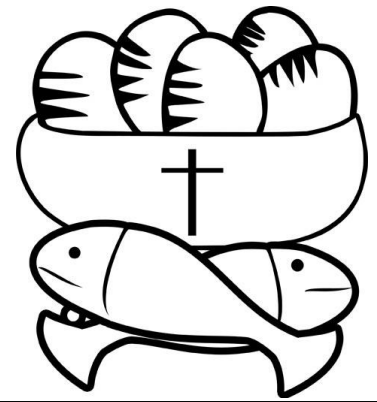


Eighteenth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
August 2, 2020



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: August 1 to August 9

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Saturday	Aug 1 Our Parishioners	
Sunday	Aug 2 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Joe Tortorella George Dziarmaga	The Drudi Family His Wife
Monday	Aug 3 Mio & Vaincourt families	The Family
Tuesday	Aug 4 Kathleen Rush Heald (L)	Anna Donald
Wednesday	Aug 5 Luciano Della Rocca & Dorotea Marcario	Rina Della Rocca
Thursday	Aug 6 Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny Coelho
Friday	Aug 7 Monique Rocheleau	Jocelyne Rocheleau
Saturday	Aug 8 Giovanni Vaiana	The Drudi Family
Sunday	Aug 9 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Victims of the Covid-19 Pandemic Our Parishioners	

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

Aug 2: Monique Rocheleau, requested by Jocelyn Rocheleau

Aug 9: Wendy Redmond (L), requested by the Redmond family

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Robert Lefebvre*, father of Phil Lefebvre of Loyola High School; *Maria Addolorata Mignelli Pizzi*, aunt of Luisa Venditti Sciotto (Michael); *Nevine Shehata* sister of Nancy; *Binoy Amin*, son-in-law of Juliette Coelho, brother-in-law of Pat & Donny, uncle of Donna; *Karen Proulx* friend of Rina Callard.

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

BAPTISMS AT BECKET In order to observe gathering guidelines during the current pandemic and ensure proper social distancing during our celebrations, we have rescheduled all our infant baptisms to allow for one baby per baptism celebration. We will be scheduling baptisms each Sunday at 1:00 pm. Please contact the parish office for more information: 514-626-4111.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS & EXPOSITION



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament normally follows 8:30 Mass on the first Friday of the month, with parishioners taking turns praying in adoration until midnight. Because of the current conditions, however, exposition will conclude at noon with Benediction. To quote St. Mother Teresa: "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."

WITH GREAT SADNESS that we learned that photographer Nevine Shehata



passed away this past June. Nevine was the photographer at many parishes and was responsible for the candid photos during the First Communion and Confirmation celebrations at our parish. Nevine was also an icon writer. She wrote the icon of St. Thomas à Becket that hangs in our sanctuary and which was commissioned for the 50th anniversary of our parish. May she rest in peace.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

It is with a heavy heart that I leave the position which I have served for the past 25 years, but I have decided that, due to present circumstances, i.e. Covid-19, and my unwillingness to return to Becket during this epidemic, the time has come for me to retire and allow God to lead me to new doors and new opportunities,

May I take this opportunity to thank my Becket family for their role in shaping and guiding me these many years. For your love, friendship and support, I am truly grateful. It has been a blessing and a grace to serve you all and an absolute pleasure to work alongside so many gifted musicians and singers.

I trust that God will continue to bless the Music Ministry at Becket and that it will continue to grow and thrive for many years to come. In this time of transition and change, I ask that you pray for me and my family, as we continue to pray for all of you.

Yours in Christ,

Brendan Kelly

WITH DEEPEST GRATITUDE

Fr. Peter Sabbath and the parish wardens, on behalf of the entire St. Thomas à Becket Community, offer our heartfelt thanks to our Choir Director, Brendan Kelly, who will be retiring from his position after 25 years of service in our parish. Throughout those years Brendan's musical direction has lifted the hearts of our people, inspired them to walk more closely with the Lord, and enhanced our liturgical celebrations. Thank you, Brendan, for your dedication to our parish and for bringing us joy and a sense of God's presence. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavors. Your energy and devotion will be difficult to match.

JOB OFFER: BECKET CHOIR DIRECTOR

Working with our priests as a member of the Parish Pastoral Team, the Choir Director accompanies the choirs for Sunday, Holy Day, and other liturgical events; directing the adult and children's choirs, trains, plans, and schedule practices.

Job requirements: practicing Catholic, experienced accompanist. Prior experience in liturgical planning desired. Outstanding people skills and willingness to work with volunteers a must. Please send your resume to Fr. Peter Sabbath at psabbath@gmail.com

WHAT IS THE TRANSFIGURATION? August 6



In both the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Mark, the account of the Transfiguration immediately follows Jesus' prediction of His passion and His stating the arduous demands of discipleship (see Mt 16:21-28; Mk 8:31-38). We may assume that the Transfiguration not only clearly revealed Jesus' divinity for a moment. He also allowed His glory to shine forth for the encouragement of the key apostles who were present: Peter, James and John. Like so many incidents in Jesus' earthly ministry, the Transfiguration was foreshadowed in the Old Testament. In this case, the type (the foreshadowing) is God's revelation of himself to Moses on Mount Sinai. The "Ignatius Catholic

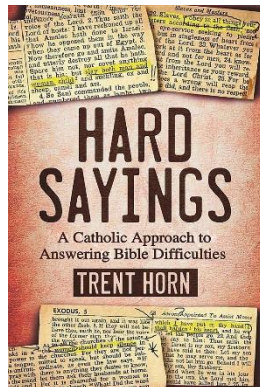
Study Bible (Gospel of Matthew)" lists several parallels between the two epiphanies as recorded in Exodus and in St. Matthew's Gospel.

- 1) Each takes place on a mountain (see Ex 24:13 and Mt 17:1).
- 2) Each occurs on a seventh day (Ex 24:16 and Mt 17:1).
- 3) Each shows forth the glory of God's presence.
- 4) Each reports God speaking through a cloud (Ex 24:16 and Mt 17:5).

Moses and Elijah are the key representatives of the Law and the prophets. Their coming to talk with Jesus shows Him to be the fulfillment of God's revelation to them. Only Luke specifies the subject of their conversation with Jesus. Moses and Elijah "spoke of his [Jesus'] exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (Lk 9:31). Note the word "accomplish." It was important for the apostles to know that Jesus did not simply endure His passion; He accomplished it, by totally submitting himself to it.

By Fr. Ray Ryland

WORTHWHILE READING



Hard Sayings: A Catholic Approach to Answering Bible Difficulties, by Trent Horn

Have you ever read something in the Bible that made you just scratch your head? Has a skeptic ever challenged you to defend a seemingly scandalous verse of Scripture? You're not alone. The Bible contains more than a few "hard sayings" (John 6:60): ancient idioms, apparent contradictions, myth-like events and figures, and passages that seem to be embarrassingly out of step with modern culture or science. How can a Catholic reconcile such things with his own faith, and with what the Church teaches about the inspiration and inerrancy of Sacred

Scripture? Don't worry. As Trent Horn explains in *Hard Sayings*, God's revelation in the Bible is not something Catholics need to be ashamed of or read with a mental reservation. Trent examines dozens of the most confounding passages in Scripture and offers clear, reasonable, Catholic explanations to unlock their true meaning. He also provides basic principles for reading and interpreting Scripture.