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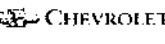

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Mary was Jewish

Sunday July 18, 2021
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Altar Servers
Children's Liturgy
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Readers
Ushers

Music Ministry:
Saturday Vigil Music
Sunday Choir & Organist

Support and Outreach:
Altar Society
Friends of St. Kateri
Friends of St. Mary's
Gospel Reflection Group
Holy Communion to Shut-ins
Hot Lunch Program
Parish Finance Committee
Parish Pastoral Planning Com.
Parish Screening Committee
St. Mary's Parish Friends
Sacramental Prep
Sanitizing the Church

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Children's Rosary Program
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Not Today

It is said that once there was a man who was the steward of a beautiful, natural garden. It was a garden of forests, rivers and ponds. He tended to it daily. It was open to all creatures, who came and bathed in its ponds, nested in its trees and simply enjoyed the stillness of this place. People likewise could freely walk upon the natural paths, drinking in the beauty and bathing in the freshness of life among the wooded areas. It was a place of restoration for all creatures, where no one and no thing meant any harm to the other. It was sanctuary.

Now one day, a man of wealth and status came to him, offering a large sum of money in exchange for his garden. The gardener humbly refused his offer, but the wealthy man would not take no for an answer. After much discussion, the wealthy man left, frustrated and annoyed that he had not been successful in acquiring the garden. So, he put his mind to a scheme where he would falsely accuse the gardener of a crime. Having much influence over others, he convinced the authorities of the gardener's guilt, who was then arrested and placed in a jail cell.

The cell was no more than 2 meters by 1 meter, with a tiny hole in the ground as a latrine, a weather worn blanket on the floor as a bed, and no window. He was not even afforded a candle for light. The only time light shone upon him was when the door was opened and the meager scraps of food were given to him. He was told that he would be released, only if he would give the wealthy man the garden. Every day his jailer would ask him if he was ready to acquiesce, but every day his response was the same. With a smile he would say, "not today."

Day after day, year after year, his friends came to him and begged him to reconsider. His reply to them was the same, "not today."

Now many years had passed, and a young woman who had come to visit him for many years from the time she was a little girl, asked him two questions, "why do you continue to refuse to sell the garden, and how is it you can continue to smile as you do?" He answered, "I continue to smile, because I see all things through the lens of hope, beauty, and wonder. Even in this darkened cell I can see in my mind's eye the garden, both as it was and as it is to become. My physical body is in this cell, but my mind, my imagination, my spirit never left the garden. It is those who do not appreciate what is right in front of them who are keeping company with me in this cell. I see only blue skies, whispering pines, and all creatures great and small, peacefully co-existing. What do you see?" With that, she smiled at him and agreed, "not today." *pab*

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July 18, 2021

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule Week of July 19th - 25th

Monday	July 19th
9:00AM	+Rita Hogan
Tuesday	July 20th
12Noon	+William Smyth
Wednesday	July 21st
11:00AM	Exposition & Adoration
12Noon	+Rita Hogan
Thursday	July 22nd
9:00AM	+Kenneth & Kathryn MacLeod
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Saturday	July 24th
4:00PM	+Willem Hanrath
Sunday	July 25th
9:00AM	+Joan Dunn
11:00AM	SI Sharon Purdy For Good Health

Confessions on Saturday 3:15PM - 3:45PM or by appointment.

Let us pray for our loved ones who have died, especially **Ernest Maurice Woods Sheila Prince, Dale Hallett & Quinn Canmaert.**

And join our prayers with those who are in need ...

Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Joe Hanrath, Marvella Kostic, Ed Quinn, Kevin Phillips, Rebecca Muzzi, Sam Muzzi, Pamela Festing, Ruth Anne Foley, Peter Tompkin, Peter Gos, Philip Tompkin, John Schreurs, Ian Bruce, Brian Haywood, Claudette Mainville, Connie Gregory, Robert Foley, Steven Knox, Patricia Quinn, Sharon Boivin, Fr. Bart Burke, Henry and Jennifer Canmaert.

And for those whom we hold in the silence of our hearts.



“Compassion, in which all ethics must take root, can only attain its full breadth and depth if it embraces all living creatures and does not limit itself to humankind.”

Albert Schweitzer

Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them (Mark 6. 34) pub

Compassion is a most curious emotion, in that it can be multiple states of being at once; both loving and sad. When one feels compassion for another it causes a change within us, unlike pity or sympathy. The latter are fleeting and though there is an emotional component that we feel for the other, there is also an intellectual aspect that helps one to maintain a distance, so that we do not become overwhelmed.

What is compassion? It literally means to suffer together. There is no safe distance from the other who is suffering. Rather, the feeling that arises when you are confronted with another’s suffering, leads one to feel motivated to relieve that suffering. Not because I feel sorry for them, or I need to “fix it”, but because I appreciate it intuitively and physically; I am in it with them. Compassion is overwhelmingly powerful, but it does not paralyze us. Just the opposite. It compels us to act in unison with the other, to not merely relieve their pain or sorrow, but to help them address what would be the necessary steps to move through their present situation. We work with them.

What is required of one to have compassion for another, is what is spoken of in our gospel today. It says that Jesus saw them. He saw not merely an overwhelmingly large crowd, but he saw the individuals before him. He was not put off by his own fatigue and personal desire to get away for some rest with his disciples, nor the thought that he had to “fix the crowds problems.” Rather, through the eyes of compassion, he would engage one person at a time, and together they would begin the process of moving from suffering and pain, to healing and restoration. This is not something that comes naturally to us, but is something that we must first accept as gift, and then nurture it.

What is required of an individual to become compassionate, is that one has first embraced their own inner pain, struggle, anguish and suffering. I find no better words than those of Henri Nouwen as he wrote in his book, “The Wounded Healer.”

Nouwen said, “*Nobody escapes being wounded. We are all wounded people, whether physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually. The main question is not, 'How can we hide our wounds?' so we don't have to be embarrassed, but 'How can we put our woundedness in the service of others?' When our wounds cease to be a source of shame, and become a source of healing, we have become wounded healers. Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless. Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human.*”

Jesus had compassion for the crowd, because he had addressed the woundedness in his past. This allowed him to be free to be one with the person before him, being both sad and loving at the same time, so that joy may return to them both.

Parish Pastoral News

New To the Parish

We welcome you and look forward to getting to know you. For anything to stay healthy and vibrant it is essential to continually assess how one is functioning. People from different walks of life help to inject new life into any situation. Your perspective and your opinions matter. Please let us know you are here, and ask us how we together can make your transitioning to the area enjoyable and affirming. Our contact information is on the cover of this bulletin. Peace and Good Will

Parish Nurse News: All those who wish to be vaccinated, may now register for both their first and second immunization online through the provincial portal at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine>. The second vaccine will depend on when you had your first shot.

Please know that the second shot is vital to prevent the variant strains of COVID. Even after you are fully vaccinated, all Public Health rules must be maintained until the Health Unit tells us otherwise. Please be careful, wash your hands, wear a mask, maintain the physical distance. If you would like more information about the safety of the vaccine do not hesitate to call me. **My phone number is 705.783.4678. Please try to call before 4:30 pm.**

Stay Safe, **Marguerite Goodfellow, RN Parish Nurse**

Mass Time Change: Beginning the week of **July 5th, the Tuesday mass will now be at 12noon.** This is an attempt to assist those who are better able to attend at this time. Monday and Thursday will still be at 9:00AM. Thank you.

Summer Time: To all who are visiting the area this summer we truly hope you enjoy your stay. May you find rest, relaxation and rejuvenation for your mind and body. We thank you for joining us, and please know, you are always welcomed in our parish. Peace and good will.

	Weekend of July 24th / 25th		
	4:00PM Mass	9:00AM Mass	11:00AM Mass (Baysville)
Readers	Jim Waters	Craig Martin	Bob Lacroix
Ushers	Victoria Baumgart Ben Boivin Walter Grys Dian Snowden	Natasha Aben Mike Pearson Judith Gottschalk Walter Grys	John MacInnis Jean MacInnis Linda Lacroix Hugh Knox
Counters	Tuesday July 27, 2021	Shirley Morra	& Sandra Cochrane

St. Vincent De Paul Monthly Food Drive, this Tuesday, July 20th, from 9:30AM - 12noon, in the Parish Garage, next to the St. Vincent de Paul Office, off of Caroline Street. **We are presently in need of Canned Vegetables, Soups, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Salmon, Cookies, Juices, Cereal, Kid’s Snacks. Please no Brown Beans.** Whatever you are able to give is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Garden Tour Art Show and Sale: Saturday July 24, 2021, 9:00am—2:00pm, in the Huntsville Hospital Garden of Honour.

Enjoy a leisurely walk through the interlocking brick walkway that begins under a trellis and travels around the Hospital to a patio and gazebo. Within the gorgeous perennial gardens will be featured a lovely display of art by local artists.



Admission is by donation and 10% of art sale proceeds go to support the Huntsville Hospital Foundation.

Prayer Requests: If there is someone you would like us to remember in our prayers, and wish to have their name added to our prayer list, please contact the office and let us know. As well, if you want a Mass Intention, please contact the office. Thank you.

Diversity Encourages Health: A parish is like any other organism, the more diverse and integrated it is, the healthier and more resilient it is. The time during COVID-19, was a perfect opportunity to see what within our parish was missing; what we need to do, to improve the health and well being of our parish. I invite you to submit any ideas you may have as to how we may together bring this about. Some of the suggestions may take longer to come to fruition. Also, every idea is welcomed and encouraged. At the entrance of the church their will be a message box, where you can place your idea. You may also do so through the office email.

“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”
Mother Theresa

Weekend Offertories
July 10th / 11th
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