

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2017



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: AUGUST 12 TO AUGUST 20

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Saturday	Aug. 12	
4:30 pm	Dean Stock	Bill & Maureen Kelly
Sunday	Aug. 13	
9:00 am	Agnes & Norman Wight (L)	Marjorie
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Aug. 14	
8:30 am	Clifford Pound	Carol Rose
Tuesday	Aug. 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 am	Desmond Marolly	Clayton & Maureen
Wednesday	Aug. 16	
8:30 am	Joe Bissonette	Barbara & Nicole Percival
Thursday	Aug. 17	
8:30 am	Antonio Di Grappa	His mother-in-law & family
Friday	Aug. 18	
8:30 am	Anthony Vrlec	The Villacourta family
Saturday	Aug. 19	
4:30 pm	Frederick Neil	Antoinette D'Lima
Sunday	Aug. 20	
9:00 am	Antonio & Caterina Carelli	family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Week of:

August 13: Colin Campbell, requested by Marie & Elliot Foggo

August 20: TBA

Lord, grant mercy and lasting peace to those who died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

Colin Campbell, brother-in-law of Elliott Foggo.

PILGRIMAGE TO NOTRE DAME DU CAP SATURDAY AUGUST 19

Leaving St Thomas à Becket parking lot at 2 pm by deluxe A/C bus, we will participate in the evening Eucharistic celebration, followed by a candle-light procession and returning by midnight. Cost: \$35.00 per person. For Information and Reservations: Bernard Ratneiya at 514 943-3478 or email bratneiya@yahoo.com

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY: AUGUST 15



Though it was almost universally believed for more than a thousand years, the Bible contains no mention of the assumption of Mary into heaven, it was not formally defined as a dogma (a teaching essential to the Catholic faith) until 1950.

On May 1, 1946, Pope Pius XII asked all bishops in the world whether they thought this belief in the assumption of

Mary into heaven should be defined as a proposition of faith, and whether they with their clergy and people desired the definition. Almost all the bishops replied in the affirmative, and so on November 1, 1950, the Feast of All Saints, Pope Pius XII declared as a dogma revealed by God that "Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven".

We have no real knowledge of the day, year, and manner of Our Lady's death. The dates which have been assigned to her death vary between three and fifteen years after Christ's Ascension. Both Jerusalem and Ephesus claim to be the place where she died. (By tradition, Mary lived at Ephesus after the death of Jesus.) Mary's tomb was presumably found in Jerusalem. It is believed that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that after her burial, her tomb, when opened, was found empty. Therefore, they concluded that her body had been taken up (assumed) into heaven.

Saint Gregory of Tours provided a rationale for the tradition, which is related to her having been preserved from original sin. He said that it is inconceivable to think Mary's sinless body, likened to the Ark of the Covenant which was made of incorruptible wood, should decay in the grave.

There is an important difference, of course, between the ascension of Jesus into Heaven after His Resurrection, and the assumption of Mary. To ascend is to rise up under one's own power; while to be assumed means something that is done to one. Jesus, being the Second Person of the Trinity, had no need of assistance; whereas Mary did not have this power.

"The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resur-rec-tion of other Christians:

Catechism of the Catholic Church: "In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.... She is our Mother in the order of grace."

Women for Faith & Family (www.wf-f.org)

THE BECKET COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS in collaboration with the Becket Social Club and all other parish organizations is sponsoring a Car Rally to be held Saturday September 30 Cost \$25.00 per person/\$50.00 per car. Start time, Saturday September 30 at 8:30 am in the church parking lot. Return to Becket in the afternoon – Mass at 4:30 p.m. Potluck supper at 5:30 pm followed by a short talk. Music and dance will follow A prize of \$250.00 will be given to the winning team who must be present after supper. All net proceeds will be given to the Angels of Mercy

To register: Mike Callard 514-695-6995 or email: mike.callard45@gmail.com

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Offering amounts for June 25 to August 06

June 24/25	Offerings: \$3,954.00 Building Fund: \$1,177.00
July 01/02	Offerings: \$ 5,409.00 Special Collection for Peru \$2,860.00
July 08/09	Offerings: \$4,529.80 Helping Others: \$2,015.00
July 15/16	Offerings: \$5,097.00
July 22/23	Offerings: \$4,801.05
July 29/30	Offerings: \$3,789.00 Building Fund: \$1,190.00
Aug 05/06	Offerings: \$4,649.00

Upcoming special collection: August 27: Building Fund

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: Crib, double stroller, high chair, infant clothing, car seat, size one diapers, fruit, stew, green beans, coffee, tea, mixed vegetables, creamed corn, tomato juice, jello, jello pudding, muffin mix, juice, jam crackers, cookies, sugar, toilet tissues, toothpaste, shampoo, dishsoap, laundry detergent. Thank you very much for your on-going support!

FAITH FIRST NEWS

Has your child started school? Please note that Faith Formation and sacramental preparation are no longer offered in public schools in Quebec. Registration for our catechetical and sacramental preparation (First Communion and Confirmation) program is available all summer for NEW and returning families for the 2017-2018 year at www.becket.ca
Questions? Contact us at faithfirst@becket.ca

INFORMATION FAIR FOR SENIORS OF THE WEST ISLAND

Seniors Liaisons (ITMAV program) is organizing a Senior Information Fair on August 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the East Pierrefonds Community Center 9665 Gouin. The Information Fair for Seniors is an opportunity for seniors to come out and meet a diversity of professionals that can share their expertise and provide some guidance on issues affecting them. Volunteer translators will also be on hand to help wherever needed. Special help for Flood Victims: A community worker will also be available to assist seniors complete their Claim Form (General Financial Assistance Program Regarding Actual or Imminent Disasters provided by the Ministère de la Sécurité publique. Drop in or call to RSVP time with a professional: 514-694-5850

GOD WILL EXCEED YOUR EXPECTATIONS

Words of wisdom from Pope Benedict XVI

"If God is supremely good and wise, why does evil and the suffering of the innocent exist? Saints as well ask themselves this question. Enlightened by faith, they give us an answer that opens our heart to trust and hope: In the mysterious designs of Providence, even from evil, God draws a greater good, as St. Julian of Norwich writes: 'I learned by the grace of God that I must remain firmly in the faith, and hence I must firmly and perfectly believe that all will end well.'

"Yes, dear brothers and sisters, God's promises are always greater than our hopes. If we entrust to God, to his immense love, the most pure and most profound desires of our heart, we will never be disappointed."