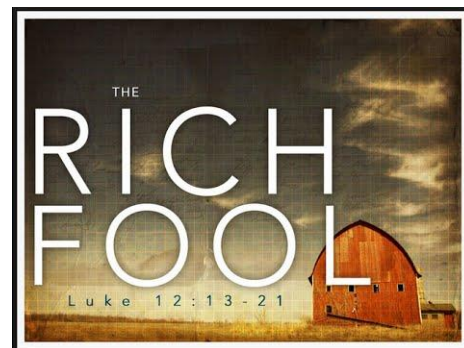


# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 4, 2019



## **MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: AUGUST 3 TO AUGUST 11**

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| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Aug 3</b>                           |   |
| 4:30 pm          | Our Parishioners                       |   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Aug 4</b>                           | <b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> |
| 9:00 am          | Antonio Di Grappa                      | Maria Caputo & family                     |
| 11:00 am         | Walter Gargul                          | Bernadette D'Silva & Michael Patry        |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Aug 5</b>                           |   |
| 8:30 am          | Luciano Della Rocca & Dorotea Marcario | Rina Della Rocca                          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Aug 6</b>                           | <b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b>    |
| 8:30 am          | Kay Gitto                              | Annemarie & Gilbert                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Aug 7</b>                           |   |
| 8:30 am          | Maria Aurora Soler                     | The Robertson family                      |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Aug 8</b>                           |   |
| 8:30 am          | Albanese Family                        |   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Aug 9</b>                           |   |
| 8:30 am          | Alfred Kolodnicki                      | Mary & Guy Taillon                        |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Aug 10</b>                          |   |
| 4:30 pm          | Romeo Villeneuve                       | Edward & Connie Villeneuve                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Aug 11</b>                          | <b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> |
| 9:00 am          | Our Parishioners                       |   |
| 11:00 am         | Henry Redmond                          | The Redmond family                        |

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

Aug 4: Barbara Kray, requested by Helen & Manfred Adam

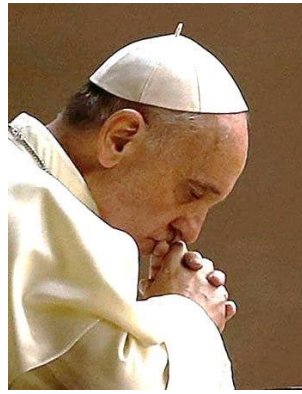
Aug 11: In thanksgiving for blessings received by the Guiao & Lobo families

**LORD GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Sean Ryan*, teacher at Loyola High School, husband of Nathalie; *Marguerite O'Connor-Orzechowski*, wife of the late Steve Orzechowski; *Scott Harper*, son of Jack and Gisele; *Jacqueline Vincent*, daughter of Diane and John; *Fr. Joseph Sullivan*; *Gertrude Brault Valin*, mother of Louise; *Anne Maria Fahey*

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

|                   |                       |                             |
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| <b>June 22/23</b> | Offerings \$ 3,928.70 |                             |
| <b>June 29/30</b> | Offerings \$ 4,911.20 | Building Fund: \$ 1,592.50  |
| <b>July 6/7</b>   | Offerings \$ 5,421.20 |                             |
| <b>July 13/14</b> | Offerings \$ 5,079.71 | Helping Others: \$ 2,322.00 |
| <b>July 20/21</b> | Offerings \$ 4,034.15 |                             |
| <b>July 27/28</b> | Offerings \$ 4,457.15 | Building Fund: \$ 1,617.00  |

## PRAYER HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE LIVES AND HEARTS



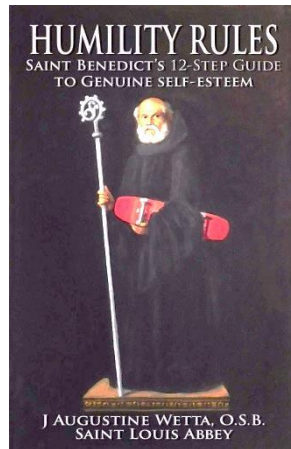
“God is a father who never ignores his children when they call to him in times of suffering, loneliness and despair, Although at times it seems that so many of our prayers seem to have no result, Christians are called by Christ to insist and not give up. Prayer, prayer always changes reality, let us not forget that: It either changes things or changes our hearts, but it always changes. In teaching the disciples to pray the Our Father, Jesus explains to his followers in what words and with what feelings they must turn to God. ‘Father’: that is such a beautiful word to say, We can pray just with that word, ‘father,’ and feel that we have a father; not a master but a

father. At important moments in his own life, Jesus is in an atmosphere of prayer and guided by the Holy Spirit in his actions. He also prays for others. This consoles us, knowing that Jesus prays for us, he prays for me, he prays for each one of us so that our faith does not fail. We can also say to Jesus: ‘You are praying for me; continue to pray because I need it.’ (Pray) like that, with courage. Even in his final moments, Jesus is immersed in prayer, for example when consoling the women along the way of the cross, when promising the joys of paradise to the good thief and before taking his last breath. Jesus’ prayer seems to dampen the most violent emotions, the desires for revenge and retaliation, he reconciles man with his most bitter enemy: death, When life seems incomprehensible, prayer is ultimately the victory over loneliness and despair, because God is always present. What is at the end of our path, at the end of prayer, at the end of a time of prayer, at the end of life. What is there? There is a father, waiting for everything and everyone with open arms. Let us look at that father.”

~ by *Pope Francis*

## WORTHWHILE READING

*Humility Rules: Saint Benedict's Twelve-Step Guide to Genuine Self-Esteem* Paperback, by J. Augustine Wetta O.S.B.



Saint Benedict's fifth-century guide to humility offers the antidote to the epidemic of stress and depression overwhelming modern young adults. But the language of The Rule by Saint Benedict is medieval, and its most passionate advocates are cloistered monks and nuns. How then does this ancient wisdom translate into advice for ordinary people? With candor, humor, and a unique approach to classical art, Father Augustine, a high school teacher and coach, breaks down Saint Benedict's method into twelve pithy steps for finding inner peace in a way that can be applied to anyone's life. Drawing upon his own life experiences, both before and after becoming a Benedictine monk, the author explains every step, illustrating each chapter with color

reproductions of monastic art that he has embellished with comic flourishes. The winsome combination is sure to keep readers from taking themselves too seriously—which is already a first step on the path to humility.

**SUNDAY PRAISE ASSEMBLY:** Prayer is one of the most important parts of the Christian life. If you would like to deepen your prayer experience and build a closer relationship with God, please consider joining us on August 11 and every second Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm in our parish hall. Bernard Ratneiyya 514-697-7950 or [bratneiyya@yahoo.com](mailto:bratneiyya@yahoo.com)

## FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD – AUGUST 6



Both Roman and Eastern rite Catholics celebrate the Church's feast of the Transfiguration on August 6. The feast commemorates one of the pinnacles of Jesus' earthly life, when he revealed his divinity to three of his closest disciples by means of a miraculous and supernatural light. Before his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Christ climbed to a high point on

Mount Tabor with his disciples Peter, James, and John. While Jesus prayed upon the mountain, his appearance was changed by a brilliant white light which shone from him and from his clothing. During this event, the Old Testament figures of Moses and the prophet Elijah also appeared, and spoke of how Christ would suffer and die after entering Jerusalem, before his resurrection. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record that the voice of God was heard, confirming Jesus as his son (Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:6, Luke 9:35). Peter and John make specific reference to the event in their writings, as confirming Jesus' divinity and his status as the Messiah (2 Peter 1:17, John 1:14). Pope Benedict XVI once described how the events of the transfiguration display Christ as the “full manifestation of God's light.” This light, which shines forth from Christ both at the transfiguration and after his resurrection, is ultimately triumphant over “the power of the darkness of evil.” He stressed that the feast of the Transfiguration is an important opportunity for believers to look to Christ as “the light of the world,” and to experience the kind of conversion which the Bible frequently describes as an emergence from darkness to light. “In our time too,” Pope Benedict said, “we urgently need to emerge from the darkness of evil, to experience the joy of the children of light!” The late Archbishop Joseph Raya of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, described this traditional Byzantine view of the transfiguration which, he wrote, “is not simply an event out of the two-thousand-year old past, or a future yet to come. It is rather a reality of the present, a way of life available to those who seek and accept Christ's nearness.”

## CHILDREN BAPTIZED AT BECKET, JANUARY TO JULY, 2019



*Laela Marie Poulin, Olivia Pascarella, Jackson Al Stewart, Francisca Ibanez-Azpiroz, Gabriel Bonilla-Laens, Sofia Bonilla-Laens, Miracle Chukwufumnaya Ogbechie, Emiliana Ursini, Christian De Mari, Lily Grace Francoeur, Capri Coast Balestra, Elio Botros, Sia Lily Monica Charles Viettro, Arianaz Farruggia, Joseph*

*Nicolas Insogna Nivar, Ava Elizabeth Ikin, Giulia Angela Vaiana, Phoenix Nadia Gabbay, Henry Gabriel Garverick, Stefano Pecora, Marcus Xavier Sealy, Nathan John Szemenyei, Anthony Charles Hurtubise*

May the Lord bless these children and their families as they journey in faith together, and continue to deepen their faith and understanding of the mystery celebrated in Baptism.

## WORDS TO PONDER

“Heaven is our end goal. Comforts of this world are not eternal nor can they satisfy the soul the way the love of the Lord can. Happiness on this earth can distract us from the fact we were created for a life united to God in heaven.”

~ by *St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*