

# Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 12, 2018




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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: AUGUST 11 TO AUGUST 19

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 11</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
4:30 pm	Evelina Reda		Kathleen Rush
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 12</b>		
9:00 am	Sebastian & Philomena D'Silva		Atwell D'Souza & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug. 13</b>		
8:30 am	Claude Gagnon		Nicole, Terri & Tom
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug. 14</b>		
8:30 am	Nina Gallo		Rosemary Della Rocca
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug. 15</b>	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
8:30 am	Our Parishioners		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Aug. 16</b>		
8:30 am	Cizaltina Pereira Cabral		family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug. 17</b>		
8:30 am	Antonio Di Grappa		Maria Caputo & family
<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

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

August 12: Annina Di Marco, requested by Donna & Mark Szutowicz & family

August 19: Barbara Kray, requested by Helen & Manfred

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

Walter Gargul, husband of Mary, father of Andrew and Rose Johnston.

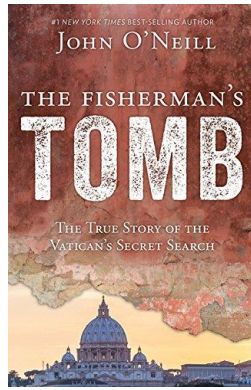
**LECTORS NEEDED:** Are you wondering how to become involved in the parish? Not much extra time to commit? Consider becoming a Lector. You will be asked to read approximately once every 2 to 3 months. A schedule and training are provided. Lectors must be at least 16 years of age. Please consider joining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

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AUGUST 4/5**

Offerings: \$ 5,306.70

Next special collection: August 26 – Building Fund

## WORTHWHILE READING



**THE FISHERMAN'S TOMB:** The True Story of the Vatican's Secret Search by John E. O'Neill and Sarah Wynne.

A Texas oilman. A brilliant female archaeologist. An unknown world underneath the Vatican. In 1939, a team of workers beneath the Vatican unearthed an early Christian grave. This surprising discovery launched a secret quest that would last decades: a quest to discover the long-lost burial place of the Apostle Peter. From earliest times, Christian tradition held that Peter, a lowly fisherman from Galilee, whom Christ made leader of his Church, was executed in Rome by Emperor Nero and buried on Vatican Hill. But his tomb had been lost to history. Now, funded anonymously by a wealthy American, a small army of workers embarked on the dig of a lifetime. The incredible, sometimes shocking story of the 75-year search and its key players has never been fully told until now. The Fisherman's Tomb is a story of the triumph of faith and genius against all odds.

## I PLAN ON TAKING MY OWN LIFE VERY SOON. WHY SHOULDN'T I?

It was, as the respondent acknowledged, not a casual question. But how to answer, especially in front of a room full of people? That was the conundrum faced by Canadian psychologist Jordan Peterson in Indianapolis on June 15.

The question, submitted online, had come from a young man called Chad, who was in the audience. Peterson hesitated before deciding to answer, telling the crowd that he wasn't sure he could give the question the care and attention it deserved. He has been on tour for months and he was exhausted, but someone's life was at stake. Jordan came up with not one but four reasons for Chad to keep giving life a go.

First, anyone contemplating suicide should "think very carefully through the consequences for other people", Peterson said. "The problem is, you might be dreaming about that. Maybe you think life is beset against you. Maybe you're thinking people deserve to suffer for the misery they have imposed upon you. But I would say: Think very, very carefully before you go down that route, because (suicide) will absolutely devastate, in ways you can't imagine, the people you leave behind."

Second: you owe it to yourself to explore all possible alternatives before you choose suicide. "If you haven't talked to a psychologist, talked to a psychiatrist, if you haven't tried antidepressants, if you haven't revealed to your family that this is how you're feeling, if you haven't been to the hospital, well, explore any possible avenue before you take a final step, . . . With suicide, you only get to decide once. And you can put it off. So I would say: Put it off, and see what you can do to put yourself together."

Third: consider the possibility that your existence matters in ways that we as human beings, being puny in thought and exiguous in understanding, can't quite grasp. "Consider that your life has intrinsic value," Peterson said, meaning you can't just opt out, because to do so will leave a "hole in the fabric of being itself". That's going to be tough for a depressed person, who perhaps can't see the goodness they're bringing to the table, but consider it anyway.

Fourth: "Don't be so sure that your life is yours to take. You don't own yourself the way you own an object . . . you can't just casually bring (your life) to an end because, the fact is, suicide is wrong."

How did Chad react? He thanked Peterson and decided to go to hospital to get help.

## DO CATHOLICS WORSHIP STATUES?



Whenever I'm asked if Catholics worship statues, I'm reminded of a story I once heard from a traveling priest at our parish. He mentioned touring the church he was to celebrate mass at the next day and he noticed a group of children praying to the statue of Mary.

Upon further inspection, he realized that it was a collective statue of the Fatima children and Our Lady of Fatima. He couldn't resist commenting to the tour guide: "What a religion! Not only do we worship statues, but our statues worship statues!"

### Statues and scripture

A common misconception about Catholics is that we worship statues. The most well-known Bible verse our Protestant brothers and sisters will use in their defense is from the book of Exodus: "You shall not make for yourself a graven image or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: you shall not bow down to them or serve them."

Yet, we also find a verse in the Bible (in Exodus, none the less) that mentions God commanding the building of statues in a religious worship context:

"And you shall make two cherubim of gold of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat. Make one cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end; of one piece of the mercy seat shall you make the cherubim on its two ends. The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be."

### Our Heavenly family pictures

Around my house, the walls are full of pictures depicting loved ones who are alive and those have left this world. However, someone walking into my house wouldn't think that I worship those pictures. It's similar to the statues and images of Mary, Jesus, and the Saints that are also in my house.

When a Catholic hangs a crucifix on the wall, he doesn't believe that the crucifix is really Christ, hanging on his living room wall. Instead, he believes that this image of Christ crucified will remind him of the true Christ in Heaven - the crucifix serving as an aide in prayer.

The Catholic Church condemns idolatry and similar practices. It's important to realize the difference between seeing a statue as a god and seeing a statue as a visual reminder of the true presence in Heaven.

~ by Chloe Langr

## 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)

Please note that the Faith First office will be closed part of the summer, with online registration remaining open throughout the summer.

**BECKET PANTRY NEEDS:** Pasta, beans, baked beans, cereal, tea, jam, rice, side dishes, crackers, cookies, juice, tomato juice, tomato paste, fruit, ham, turkey, chicken, cake mix, sugar, Kleenex, toilet paper, toothpaste, detergent.