calls on the Lord's name in the Bible, it is a powerful moment. Throughout salvation history, when people make or renew their covenant with God, they call on His holy name in order to invite God to act in their lives and to express their firm commitment to live in covenant with Him (e.g., Gen. 4:26; 12:8; 26:25; 1 Kings 18:24, 32). Following this Biblical approach to

worship, Catholics begin each Mass by invoking the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In so doing, we invite the Almighty God into our lives and dedicate all that we do in the Mass to His sacred name.

Furthermore, the ritual action itself of making the sign of the cross on our foreheads has roots in Sacred Scripture. In the Book of Ezekiel, for example, a cross-shaped symbol served as a sign of divine protection. God gave the prophet Ezekiel a vision about the judgment that would fall upon Jerusalem for its idolatry. In this vision, the faithful Jews who were marked with the Hebrew letter tau on their foreheads would be spared when the day of reckoning arrived (Ezek. 9:4). What is significant for our topic is that this Hebrew letter had the shape of a cross. Therefore, already in the Old Testament Book of Ezekiel, being marked with a cross on the forehead symbolized covenant union with God and divine protection.

We find this theme continued in the New Testament. Drawing on the Ezekiel image, the Book of Revelation also describes the faithful servants of God in the New Covenant as being marked with a seal on their foreheads. This sign sets them apart as God's people and protects them from the divine judgment that will fall upon the earth (Rev. 7:3).

This helps shed light on the Catholic practice of making the sign of the cross. When we first became Christians, we, too, were marked with the sign of a cross at our baptisms when the priest traced the cross of Christ over our bodies. Therefore, whenever we repeat this basic gesture at Mass, we are retracing the same mark that was placed on us at the beginning of our life in Christ. In so doing, we remind ourselves that we have been set apart by Christ, and we renew our commitment to live in union with Him. As in the time of Ezekiel, the sign of the cross continues to serve as a powerful symbol expressing our covenant with God and His protection over our lives.

*~ Edward Sri*

### WORDS TO PONDER

"Only the Holy Spirit can teach us how to love and free us from our hardened hearts." "You can follow thousands of catechism courses, thousands of spirituality courses, thousands of yoga or zen courses and all these things. But none of this will be able to give you the freedom as a child (of God). Only the Holy Spirit can prompt your heart to say 'Father.' Only the Holy Spirit is capable of banishing, of breaking that hardness of heart and making it docile towards the Lord. Docile when it comes to the freedom to love."

*~ Pope Francis*

**THE FAMILY OF THE LATE WALTER GARGUL---**his wife Mary and their children Rose and Andrew---are most grateful to those who assisted at his funeral last Monday. Special thanks to those who helped out with the reception, and for everyone's prayers and expressions of condolence.

*~ Mary & family*

## **NEW POLICY FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND OTHER VULNERABLE PERSONS**

As Father Sabbath announced at Mass several weeks ago, this fall our parish will begin implementation of the recently created **Diocesan Responsible Pastoral Ministry Policy** to ensure a healthy and safe environment for those who trustingly rely on the services of our Church. The implementation will include systematic methods for achieving a high standard of abuse prevention, screening of staff and volunteers, reporting and responding to abuse, and maintaining documentation. We will provide more information as the program gets underway.

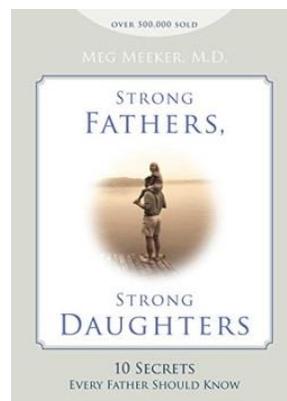
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HEALING SERVICE** scheduled for August 20 at 7:30 pm will be CANCELLED due to unavailability of the Church. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you and hope to see you at our next service: Monday, September 17, at 7:30pm.

**THE CATHOLIC FAITH ALIVE:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ("RCIA") will begin this fall. Learn what we believe as Catholics and why. For all who want to deepen their faith, especially those thinking of becoming Catholic or who are not yet Confirmed. Join Fr. Peter Sabbath and his team and learn in an open atmosphere of discussion, prayer and friendship. No charge, no obligation. Contact Fr. Peter at (514) 626-4111 or at psabbath@gmail.com

**WEST ISLAND PALLIATIVE CARE RESIDENCE-BENEFIT CONCERT**  
Soprano Debut: Julia Cerisano, 14 years of age, will sing a program that includes Bellini, Mendelssohn, Puccini, Andrew Lloyd Webber and more. August 23, 7:00 to 8:00 pm at Mary Queen of Peace Parish. Admission \$15 or donation. Pay at the door. Refreshments afterwards. See poster on bulletin board for details.

**FAITH FIRST NEWS** Registration is now open for new and returning families for the 2018-2019 year. Faith First is a six-year religious education program beginning in grade one, with First Communion celebrated in grade two, and Confirmation celebrated in grade six, once all requirements are met. Please register online at [www.becket.ca](http://www.becket.ca) Info: 514-626-4485.

## **WORTHWHILE READING**



### **Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters: 10 Secrets Every Father Should Know** by Meg Meeker

The author of this bestseller is a pediatrician with more than twenty years' experience counselling girls, and is herself the mother of four children. In today's increasingly complicated world, it's often difficult for parents to connect with their daughters-and especially so for fathers. In this unique and invaluable guide, Dr. Meeker reveals that a young woman's relationship with her father is far more important than we've ever realized. To become a strong, confident woman, a daughter needs her father's attention, protection, courage, and wisdom.

Dr. Meeker shares the ten secrets every father needs to know in order to strengthen or rebuild bonds with his daughter and shape her life-and his own-for the better.

Inside you'll discover these and more:

- \* the essential virtues of strong fathers-and how to develop them
- \* steps for fathers to help daughters avoid disastrous decisions and mistakes
- \* ways in which a father's faith-or lack thereof-will influence his daughter
- \* true stories of "prodigal daughters"- and how their fathers helped to bring them back