

# Good News!

July 2, 2017

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a, Rom 6:3–4, 8–11, Mt 10:37–42

A priest friend of mine visited a family with several sons thinking about the priestly vocation. During his visit he celebrated Mass for them at the local parish. The Gospel reading was the same as today: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me...” My friend thought twice before reading it, afraid that the father who wasn’t open to his sons’ vocations would think he picked this passage on purpose. He read it anyway and, yes, got the reaction he suspected he’d get.

Most words in the Gospels are challenging. Jesus calls us to love him above all things. This means he has to come first, and sometimes other loves, as good as they are, cannot be the ultimate criteria. He tells us to “lose our life” to find it, and sometimes that loss is real and painful.

He demands this because he himself experienced its truth. In his public ministry, he put his mission and love of souls ahead of spending more time with family and friends. When religious leaders, government officials, and others criticized and persecuted him, he didn’t back down, even if it affected his loved ones. He was faithful in charity. He didn’t look for problems, but he didn’t run from them, either. He avoided unnecessary conflict when he could, but he completely obeyed God’s will and embraced the hardships of loving until the end.

This kind of sacrifice brings great joy if endured with acceptance. As Romans tells us, “If, then, we have died with Christ, ...we shall also live with him.”

## For Reflection

*How can I live my life as though nothing is more important than Jesus? Do I regularly witness to my love for Jesus, using words when necessary?*

*Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*

## Sunday Offertory Collection—June 26, 2017

# env—139 Total—\$3,353.50

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG):** To make your regular donations easier, we have an Automatic Bank Deduction Program. By authorizing a monthly deduction from your bank account, you will never again need to worry about forgetting your envelope, and your regular support of St. Andrew’s will be automatic. If you wish to participate in this program, then please fill out a form located on the welcome desk and place it in the collection plate or drop it into the office.

Summer Mass Schedule changes beginning July 2nd

Sunday Mass Time 10:00 am ONLY,

NO MASS on Monday’s during JULY & AUGUST

## What’s Happening?

\*Subject to Change\*

\*NOTE not all parish events will be listed\*

Sun July 2	MASS TIME CHANGE * 10:00 am
Sun July 2	Social After Mass**Everyone Invited
Mon July 3	Card Club—12:30
Tue July 4	K of C #6246—7:30 pm
Thu July 6	K of C Dormer—7:30pm
Fri July 7	Adoration—8:30 am—Benediction at 5:00 pm

Dear Parishioners: ***Bye, Bye Fr. Alfredo.*** As you know, Fr Alfredo Pereira OCD, the resident priest of this parish transferred to Alberta as he will be the Assistant Director of Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre in Edmonton. We thank him for all of his services in this parish and wish Gods blessing on his new responsibility.

## Roof Repairs and Restoration

Our church has been approved for necessary repairs to the East and West sides of the upper roof and a full restoration of the lower lobby roof. We had hoped that this work would have been underway or completed by now but unfavourable weather conditions this Spring has put all roofing contractors well behind in the delivery of their projects. A & K Roofing contractors were the successful contractor and anticipate starting work early next week. I would ask that everyone be aware of the work taking place overhead and honor any safety barriers and caution tape erected by the contractor.

## Rectory Porch Replacement and New Railing and Entrance Door Installation

Many of you will have noticed that we have replaced the front porch on the Rectory. This replacement was necessary for safety reasons due to extensive deterioration of the concrete. A new railing which meets current building code requirements for height and picket spacing has been ordered and will be installed at the same time as a new entrance door and sidelight into the Rectory.

## With My Sincere Thank You!

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Finance Committee for their efforts to finalize our Parish’s 2016 Financial Report and to John Micolli and John Littleton for presenting the report at each mass last weekend. We were all encouraged to hear of a 2016 operating income surplus of just over \$36,000. We should take a moment to applaud ourselves but as a Parish Community we must continue to support the regular Sunday offertory that is critical to the ongoing operation and sustainability of our Parish. As you know we have a couple of projects going on in the church. I appeal to your generous heart to contribute to these above mentioned projects. ***Building Fund envelopes continue to be available at the welcome desk.*** As well, my special thank you to each and every parishioner for your ongoing and generous contributions.

**(2 Corinthians 9:6-7 God Loves a Cheerful Giver)**

**HAPPY 150th BIRTHDAY CANADA!!**

We are blessed to have a peaceful country to live in.

... **Fr. Jai**

# Sunday, July 2, 2017—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL-We celebrate the Feast of



Our Lady of Mount Carmel on **Sunday, July 16th at the 10:00 am Mass**. Traditionally flowers are blessed by Father during this Mass and then they are distributed after Mass. **A donation of flowers for this occasion** would be appreciated. You are asked to bring them to the Mass that you attend on that weekend.

**Retrouvaille-A lifeline for marriages**—If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment please contact Retrouvaille for confidential information about, or to register for the **August program beginning with a weekend on August 25th-27th, 2017** at the Michaelite House Retreat Centre, London, ON. Please call 519-243-0687 or email: [retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)



## Youth Walking Pilgrimage August 19-22—Adults ages 18-35



are invited to participate in a three-day walking pilgrimage leading up to our Diocesan Mass at the Martyrs Shrine on August 22. The pilgrimage will also have a discernment component, along with daily Mass and prayer. For more information or **to register please contact Fr. Patrick Bénéteau** at [vocations@dol.ca](mailto:vocations@dol.ca). An option to join the pilgrimage on the final day only (August 21) will also be available.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shine:** You are invited on a pilgrimage to The Martyrs' Shrine on **Tuesday, August 22**. Bishop Fabbro will offer the Eucharist at 2 pm. Venerations of the relics and The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will follow at 3 pm. **Please note: parishes are encouraged to organize a bus or car pool for the pilgrimage.**

**Youth Camp for Gr 7-8 & 9-12** – Calling all young people. Are you ready to make this summer count? Consider joining with students from around Southern Ontario for an overnight summer camp experience you won't soon forget. CCLC FULL IMPACT is for anyone who will be attending high school in September 2017. And for the first time we bring you CCLC EMPOWER INTO Camp for anyone entering grad 7 or 8 in September 2017. At CCLC we find God in great adventures like canoeing, low ropes courses, rock wall climbing, and swimming, daily mass, crafts, sports, camp fires, and lots more! Visit [www.cclcamp.ca](http://www.cclcamp.ca) for more information and please do not hesitate to email [cclc@dol.ca](mailto:cclc@dol.ca) with any questions.



**Development & Peace:** It is with gratitude that we are able to share with you that we were able to raise and send off a total of \$1,810.00 for our Share Lent contributions this past Lent. Thank you to everyone for your generous assistance.



Mass Intentions & Times July 2-8	
Sun. July 2 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.	Ints. of the Parishioners of <b>St. Andrew the Apostle</b>
Mon. July 3	<b>NO MONDAY MASS DURING JULY &amp; AUGUST</b>
Tue. July 4 8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Michelle & Family requested by Hart Family <b>Ana Zelko</b> requested by JS <b>Tom Hepburn</b> requested by N.N
Wed. July 5 8:00 a.m.	<b>Family Members in Peace &amp; Thanksgiving</b> requested by Group CBM Monica
Thu. July 6 8:00 a.m.	<b>Nam Nguyen Family</b> requested by Group CBM Monica <b>Thao Lai Family</b> requested by Group CBM Monica
Fri. July 7 8:00 a.m.	<b>Peter Tin Pham</b> requested by Tu Nguyen Family
Sat. July 8 5:00 p.m.	<b>Sr. Norita Keenan</b> requested by John & Wanda Woodhouse <b>Beatrice Ennis</b> requested Tim <b>Theresa Nguyen thi Nhan</b> requested by CD

## CWL Corner: WHAT TO PRAY FOR THE NATION:



That Canada will be a country that honours and serves God, that Canada will be a nation which demonstrates righteousness, justice, compassion and generosity, That the Holy Spirit will bring renewal across our land, That Canada will be a nation which fosters acceptance, forgiveness, sharing and working together for a better Canada, Pray for Canada's leadership in international relations and policy, and Pray for the spiritual strength of the nation. Happy Canada Day and God Bless.

## SSVP-Anybody can buy a new mattress and box springs at our



Thrift Store for just \$130 single, \$160 double, and \$190 queen. Nice quality! While you're there maybe ask about volunteering a few hours a month. Next month tradesmen are needed for some renovations. It's under the Adelaide St. bridge, 585 York.

You are invited to attend **St. Andrew the Apostle Parish's Celebrations of Summer** following Sunday Mass...

Many Thanks to the groups and helping hands who make the following events possible...

- Catholics Women's League • July 2<sup>nd</sup>
- St. Vincent DePaul Society • July 9<sup>th</sup>
- Carmelites • July 16<sup>th</sup>
- Knights of Columbus • July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Vietnamese Community • July 30<sup>th</sup>
- RCIA • August 6<sup>th</sup>
- Italian Community • August 13<sup>th</sup>
- Parish Picnic • August 20<sup>th</sup> – Fanshawe Park

Together let us pray that as our Bishops of Canada consecrate our beautiful country to our Mother Mary, we thank God and all those who serve, to keep our country free and peaceful. Amen.

**Happy CANADA Day!**