



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 14 JUNE 2015

**“With what can we compare the kingdom of God...
It is like a mustard seed...”**

(14 June Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4: 26-34)

Announced Mass intentions

Sat., June 13	5:00PM Mass – Paul and Anna Park+
Sun., June 14	11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00AM Mass – Frenette Family+
	9:30AM Mass – Raymond McAllar+
	Souls in Purgatory
	11:15AM Mass – Madeleine Miron+
Mon., June 15	NO MASS
Tues., June 16	9:30AM Mass – Romeo Maione+
Wed., June 17	12:15PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
Thurs., June 18	10:00AM Communion Service at Windsor Park Manor
	12:15PM Mass – Mary Chisholm (Ivg)
Fri., June 19	12:15PM Mass
Sat., June 20	5:00PM Mass – Ralph Gardner+
Sun., June 21	12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00AM Mass – Nancy Glover+
	9:30AM Mass – Collin Timmons (Ivg)
	Rejdych Mariusz+
	Roger Maisonneuve+
	11:15AM Mass – Zafu Kufu+

Events Calendar

Sat., June 13	9:00AM Parish Ultreya – Parish Hall
	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
	9:30AM St. Vincent de Paul mtg. Library
Sun., June 14	9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
	10:30AM Baptismal preparation – Library
	12:30PM PARISH AGM Meeting – Hall
Mon., June 15	12:30PM Potato Peelers – Hall
Tues., June 16	7:00PM Finance – Library
	8:00PM A.A. – Hall
Wed., June 17	7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church
	7:30PM K of C general mtg. – Hall
Thurs., June 18	1:00PM Club 55+ – Hall
	7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
Fri., June 19	1:00PM African Angels – Rm. A
Sat., June 20	9:00AM K of C – 2 nd Degree – Library/Hall
	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
Sun., June 21	9:30AM Last Children’s Liturgy

MPD FOOD DRIVE after all morning Masses

Please pray for our brothers and sisters who are sick...

-Our parishioners— Ron Black, Garry Brown, Viola and Mike Duggan, Margaret Fitzgerald-Pajot, Alice Johnson, Charlotte McCarthy, Mike McDonald, Jean N’dah, Santa Sedlar, Alma Serrette, Joe Tonin, Rene Venasse, Gerry Vullings

–Immediate family members—Jennifer Barns (niece of Trish Brighton), Vic Edwards (husband of Deanna Heney-Edwards), Keith Esmond (father of Liz), Estelle Freed (daughter of Helen Dick), Eric Polspoel (husband of Jacinthe Bourdeau), Kim Pritchard (daughter of Ralph and Jane Pyne)

Pastor’s Column...

MAY OUR CHURCH BE FRUITFUL

Spiritual renewal is the gift of God. God gives his people reason to hope. As Ezekiel puts it graphically, it is God who does the fundamental planting of his people. The sprig from the cedar’s lofty top is planted on a high mountain, and for a noble purpose. This tree, of God’s own planting, must be there “in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar” providing shade for creatures of all kinds. Who could have predicted that the tree would be a cross, on the hill of Calvary, and that the fruit would be salvation? Ezekiel foresees salvation coming to ‘birds of every kind’, thus not just the Chosen People of Israel, but to the Gentiles who will embrace the Good News brought by Jesus Christ, our Lord. God shall indeed ‘lift high the lowly tree’, as he solemnly promises at the conclusion of the passage from the first reading. Today Jesus speaks a parable which acknowledges the mystery that is at the heart of the most everyday experiences of life. A farmer scatters seed on the good soil of Galilee. Having done the sowing, all he can do is to go about his other business, while the seed sprouts, producing first the shoot, then the ear, until the crop is ready for harvest. The kingdom of God can be growing among us in ways that we do not fully understand. There is a reassuring, hopeful message here for all of us who may be tempted to discouragement by the slow progress that the ways of God appear to be making in the world. The spreading of God’s reign is ultimately God’s work, even when we do not see it or understand it.

God Bless you.
Fr. Gilles Njobam CMF
Associate Pastor

Parish News and Community Life...

CLUB 55+: Our next "Learn & Lunch" will be held on Thursday, June 18. Please join us for Mass at 12:15 p.m. followed by lunch in the parish hall at 1:00 p.m. Our guest will be Constable Lemieux from the Ottawa Police Force, speaking on the topic “Abuse of the Older Adult”. If you have not already reserved, please contact Rosemary Choquette at 613-521-6087, no later than NOON on Monday, June 15.

NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS PROJECT: Ten parishioners have already come forward to say they are interested in hearing about this new and exciting initiative.

There is still room for others to put their names forward to possibly be included on the Team. Arrangements are being made to have information sessions to tell those interested about this project that will offer short periods of respite to caregivers looking after a relative/spouse. Watch for more details and if interested, call Myrnah Vullings at 613-737-0755.

DEBRA-DYNES FAMILY HOUSE--The many thoughtful Father's Day gifts that parishioners donated are about to be delivered to DDFH. What a loving morale boost all the fathers will receive on Father's Day from their children! Great appreciation has also been expressed for the much-needed baby items contributed for the three newborns. Barbara Carroll at DDFH has consistently said that they couldn't do their work in that community without parishioners' kindness and generosity.

HOSPITALITY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! The Hospitality Committee will be hosting our annual **Strawberry Sunday on June 28** after all morning Masses in the parish hall. Using fresh local berries, we'll be serving delicious Strawberry Shortcake as well as Strawberries & Ice Cream. Hot and cold drinks will also be served. The cost is only \$4.00 per person. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



PASTORAL CARE

OUR TRAINED PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEMBERS are available to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick, house-bound, lonely, or bereaved. If you would like to access our services, please call Helen Castle at 613-737-5798.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

We are pleased to learn that the long-delayed canonization cause of Archbishop Oscar Romero will now proceed onward. We might also hope it calls to mind not only Romero's death but all those lost in El Salvador's civil war of the 1980s, of which Romero was only one victim. To finally celebrate Romero as an official martyr of the church is to acknowledge that what we call the "preferential option for the poor" is at the very heart of what it means to follow Christ.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – CREATION DOCUMENTARY: Salt + Light's new six-part documentary series **Creation** premieres on Tuesday, June 16 at 8:30 pm. The series offers an age-old perspective of looking at the environment from the point of view of the Catholic Church and the point of view of God's design. For more information, visit saltandlighttv.org/creation

Other interests...

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR ANNUAL LOTTERY: St. Patrick's Home is looking for a Volunteer Coordinator and volunteers to assist in the selling of our Annual Lottery tickets at parishes throughout Ottawa for 4 weekends (end November – early December) Manage a team of volunteers, ensure marketing materials are picked up and manage the return of all materials and sales. For info contact Sue Robertson at St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa Foundation at 613-731-4664 ext: 352/ suerobertson@stpats.ca. For further information go to (<http://stpats.ca/landing/st-patricks-home-of-ottawa-foundation/lottery/>).

SOLEMN MASS IN HONOUR OF SAINT JOSEMARÍA ESCRIVÁ, FOUNDER OF OPUS DEI: Will take place on Monday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Principal celebrant: the Most Reverend Christian Riesbeck, Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa. Everyone is welcome. Confessions will be heard from 7:00 p.m. For information contact Fr. Paul Cormier at 613-565-0762.

SCHOLA BASILICAE: An hour of meditational music in the quiet and beauty of Saint Patrick Basilica on **Sunday, June 21 at 8 p.m.** The schola will present music spanning five centuries, including works by Tallis, Des Prez, Bruckner and Rachmaninoff. All are welcome. Free admission. Street parking is available nearby. Info: (613-233-1126 x 561).

LEGION OF MARY, OTTAWA REGIA – DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED & SENIORS: At St. George's Parish Hall, 415 Piccadilly, on **Saturday, June 27 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** The day will include the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass at 9:00 a.m., a time for spiritual reflection, a presentation and time for socializing. Lunch will be provided. No cost to participate. Both the Parish Hall & Church are accessible. Info: Cheryl Clingaman (613-728-5687).

77TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF ST. ANN, CORMAC: Eucharistic Amazement! With Bishop Michael Mulhall & Father Scott McCaig, CC. **Sunday, July 26**, Pilgrimage Mass, 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Mulhall; Mass for healing, 2:00 p.m. with Fr. McCaig; anointing with St. Ann's oil. Masses with Fr. McCaig at 7:00 p.m., Thurs., July 23, Fri., July 24 & Fri., July 25. Further details go to www.cormacpilgrimage.com. Bring your own lawn chairs for Sunday.

SUMMER INSTITUTE IN THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: Theological formation, practical ministry training and leadership skill development. SINE is a collaborative effort between Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), the faculty of Theology at Saint Paul University and Mission of the Redeemer Ministries. **August 04-14** at Saint Paul University. Info: (<http://ustpaul.ca/en/sine-summer-institute-in-the-new-evangelization>).

141ST ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE: To the Shrines of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and Cap-de-la-Madeleine from the Arch(dioceses) of Ottawa, Gatineau, Pembroke, Mont-Laurier et Alexandria/Cornwall on August 08-09. Weekend Celebrant is Bishop Marcelle Damphousse, Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall. Info & reservations: Mike Budge (613-224-8110).

COLLECTION REPORT

07 June 2015 – \$4,299.50 (env) / \$672.95 (loose)

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