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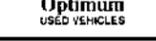
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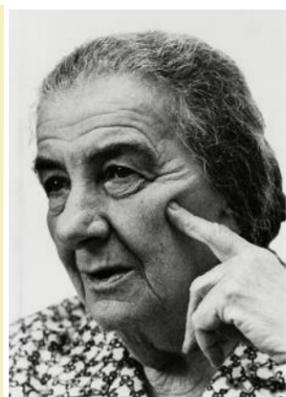
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Mary was Jewish

Sunday July 25, 2021
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Extraordinary Ministers
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Music Ministry:

Saturday Vigil Music
Sunday Choir & Organist

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Holy Communion to Shut-ins
Hot Lunch Program
Parish Finance Committee
Parish Pastoral Planning Com.
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St. Mary's Parish Friends
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What 17 things do we believe we need to get done today? And when we do not achieve this unrealistic burden, rarely are we able to simply let it go. Rather, it is carried over to the next day, and to those we encounter along the way. Nietzsche was on to something when he said, "the worst enemy you can meet will always be yourself." He was not referring to us as a person, but what we carry within us, that we are either unaware of, or unwilling to encounter. I do not think it was solely the moral or ethical aspects of our being that he was addressing, but more simply, our priorities and the value we give to them that stand in the way of living. And more to the point, our living a life free of regrets.

It is true that everyone has regrets, because a regret is a choice to choose not to step out from a place of familiarity into one of uncertainty. We know what we know, and so we stick with it, even if it is dragging us down and draining the life out of us. But know this, a regret is not a given, it is something we choose. I am reminded of something Trevor Noah, a South African comedian and political commentator, once said, "I don't regret anything I've ever done in life, any choice that I've made. But I'm consumed with regret for the things I didn't do, the choices I didn't make, the things I didn't say. We spend so much time being afraid of failure, afraid of rejection. But regret is the thing we should fear most. Failure is an answer. Rejection is an answer. Regret is an eternal question you will never have the answer to. "What if..." "If only..." "I wonder what would have..." You will never, never know, and it will haunt you for the rest of your days."

Regret is a form of remorse and like all remorse, there are no do overs. The chance or opportunity has passed but what I may learn is not entirely lost, but postponed. If we take the time to sit with the sadness that is embedded in regret, we may realize that this does not have to be repeated in the future. There will always be opportunities and challenges that come our way that will either nudge us, or completely shake us up to the reality that life is a contact sport. There is very little protective equipment and even fewer rules to follow. There are however, an abundance of opportunities that will call us to live life to the fullest.

This does not mean that we should expect to get what we want, or that we should do everything in our power to avoid pain and suffering. Actually, it is just the opposite. Whatever presents itself to us is not by chance, but is perhaps by design. What is required of us is a willingness to see and to hear everything as it is. Without our interpretation or screening it, we instead allow it to teach us what we do not know. One who is prepared to live life in this manner, will be free of regrets, because they have embraced their fears. One then becomes a citizen of the world, who is accompanied on the road of lessons with fellow sojourners, who embody light, life and freedom. No regrets.

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July 25, 2021

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule Week of July 25th - August 1st

Monday	July 26th
9:00AM	NO Mass Today
Tuesday	July 27th
12Noon	Open Intention
Wednesday	July 28th
11:00AM	Exposition & Adoration
12Noon	+Petr Simik
Thursday	July 29th
9:00AM	+Rita Hogan
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Saturday	July 31st
4:00PM	People of the Parish
Sunday	August 1st
9:00AM	+Elizabeth O'Kelly
11:00AM (B)	+Mary Brennan
(B) Baysville	

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

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

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, Jack Ataman, Bill Weber, Brian Dittmar, Sharron Purdy, Jennifer and Henry Canmaert

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



“Secrecy, censorship, dishonesty, and blocking of communication threaten all the basic needs. The good or healthy society would then be defined as one that permitted people's highest purposes to emerge by satisfying all their basic needs”
Abraham Maslow

“All that is not given is Lost”

This is one of the most recognizable stories found among the Christian Scriptures. It appears in two separate miracles. The first miracle, the "Feeding of the 5,000", is the only **miracle recorded in all four gospels** (*Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:31-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:1-14*). What is the significance of this story that it appears in all four?

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all have Jesus saying to the disciples, “you give them something to eat.” In John’s gospel, Jesus says to Philip, “where are we to buy bread for all these people?” In truth, the four gospels have Jesus saying the same thing “you feed the people from out of what you have, or go and buy it.” What is curious is that many have come to view this passage to mean something altogether differently. That if we were to trust in God, (hand things over to God), then “he” will provide for those in need. There is truth in this of course, however, it is also a deviation from what Jesus intended the disciples to do. It becomes for those who profess a belief in Jesus, a “get out of jail card” that frees them of their accountability to the poor, and possibly much more.

Classical interpretations of this passage have Jesus “testing” the disciples response to the hungry crowd that faces them, all the while knowing what he was about to do. Not really a test is it? Of note, it is only in John’s gospel where this idea of Jesus testing the disciples appears; not in the other three. We see Jesus taking a few loaves and fish and miraculously multiples them to feed the multitudes, with plenty left over. In other words, not only will God save the day, but the disciples were barely inconvenienced. Looking at the synoptic gospels, they were the last loaves and fish that they had, so a small sacrifice on their part. But in John’s gospel, these loaves and fish belonged to a small boy, and it appears they took them from him. In the end it would cost them a few loaves and fish at best, but certainly not the feared 6 months wages. Jesus wanted them to feed the poor, but was it a matter that they could not feed them, or that they would not?

Jesus was not merely performing for them or the crowd, he was teaching them what they were capable of doing as well. Possibly they simply were not ready to do what Jesus was asking of them. But like any good parent, you do not set your child up for failure or to be humiliated, but to succeed. The only way to know if you know something, is to do it! But it would seem that they were unwilling to even try. In the synoptic gospels, they ask Jesus to send the crowd away. This crowd had been with them for possibly days, listening and being taught by Jesus, just as they had been. The words of the Christ are not simply sentiments, or lofty thoughts, but are intended to strike at the very core of the person. Jesus had been feeding all of them, for days. Spiritual food will not stave of starvation or dehydration; eventually you need sustenance for the body, and Jesus knew this.

Jesus’ testing was calling them to action; to physically attend to the needs of the poor before them. What is apparent is that this was not an issue that they could not meet the needs of the poor; they had the money. But that they simply did not want to feed them. And that is a concern. For as Rabindranath Tagore once said, “All that is not given is lost” and I wager much was lost that day. pah

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**

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.

Prayer Requests: If there is someone you would like us to remember in our prayers, and wish to have their name added to our list, please contact the office and let us know.

	Next Weekend July 31st / August 1st		
	4:00PM Mass	9:00AM Mass	11:00AM Mass (Baysville)
Readers	Ben Boivin	Gisele Neigel	John / Jean MacInnis
Ushers	Walter Gryg Marguerite Goodfellow Laila Etherington Victoria Baumgart	Al Cormier Doug Neigel Natasha Aben Walter Gryg	John MacInnis Jean MacInnis Linda Lacroix Hugh Knox
Counters	Tuesday August 3, 2021	Bob Moore &	Mary Kudryk

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.

Thank you

Feast of the Assumption of Mary / August 15th

To commemorate and honour the Feast of the Assumption, we will be having on Saturday August 14th, the vigil of the Assumption, *Exposition and Adoration, in the church, from 5:00PM until 12 Midnight*. We will end with Benediction. A sign up list will be going up this week.



Open Forum

On **Wednesday, August 25th, at 7PM, an Open Forum** will be hosted in the body of our Church. The purpose and focus will be around the matter of the long history of the Residential Schools in Canada. The intention is to provide an opportunity for us all to express our thoughts and feelings. For this reason, the evening will not take the form of a debate, nor a Question and Answer Period. Rather, from what we share that evening, we will let ourselves be informed and challenged by what is shared, so we may grow as a community of faith and discern what we can do to bring about healing and reconciliation. This is but the first step, in a long process, so, your thoughts and feelings are important as is your good will and perseverance.

“Learn to be willing to be taught”

Weekend Offertories

July 17th / 18th

Sunday Offertory Total/ **\$3,677.00**

SVDP Food Drive collected **652 lbs** of food

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