

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 18, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: AUGUST 17 TO AUGUST 25

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| Saturday | Aug 17 | |
| 4:30 pm | Sophie Barretto | Carl & Marion Fernandes |
| Sunday | Aug 18 | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9:00 am | Priscilla Fernandes | Marie, Dylan & Paschal Fernandes |
| 11:00 am | Walter Gargul | Bernadette D'Silva & Michael Patry |
| Monday | Aug 19 | |
| 8:30 am | Stanislaw Depa | Family |
| Tuesday | Aug 20 | |
| 8:30 am | Alfred Kolodincki | Anna Donald |
| Wednesday | Aug 21 | |
| 8:30 am | Effie Martin | Merwyn & Cynthia Pereira |
| Thursday | Aug 22 | |
| 8:30 am | Dominic Roselli | The Principe Family |
| Friday | Aug 23 | |
| 8:30 am | Evangeline & Benjamin Alvina | The Buor family |
| Saturday | Aug 24 | |
| 4:30 pm | The deceased members of the Marolly & Rodrigues families | The Marolly family |
| Sunday | Aug 25 | Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9:00 am | Gerry McCallum | Family |
| 11:00 am | Our Parishioners | |

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

Aug 18: Gerry Poisson, requested by his family

Aug 25: Salvatore Battaglia and Provvidenza Infantino Battaglia

LORD GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Monique Rocheleau* - sister of Jocelyne Rocheleau.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AUGUST 17/18

Offerings: \$ 3,976.55 Religious education: \$1,270.00

Next special collection: August 25 – Building Fund

REV. ROBERT ASSALY, transitional deacon, intern at our parish, is studying for the priesthood. At this time in his formation, the Church foresees a consultation of the people regarding his aptitude for eventual ordination, scheduled for September 20. If you are aware of anything in the life, habits or conduct of the candidate which is incompatible with the clerical state, you are bound in conscience to make it known, without prejudice or passion, in the sole interest of the glory of God and the greater good of the Church. Please contact Fr. Peter Sabbath 514-626-4111 or psabbath@gmail.com

POPE FRANCIS ON FAMILY WOUNDS



"We know that in every family history there are moments in which the intimacy of loved ones is offended by the behaviour of its members. Words and actions (and omissions!) that, rather than expressing love, dismiss it or even mortify it. When these hurts, which are still rectifiable, are ignored, they deepen: they transform into impertinence, hostility and contempt. And at that point they can become

deep wounds that divide husband and wife, and induce them to find understanding, support, consolation elsewhere. But often these "supports" do not consider the good of the family! The depletion of conjugal love spreads resentment in relationships. And often this disintegration "collapses" onto the children.

There: the children. Despite our seemingly evolved sensitivity, and all our refined psychological analyses, I ask myself if we are not just anaesthetizing ourselves to the wounds in children's souls. The more you try to compensate with gifts and snacks, the more you lose your sense of these spiritual wounds—so painful and so deep. We talk a lot about behavioural problems, mental health, the well-being of the child, about the anxiety of parents and their children.... But do we even know what a spiritual wound is? Do we feel the weight of the mountain that crushes the soul of a child in those families where members mistreat and hurt one another to the point of breaking the bonds of marital fidelity. How much weight do our mistaken choices place on the soul of our children? When adults lose their head, when each one thinks only of him- or herself, when a dad and mom hurt one another, the souls of their children suffer terribly, they experience a sense of despair. And these wounds leave a mark that lasts their whole lives.

In the family, everything is connected: when her soul is wounded in some way, the infection spreads to everyone. And when a man and a woman, who have committed to being "one flesh" and forming a family, think obsessively of their own need for freedom and gratification, this bias affects the hearts and lives of their children in a profound way. Frequently these children hide to cry alone.... We need to understand this fully. Husband and wife are one flesh. Their own little children are flesh of their flesh. If we think of the harshness with which Jesus admonishes adults not to scandalize the little ones, we can also better understand his words on the serious responsibility to guard the marital bond that gives rise to the human family (cf. Mt 19:6-9). When man and woman have become one flesh, all the father and mother's wounds and neglect have an impact on the living flesh of their children.

It is true, on the other hand, that there are cases in which separation is inevitable. At times it becomes even morally necessary, precisely when it is a matter of removing the weaker spouse or young children from the gravest wounds caused by abuse and violence, by humiliation and exploitation, by disregard and indifference. There are, thanks be to God, those who, sustained by faith and by love for their children, bear witness to their fidelity to a bond they believed in, although it may seem impossible to revive it.

Let us ask the Lord for great faith, in order to see reality through the eyes of God; and for great charity in order to approach people with his merciful heart."

WORDS TO PONDER

"Do you know what the most frequent command in the Bible turns out to be? What instruction, what order, is given, again and again, by God, by angels, by Jesus, by prophets and apostles? What do you think – 'Be Good'? 'Be holy, for I am holy'? Or, negatively, 'Don't Sin'? 'Don't be immoral'? No. The most frequent command in the Bible is: 'Do not be afraid.'"

~ Anglican Bishop N.T. Wright

MONTREAL CONVENTION



How can people pursue goodness, truth, and beauty, even as they encounter evil? The Catholic intellectual tradition offers responses to this question in theology, philosophy, literature, history, law, the arts,

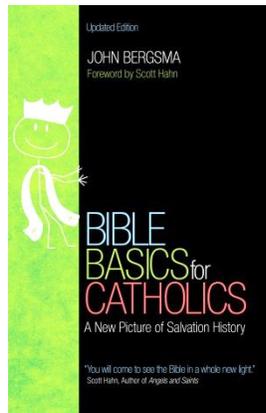
the sciences, education and the Church's pastoral practice. What forms does evil take today in the work of the Church and in the use of civil authority; in culture, economics, and politics; and among adherents of different religions and worldviews? What can people learn from the Catholic intellectual tradition to spur the pursuit of goodness, truth, and beauty not only in spite of, but even through the encounter with evil? These and other questions will be discussed by distinguished Canadian and American scholars. With Montreal Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Dowd and Archbishop Terrence Prendergast of Ottawa. September 27-29, downtown Montreal. Reduced early registration price until August 26. Find out more at www.catholicscholars.org

LIVE YOUR STRENGTHS WORKSHOP

"Be who God wants you to be and set the world on fire," ~ *St Catherine of Siena*
From the June session, one participant said, "you hit it out of the ballpark" with Live Your Strengths. This program, designed to help you discern what God is calling you to do by discovering your unique talents will be taking place at **St. Thomas à Becket on Saturday, Sept 7, 9:00 to noon**. Come enjoy a workshop with parishioners across the diocese and learn a little more about how God created you and what He has in store for you. Registration is required before August 30 <https://emergentstrengths.com/montrealfall2019/> Info Elsa 514-626-4111 ext 222

WORTHWHILE READING

Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History by John Bergsma.
Forward by Scott Hahn



John Bergsma brings to his theology a combination of academic expertise, pastoral wisdom, and unique playfulness. *Bible Basics for Catholics* is based on Bergsma's popular Introduction to Theology course at Franciscan University of Steubenville. As a teacher, Bergsma has an uncanny ability to make complex ideas understandable and faith-inspiring while staying true to both Catholic teaching and biblical scholarship. Readers will begin to see the Christian understanding of salvation by walking through the Old Testament, going through the great stories of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses, the great kings and prophets of Israel, and culminating in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

WISDOM FROM ST. PADRE PIO

"The best means of guarding yourself against temptation are the following: watch your senses to save them from dangerous temptation, avoid vanity, do not let your heart become exalted, convince yourself of the evil of complacency, flee away from hate, pray whenever possible. If the soul would know the merit which one acquires in temptations suffered in patience and conquered, it would be tempted to say: Lord, send me temptations."