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**An Unexpected Hour - The God Time / pab**

What is an unexpected hour? Perhaps it is when I think or believe something is less likely to happen at that moment. But why would I think it would not happen at this time but at another? Perhaps it is due to past experience or following a pattern of behaviour. When we observe something for any length of time, we realize that patterns emerge. Over time we can predict with some accuracy, what someone is going to do at a certain time, and under certain circumstances. We are for the most part, creatures of habit, and we rarely diverge from them, because they provide a sense of grounding, stability and surety. By knowing what is most likely going to happen, each time I do a particular task, more or less, then this allows us to build upon a solid base for further routines. This allows for and ensures continuity of what we might consider to be a peaceable existence. As an example, if I have observed that my boss comes in every day at 8:45AM, goes to her office administrator, picks up her messages, and then disappears in her office for the next hour, I know I will have no interaction with her until 9:45AM. I also know I am free to do what I want for that hour. This is the predictable hour, but what about the unpredictable hour?

In our gospel today, Jesus instructs us of the importance of being ready for Gods' coming among us. The catch is that it will be at an unpredictable hour. If something is unpredictable, how do you plan for it, or prepare yourself for when it happens? Does being unpredictable mean that there are no signs indicating that it is about to happen? In the example that Jesus gives us, perhaps there are some insights as to how we are to be prepared for the unpredictable.

He begins by saying that we are to be dressed for action, meaning that when God comes to us we are already waiting. That at every moment of our lives we are living with the expectation (preparedness), that God is going to reveal Godself to us. If one adopts with the mind set that God is coming at any time, then what does this say about us? That there is never a time or moment when we are not preparing for God's coming. It is not that we are hyper alert, on edge or anxious, but that we have adopted a mindset that it is in every moment that God is coming to us. Not potentially or possibly, but that every moment is God Time.

With this in mind, we read a little further where the master (God) enters the house (our lives) and immediately sits us down, and serves us. This is not what we expect of God. What is it possibly saying about God, and in turn, us? The unexpected hour may be when we become aware of an aspect of God that we had not considered before. To the degree that we allow ourselves to sit with it and let it teach us, then it takes us 'unexpectedly' by surprise and lifts us out of holding God to a predictable, more manageable way of God being for us. If we expect God to function in a certain way, then we will miss all the ways in which God truly is God, and in turn, sell ourselves short of discovering the full potential of what God has placed within each one of us.

The unexpectant hour is the moment of awareness of something that we had not previously known, let alone had considered. Being prepared for this is the willingness on our part, to have our world ever extended and expanded, not according to our will or designs, but as God would help it to come to fruition within us. Free of expectations, freed of disappointment.

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**Truth and Reconciliation /**

It is about Education and Action. It is essential to make our place of worship better partners with Indigenous communities and organizations. For more information, please contact: Dallas Boudreau at [Justicefor-Indigenous@gmail.com](mailto:Justicefor-Indigenous@gmail.com)



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 7, 2022

Mass Schedule  
Week of August 8th - 14th

Monday, August 8th/ 9:00AM  
+ Marie Veel

Tuesday, August 9th/ 12noon  
+ Gunther Siegert

Wednesday, August 10th / 11:00AM Exposition & Adoration  
12Noon - + Nina & Ron Knoblesdorf

Thursday, August 11th / 9:00AM  
SI Neil & Laurine McAllister

Saturday, August 13th, 4:00 PM  
Special Intention

Sunday, August 14th / 9:00AM  
SI Walter Grys

Sunday, August 14th / 11:00AM  
+ Bill Brennan

Let us pray for those who have died especially,  
Dorothy Groomes  
and for those who have asked for our prayers ...

Jaymie Ward, Peter & Phillip Tomkin, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Robert Foley, Joe Hanrath, Ruth Anne Foley, Ron & Margaret Smith, John Dunbar, Verna Simioni, Connie Gregory, Sharon & Ben Boivin, Terry Jordan, Irene Downey, Timothy Pelyk, Kirsten MacDonald, Mike Berardi, Diane Haywood, Marion Majkot, Peter Poustie, Stephanie Jarvis, Esther Phillips, Merle Jordan, Evan Maroney, Doris Lane, Sam Muzzi, Laurine McAllister, Carole Ruttan, Pam & Don Mackenzie and Stephanie Jarvis



It was 77 years ago that two nuclear fission bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki., August 6th and 9th respectfully. The rationale was that it would bring an end to the Theatre of War in the Pacific, which it did, and that more lives would be saved in the long run by dropping the bombs. It would appear that the intended saved lives were that of the allied forces, at the expense of the Japanese civilians. The most credible estimates cluster around a “low” of 110,000 mortalities and a “high” of 210,000 (immediate death and later due to radiation poisoning). One would have assumed that an immediate ban of such weapons of mass destruction would have been enacted. But here we are today, 2022, with nine countries, who possess nuclear weapons: the United States, Russia, France, China, the United Kingdom, Pakistan, India, Israel, and North Korea. In total, the global nuclear stockpile is close to 13,000 weapons. It would take more or less only 100 bombs to end all life on earth. Fortunately, there are plenty of extras, if some happen to go missing.

What kind of highly evolved and intelligent creature commits itself to preserving its own life, quite often at the expense of all other forms of life, while at the same time creating the scenario that it could end all life, including itself, 130 times over?

What occurred 77 years ago was allowed to happen because of secrecy, ignorance, and a total disregard for the respect and honouring of all humanity, everywhere. It is not a matter of “lest we forget” for we are long past that. This is the era and the time for all people of good will and steadfast ethical principles, to speak up and to demand their governments to due away with all forms of weapons that would be the harbingers of death. The Prophet Isaiah was inspired by God’s spirit to speak to the nation of Israel, to “beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, that this nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore”. (Is 2.4) However, it was Benjamin Franklin who once said, “those who beat their swords into ploughshares, usually end up plowing for those who kept their swords”. It should be noted, that Benjamin Franklin did own two house slaves.

Private interest and power make right, are the perfect recipe for all of our mutual destruction. Is this not the hour to unite and to courageously seek a better way of living in this world, without fear, weapons, poverty, and violence? Turning a blind eye not only gives consent, but may one day be written in our own blood and then who will speak of justice?

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Parish Group Meetings /		
Monday’s	9:30AM	Gospel Reflection Group / Sacristy
Tuesday’s	6:30PM	Discipleship 101 / Sacristy
Thursday’s	10:00AM	Huntsville Brass Band / Parish Hall
Tuesday, August 9th,	6:30PM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting / Parish Hall

Parish Pastoral News

Week of August 8th - 14th, 2022

Welcome To The Area And The Parish / Whether you are new to the area, or here for a short visit, you are most welcome. We hope and pray that the memories that you have created here in the Muskoka area, will bring you all joy in the future. May God’s peace be within you always.

Parish-Family Photo Directory / The date is approaching quickly so if you would like to be a part of the parish family photo directory please sign up now. Sign up sheets are available after mass (at both St Mary’s and St Kateri’s) or call the office to book an appointment time. If you are single and do not wish to have your photo taken alone, then bring a friend or your pet. Cottagers who join us for the cottage season are encouraged to sign up. Anyone who gets their picture taken receives a free Directory. Copies of your portrait are available for purchase. Thank you.

Orange Ribbon / World wide, the Orange Ribbon, was adopted by the United Nations for the International Day of the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It was meant to raise awareness of the need to work as communities to end all forms of racial discrimination. It has been adopted by the Indigenous peoples of Canada in light of what has come to light around the Residential Schools here in Canada. At the entrance of the Church there are ribbons that you may take with you as part of your growth in awareness of the many racial issues here in Canada that are in need of being addressed.

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Number of people we served during the month of July was 68 clients. These included families, couples and single adults. The need is ever present and grows, fortunately your kindness and generosity continues to meet this need.

On behalf of the people we serve, thank you.

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - August 13th /14th, 2022			
	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Readers	Heather Semchism	Al Cormier	Don Farquharsen
EMC	Victoria Baumgart	Jo Ann Giesler	John MacInnis
Ushers	Victoria Baumgart	Craig Martin	Hugh Knox
	Walter Grys	Doug Neigel	Bob Lacroix
	Diana Snowden	Walter Grys	Linda Lacroix
	Margaret Warman	Mike Pearson	
Counters	Tuesday, August 16th	Mary Kudryk &	Linda Latour

... Jesus did not advocate non-violence merely as a technique for outwitting the enemy, but as a just means of opposing the enemy in such a way as to hold open the possibility of the enemy's becoming just as well. Both sides must win. We are summoned to pray for our enemies' transformation, and to respond to ill-treatment with a love that not only is godly but also, I am convinced, can only be found in God” / Walter Wink

Weekend Offertory / July 30th /31st \$3,547.00

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