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Jesus said to the Apostles, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."

Mark 6:31

Parish Pastoral Team

- Alison Coort / Office Administrator
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July 21, 2024

Come Away to a Deserted Place and Rest Awhile

This is summertime when everything in us itches for a get away and to enjoy! This time every year the streets in Huntsville are flooded with tourists. People want to go out and bask in the beauty of the summer. In the Gospel reading this Sunday, we hear Jesus say to the apostles: "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." This might surprise some Christians who are always too busy to take a rest. But these Christians forget the importance of leisure for the spiritual life. This idea is well expressed by one spiritual writer, Wilkie Au, in his fascinating book titled *By Way of the Heart. Toward a Holistic Christian Spirituality*. He writes:

"Leisure is a difficult thing for some people to legitimize in a society like ours that is so oriented towards work and productivity. At the same time, we are paradoxically a society that works at and spends a large amount of time and money for leisure, more than many other societies. In any case, any spirituality that leaves out leisure will lack depth and balance because leisure lies at the heart of prayer, solitude and interpersonal sharing. Without leisure we not only jeopardize our humanity but also endanger the Spirit's work in our lives" (p.39). The truth of the matter is that a deserted place represents a place of communion with God, friends and family. Spending some time in a quiet place helps us find strength and direction in our earthly pilgrimage; it leads us to the source of our life and wisdom.

So, what is your idea of rest? Sitting lazily on a swivel chair with your feet up on the desk, smoking a cigar, and giving out orders? Or is it sleeping and snoring all day?

So, what is rest for you?

For me, rest is doing what I love and enjoy doing. Take for example some mothers who enjoy cooking for their kids and will never be tired of it. Some fathers are re-energized watching their kids after work. It is the love and joy we put into our work that makes work look like rest.

For me, to rest is to pray. Only after we have done our work can we lay ourselves down and then tell the Lord to do his share.

For me, to rest is to let others rest. Watching a sleeping child breathe or listening to a peaceful snore is rest for those who care.

The world will turn without you. So, come and rest a while in the Lord. Work, pray and play. Go out and enjoy the sunshine! Let yourself out and go and have fun!

Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - July 27th / 28th, 2024

	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Lectors	Michelle Haskin	Mary Towson	Mary Jane Zimmerman
EMC	Marguerite Goodfellow	Eleanor Wolfle	John MacInnis
Ushers	Ben Boivin Alison Coort	Lou Luvison Andre Lamy	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, July 23, 2024	Wanda Roberts &	Laila Etherington

Parish Pastoral News

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive / Thank you to all who donated to the SVDP Monthly Food Drive. Through your generous donations we received 293 pounds of food. Thank you again for your generosity.

St Marys CWL Fund Raiser Book and Puzzle Sale
Saturday, August 3rd and Sunday August 4th following Mass.

If you have books you don't plan on reading again,
If you have puzzles you won't do again,
PLEASE, drop off your donations at the church.

They are to be taken downstairs to the
Knight's Room in the hall.

The sale will take place in the hall.

Please support your CWL and help us help others.

Lectors and Ushers / Perhaps you have considered one of these ministries, especially if you are not presently involved, or you are new to the parish. If you are interested, please contact the office (see cover of bulletin) . We are most in need of ushers for the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday. Your participation in these ministries helps to bring our community together as we serve one another.

Parish Nurse News / The Parish Nurse clinic is now closed for the season. If you would like to speak with me, call or email the Parish Office and I will either call you or make a Home Visit.

Weekday Day Mass at St. Kateri / Beginning on Wednesday August 7, 2024 there will be a 10:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays during the Month of August.

Oremus, Let us Pray / is a prayer book with many beautiful traditional prayers, commentaries, and more. We have ordered a number of copies and are selling them for \$20.00 each. Please contact the office by email (office@stmaryshuntsville.ca) or phone (705-789-2348) to get your copy.

Week of July 22nd – 28th, 2024

Welcome to Very Reverend Fr. Callistus Isara, Msp., the Superior General of the Missionary Society of St. Paul, who is visiting with us.

Mass Intentions / A reminder that we have empty days for Mass intentions if you would like to book a Mass for family or loved ones.

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 Picnic / The Picnic will be on **Sunday, August 18, 2024** at St. Kateri in Baysville following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Hotdogs and Hamburgers will be supplied by the Parish. The Salads and Desserts will be Potluck. We are asking those who are attending to bring either a salad or a dessert to share. There will be sign up sheets for Salads and Desserts at the entrance to the Churches beginning next week. If you did not previously sign up to attend the Parish Picnic, there will also be a sign up sheet for that. There will games for the children and music to be enjoyed by all. Please bring your own chairs. Come to celebrate our feast day.

Altar Servers / St. Mary of the Assumption is welcoming back altar servers. If you have received your First Holy Communion and would like to participate in the Mass in an even more active way, then consider becoming an altar server. Training will be provided. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Sirek at 705-571-1681 or elizabeth.sirek@gmail.com.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish thank you for your continued and gracious donations to the Food Bank.

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Peace, Good Will, and Thank you!

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Parish Group Meetings /Events

Mass Schedule

Week of July 22nd – 28th

Tuesday, July 23rd / 12:00 Noon

+Andizej Majewski

(Req. By: Adam & Krystyna Medon)

Wednesday, July 24th /

12:00 Noon

SI Jerzy & Krystyna Lenart

(Req By: Al & Mary Kudryk)

Thursday, July 25th / 9:00 AM

Friday, July 26th / 12:00 Noon

+Ellen Stronjwons

(Req. By: Al & Mary Kudryk)

Saturday, July 27th 4:00PM

+Gildo Luvison

(Req. By: Eileen & George White)

Sunday, July 28th/ 9:00AM

SI For the People of the Parish

Sunday, July 28th/ 11:00AM

SI Margaret Smith

(Req. By: John & Jean MacInnis)

Let us pray for those who have died and for those who have asked for our prayers ...

Jaymie Ward, Phillip Tomkin, Joe Hanrath, Ron & Margaret Smith, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Connie Gregory, Sharon & Ben Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Pat Morra, Kirsten MacDonald, Peter Poustie, Pam and Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Carole Ruttan, Kevin Phillips, Stephanie Jarvis, Ian Bruce, Mabelle Claer, Janine Wright, Edward and Claire Hortensius, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike & Loretta Pearson, Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter, Dallas Clarke, Jamie Sef-ton, Tcherina Zylstra, Brian O'Connor, Remi LeGros, Emily Warman, Terry Russell, Sheila Bruce, and Veronica Cotman

Sunday Offertory

July 14, 2024 \$5,239.00

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