

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



August 2 - 4, 2017

**Father Ray will be away on a well-deserved Vacation
July 31 - August 4, 2017**

Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions

August 5, 2017

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Quinn Dang Bos & Kloosterman Families Morgan Hawken
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Weekday Masses

August 9 - 11, 2017

Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Int of Giacomo Carbaccio
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Donna Smith
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Daniel Harvieux

Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions

August 12, 2017

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Jose Andre Muro Vega Troy Lassau
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VOCATION VIEW

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 30, 2017

“Give your servant therefore an understanding mind...”
Perhaps the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life awaits you.

Transfiguration of the Lord - August 6, 2017

“This is my Son, the Beloved...listen to him!”

If God is calling you, to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988

VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR

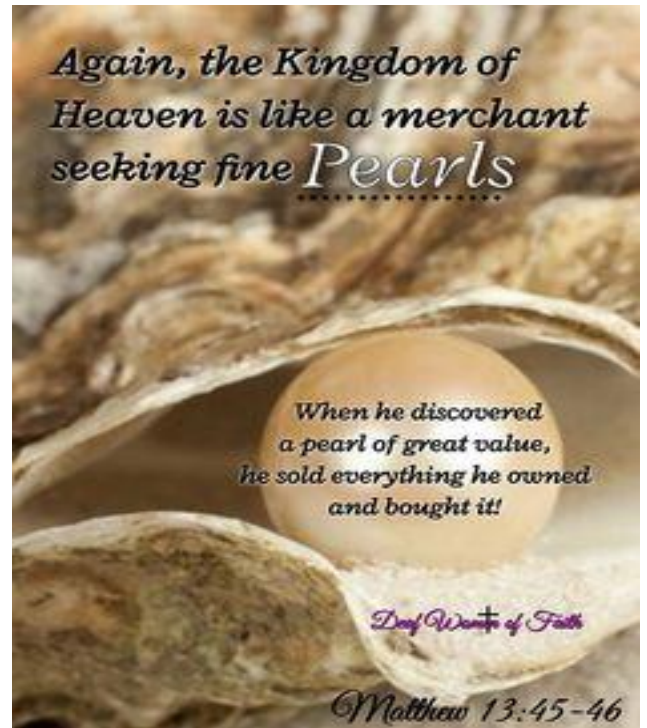
July 31 - August 5, 2017

Mon.	Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C.
Tues	Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos, D.D.
Wed.	Parish Staff
Thur.	Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.
Fri.	Very Rev. William Foote
Sat.	Rev. Antonio Cunha

August 7 - 12, 2017

Mon.	Rev. John Redmond
Tue.	Rev. Frank Freitas
Wed.	Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, S.S.M.I.
Thur.	Rev. Edward Hinsperger
Fri.	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
Sat.	Rev. Luc Payette

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FROM THE PARISH

DON'T TAKE VACATION FROM CHURCH (OR GOD) THIS SUMMER!

Summertime features a lot of family vacations, travel, slowing of routines, and laziness. Mention the word summer and most people begin to imagine the beach, cool drinks, and anything but the “normal” routine. All too often, Christians imagine “breaks” from their churches and spiritual devotions. They travel and vacate and they take a holiday from Jesus. Somehow we manage to rationalize by saying, “I’m on vacation,”

Be faithful to your church. If this is your church love her. Support her with your prayers and your giving... People come and go during summer. That’s good. God loves to see his people getting the rest and recreation they need. But don’t go on vacation from Jesus and his people. Keep worshipping wherever you are, keep giving, keep praying, keep loving. It’s good to take vacations and rest. The Lord even called his disciples to “come away and rest” (Mk 6:31). But our souls find rest in God alone. We mustn’t forget that because it’s summer and we’re “on vacation” we don’t need to practice our faith and nourish our souls. The Eucharist, body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ which we receive when we participate in Mass is 'the source and summit of the Christian life' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1324). We don't take a holiday from Christian life. Just like a balanced diet keeps us physically healthy, regularly receiving the Eucharist keeps us spiritually healthy. This summer, don't let your soul starve!

Be faithful to God & your church this summer

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 6, 2017



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD REFLECTION

In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some believe that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history indicates Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

Upon seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offered to construct three tents for them. Luke's Gospel reports that Peter's offer was made in confusion. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven spoke, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continued as they wondered what Jesus meant by "rising from the dead." Until they also witness his passion and death, the disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we see in this event an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

I wish to thank Bishop Douglas Crosby for establishing the EX CORDE FOUNDATION (Ex Corde: "from the heart") to assist parochial projects in the Diocese of Hamilton. I applied for a grant to assist in the Cabinet Upgrade costs of our Hall Kitchen and Hall Air Conditioning. The Foundation Committee reviewed this request and have granted to St. Patrick parish a free gift of \$25,000.00. We are very blessed to have this wonderful support from our Bishop and from the Ex Corde Foundation.

Sincerely,
Father Ray Modeski
Pastor

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

FAMILY ARRIVED JULY 26TH !! Immigration Canada has advised that our sponsored family will arrive at Pearson Airport late Wednesday afternoon July 26, 2017, where they were greeted by a sub-set of our Refugee Sponsorship Committee. The Committee is also pleased to report that we have found accommodation for the family, household furnishing is almost complete, and the various Refugee Sponsorship Sub-Committees such as such as finance & budget, food, health, education, technology, and transportation are all deeply into their preparatory work. Once we get the family members settled and acclimated, we will arrange an opportunity for the broader Parish to meet them.

Thank you all for support! The Parish has been amazingly generous. Questions? Please contact Committee Chair John Koopman; 416-930-4572 or email jkoopman@spencerstuart.com.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Beginning on October 1, 2017

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

The R.C.I.A. program begins at St. Patrick Parish on Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., beginning on October 1, 2015. Please contact Mary Tessari, Parish

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



OFFICE MEMO

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED EVERY FRIDAY

JULY 7 – SEPTEMBER 1 (Inclusive)

During the summer months we will publish a Sunday Bulletin every two weeks. **The next Sunday Bulletin will be published August 13, 2017.** Please be sure to keep your bulletin for reference to weekday masses. We wish everyone a safe and restful summer!