EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES TUESDAY-FRIDAY
IN BLESSED TRINITY CHAPEL

Monday, August 3rd ***@ Marian Grotto @ Church***
9:00 a.m. † Robert Lantz
-and- Sp. Int. Cipriano & Emecita Tabios
OFFICE CLOSED TODAY

Tuesday, August 4th ***St. John Vianney @ BT Chapel***
9:00 a.m. † Robert Lantz
-and- Sp. Int. for Fr. Rico

Wednesday, August 5th ***@ BT Chapel***
9:00 a.m. † Dorothy Harber
-and- † Don Findley

Thursday, August 6th ***The Transfiguration of the Lord @ BT Chapel***
9:00 a.m. † Diane Morningstar
-and- Sp. Int. for Diane

Friday, August 7th ***Sts Sixtus II and Cajetan @ BT Chapel***
9:00 a.m. † Rosalia Santos
-and- † Rita & Tom Prieur
-and- † Jeremy Prieur

Saturday, August 8th ***@ Marian Grotto***
9:00 a.m. † Chester Bielec
-and- † Donna Misetich

5:00 p.m. @ **Church**
† Fr. Ed Jankowski
-and- † Suzanne Potttie

Sunday, August 9th ***19th Sunday in Ordinary Time @ Church***
9:00 a.m. † Henk Hendriksen
-and- † Odair & Cleusa Tossato

10:30 a.m. † Richard Danyliw
-and- † Danny McElligott

12 noon † Terri Mesicek
-and- † Luisetta & Antonietta Ferri
-and- Parishioners of St. Joseph, Living & Deceased



PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE THE LAST BULLETIN PUBLISHED UNTIL SEPTEMBER. MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE POSTED IN THE FRONT WINDOW OF THE CHURCH AND THE CHAPEL AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AS WELL AS ONLINE. THE OFFICE WILL ALSO CLOSE AT NOON ON FRIDAYS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we enter the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the scriptures speak about the gift of food and how God blesses his people in abundance. God is so generous with us with the many blessings he showers upon us each day. His abundance here on earth is also just a mere fraction of his glory to be received in heaven. God is our stability, our joy and we can realize his blessings both now and into the future. As we enter into this month of August, let us ensure that we spend time in gratitude to God for all he does for us.

We welcome Fr. Lourdu who will be giving the annual Mission Appeal this weekend. I encourage us all to be generous in our giving for the Mission of bringing Christ to our brothers and sisters overseas.

Thanks to all who are interested in donating to our Church restoration projects. Many parishioners have already come forward with their first donations to these projects.
As of July 27th, our update of funds already received:
PEW Campaign – raised funds $48,390 (74% of goal)
FLOOR Campaign – raised funds $30,144.16 (27% of goal)
In addition to your regular-giving, I am requesting your prayerful consideration:
- 65 families of the parish to consider donating $1,000 for the restoration of one church pew. This is a great way of taking ownership of the church for families. It can be paid in a lump sum – or a pledged amount paid over a period of a few months. Kindly make your cheque out to the parish and put PEW PLEDGE in the memo line. For etransfers – myparishgift@gmail.com and put PEW PLEDGE in the memo line.
- For those wishing to contribute to the new flooring project, which will cost $113,000, I'd ask that you do the same – either making a pledge via cash, cheque or etransfer with FLOOR PLEDGE in the memo line.
Perhaps you may be moved to make a donation in memory of a deceased loved one, or as part of your tithe to God in thanksgiving for all God has done for you.
- The parish parking lot barrier and windows in the rectory were paid for by the Facility Maintenance collection funds that are collected taken up monthly.

We are at the final stages of flooring installation in the body of the church and the new carpeted sanctuary. All church furniture and pews have been refinished and will be installed this week. The plan is that we will have this weekend as our final weekend at Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary and we will resume Masses beginning on Saturday August 8th with the 5:00pm Mass and then all Masses on Sunday August 9th and moving forward.

Please note the parking barrier has been installed and will also be working. For WEEKEND MASSES - when you enter the church parking lot – the entry arm will always be up allowing easy access. As you leave the church, the exit barrier will go up and down – encouraging all parishioners to SLOW DOWN in the parking lot. I also encourage parishioners to SLOW DOWN exiting using the back exit and also when entering the parking lot. There is no hurry to get home. Let us ensure that we are traveling in a friendly, Christlike manner and ensuring the safety of all those around us.

For church and office access during the week, a code will be given for parishioners to use if the arm is down – restricting access - (codes will allow access only during certain hours). Please do not share this code with others. Our insurance company has asked that for liability and wear-and-tear on our property, we are limiting access to those who have come to pray and use the church – restricting access for those trying to access the field behind the church and also stopping the speeding of cars in our parking lot during the school day and late in the evenings. The office will be accessed through the code and also a buzzer system. I will speak to this once we are back in the church.
ALL PARISHIONERS WILL CONTINUE TO ACCESS THE CHURCH FOR PRAYER AND OFFICE FOR PASTORAL NEEDS AS BEFORE – the parking barrier was installed to protect our property and limit and restrict non-church visitors. Student drop-off and pick-up will also no longer take place, and all vehicles will access through the BT entrance and exit only. This was a major insurance and liability issue while also posing a danger to speeding cars on our property on a regular basis. Bishop Bergie was notified of this request by Pastoral staff, insurance and from our Finance committee and supported the decision – as is done in many other parishes.
There will be little to no effect on most parishioners. Again, I will speak to this upon returning to the church. Thank you for your understanding.

The Gathering Room is still off limits to parish groups and will be the last part of the floor installation. For now, we need the space to hold the pews so I will keep parish groups posted on when the Gathering Room will be completed and re-opened.

God bless - Fr. Rico

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE

will take place on Saturday, August 22nd from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. please drop off wine bottles and beer cans, etc. in the church parking lot.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The RCIA is a process by which adults, continuing on their journey of faith, are fully initiated into the life of the Catholic Church. Participants may include:

-those who have never been baptized (Catechumens)
-those baptized in another faith tradition (Candidates)
-baptized Catholics who have not received other sacraments or instruction in the faith
The goal of initiation is not simply to receive the sacraments but discipleship in Jesus Christ. The whole parish is responsible for the RCIA through their prayer, witness and attention given to Catechumens and Candidates. In this way, the church fulfills Jesus' mandate to proclaim the Good News of God's salvation to all people and baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Weekly sessions will begin on Wednesday evenings in September (please watch the Fall bulletins for date) and culminate with the reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please call the parish office to register.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

September is membership month! We are inviting all women of the parish to consider joining our League. To do so, you may use the blue envelope that is included in your boxed set of offertory envelopes, use a plain envelope with your name, address and phone number or e-transfer $40 to stjosephcwl135@gmail.com

CWL Mission:
The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – PUBLIC / PRIVATE SCHOOL REGISTRATION
For students who are registered in Public/Private or Home school, Lina Turner, our Parish Catechist, will begin teaching with weekly sessions beginning in the fall. Please contact the parish office now to give your child's name and information so dates can be shared with you. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be received by all Catholic candidates in January 2027 – and proper preparations must take place. Come Holy Spirit!