

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 17, 2018



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: JUNE 16 TO JUNE 24

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| | June 16 | Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
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| Saturday | 4:30 pm | Salvatore Furino | Rosemary & Joe Furino |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | Kevin Meek | Meals on Wheels St. Charles |
| | 11:00 am | Our Parishioners | |
| Monday | 8:30 am | James Tilli | Yolanda & Loris Ricci |
| Tuesday | 8:30 am | Roberto De Gregorio | Kathleen Rush & Tom Heald |
| Wednesday | 8:30 am | Nina Gallo | Becket Wardens |
| Thursday | 8:30 am | Ernie Cassidy | Gloria Della Rocca |
| Friday | 8:30 am | Neil Longlade | Family |
| Saturday | 4:30 pm | Vito Marcario & family | Rina Della Rocca |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | In thanksgiving to St. Anthony & St. Jude | Audrey Poisson |
| | 11:00 am | Our Parishioners | |

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

June 17: Maria Bastone, requested by Concetta Vocino

June 24: For the deceased members of the Reuben and Quelch families.

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

Tom O'Connell, cousin of Denyse Fournier and Claire Hayes; Vincenza Piazza, wife of the late Giovanni Piazza.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JUNE 9/10

Offerings: \$4, 563.70 Religious Education: \$1, 057.00

Next special collection: June 24 – Building Fund

TUESDAY MORNING MEET AND GREET will meet again on June 19, break for the summer, and then resume in September.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: soap, tea, rice tinned tomatoes, crackers, tomato juice, canned fruit, pudding, jello, cake mix, cookies, detergent, sugar. Thank you.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY . . .



. . . to all fathers in the parish! The following suggestions by Randy Hain is our gift to you.

A CHECKLIST FOR CATHOLIC DADS

- 1) **Surrender.** We have to surrender on an ongoing basis to Christ for his will to be done in our lives. Guys, we are not in charge . . . as much as we want to be!
- 2) **Be a Man of Prayer.** Our children will be much more likely to pray if we do. We have more than enough time for prayer if we schedule it and integrate it into our day. Also, imagine the powerful influence we can have on our children if they see us on our knees in prayer each night at family prayer time.
- 3) **Understand Our True Vocation.** For those of us blessed to be married and have children, we must recognize that helping our families get to heaven and being good husbands and fathers—not our business careers—is our real vocation. Ask yourself: “Is my work serving my family? Or is my family serving my work?”
- 4) **Invest Time. Our children need our time.** Put down the smartphone; turn off the TV; cancel the golf outing. Let’s spend more time with our kids! In the absence of a father’s time with his family, you can bet there are countless bad influences ready to take his place and guide his children in the wrong direction.
- 5) **Be Courageous.** Christians are meant to stand out, not blend in. We have a responsibility to love and defend Christ, be great role models for our families and stand up for our faith.
- 6) **Practice Detachment.** Are we too focused on acquiring toys, bigger houses, nicer cars, or the next promotion? We need to let go of the things that are in the way of our prayer lives, Mass attendance, charitable giving, volunteering, time with our families, and certainly our relationship with Christ.
- 7) **Love Our Wives.** Husbands, we must love and cherish our wives, plain and simple. Our children will learn to love others by how they see Mom and Dad love each other. The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother. As Catholic men, we have a responsibility to be strong fathers and husbands, leaders in our parishes, good stewards in our communities and humble followers of Christ.

Let’s look to the inspiring example of St. Joseph, patron saint of fathers, workers and the universal Church, for his obedience, humility, selflessness, courage, and the love he showed to Mary and Jesus.

O Eternal Father, You have given us the gift of fathers. Look in love upon those we call father. Protect and keep them from all harm; prosper and bless them in all good things; comfort them when they are lonely or afraid, and let no misunderstanding come between them and us to divide our hearts. Bless and reward our fathers whom You have called home to Yourself. Reward them for their efforts, love, and dedication in being a father to their family. Amen. Saint Joseph, foster-father of Jesus, be a model and source of inspiration to all fathers. Amen

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 Online registration is open all summer but please note that the early bird prices end June 24. Questions? Contact us at faithfirst@becket.ca

A GUIDE TO CHRISTIANITY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: the new Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

On April 9, which this year marks the transferred Solemnity of the Annunciation, the Vatican released the latest Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis: **Gaudete et exsultate: On the call to holiness in today's world.**

"The Lord asks everything of us, and in return offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created."

In his third Apostolic Exhortation (following *Evangelii gaudium* and *Amoris laetitia*) Pope Francis reflects on the call to holiness, and how we can respond to that call in the modern world. "My modest goal" in the Exhortation, Pope Francis says, "is to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time."

The five chapters of *Gaudete et exsultate* follow a logical progression, beginning with a consideration of the call to holiness as it is in itself. The Holy Father then examines two "subtle enemies of holiness," namely, contemporary gnosticism and contemporary pelagianism.

The heart of *Gaudete et exsultate* is dedicated to the idea that holiness means following Jesus. In the third chapter, Pope Francis considers each of the Beatitudes as embodying what it means to be holy. But if the Beatitudes show us what holiness means, the Gospel also shows us the criterion by which we will be judged: "I was hungry and you gave me food... thirsty and you gave me drink... a stranger and you welcomed me... naked and you clothed me... sick and you took care of me... in prison and you visited me."

Pope Francis devotes the fourth chapter of *Gaudete et exsultate* to "certain aspects of the call to holiness" that he feels "will prove especially meaningful" in today's world: perseverance, patience and meekness; joy and a sense of humour; boldness and passion; the communal dimension of holiness; constant prayer.

Finally, the Exhortation makes practical suggestions for living out the call to holiness. "The Christian life is a constant battle," the Pope says. "We need strength and courage to withstand the temptations of the devil and to proclaim the Gospel." In the fifth chapter, he speaks about the need for "combat" and vigilance, and calls us to exercise the gift of discernment, "which is all the more necessary today," in a world with so many distractions that keep us from hearing the Lord's voice.

"It is my hope," Pope Francis concludes, "that these pages will prove helpful by enabling the whole Church to devote herself anew to promoting the desire for holiness."

By Christopher Wells

The full text of the Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et exsultate* can be found on the Holy See website: <http://tinyurl.com/yck8egch>



THANK YOU! It is with deep gratitude that we acknowledge Kimberley Ricafort for all the time, talent, spirit and dedication she has shown in leading the children's choir for the past six years, as well as providing music for our Faith First Sacraments, Easter and Christmas celebrations. May God bless Kim with much joy and success in her future endeavors.

We also express our heart-felt thanks to the 11:00 am YouFam Choir, for their generous and devoted service to our parish, under the leadership of Brendan Kelly. The YouFam choir will take well-deserved pause for the summer.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to everyone who helped to make last weekend's car rally a great success. What fun we had. Special thanks to Becket's Knights of Columbus, CWL, Social Club and Angels of Mercy. We raised over \$3,500.00 in pledges, to benefit the Angels of Mercy.