

Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish

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August 2 & 9, 2020

(2-week bulletin)

Pastor: Fr. Cuong Luong

Confessions before mass or by appointment Call 445-3836.

Parish Secretaries:

Rose Balfour & Rose McDonald

Caretaker: Craig Treiber

Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday only

9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 5:00

Parish Council Members:

Chairperson - Glen Gantefoer

Alan Corbeil, Nicole Bitner, Hélène Blais,

Dianne Kufeldt, Helen Kayfish

Secretary - Rose Balfour

Parish Finance Members:

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Fundraising Chair: Debbie MacGregor

Sunday's Collections:

July 18th & 19th, 2020

Loose - \$166.10 Envelopes - \$510.00

Pre-authorized - \$195.00

July 25th & 26th, 2020

Loose - \$126.45 Envelopes - \$715.00

Pre-authorized - \$1,403.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

August 2, 2020 — Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings should inspire the Christian steward with deepened gratitude to our God, Who loves us with such fierce and tender love. We must make an intentional response every day to return love for Love.

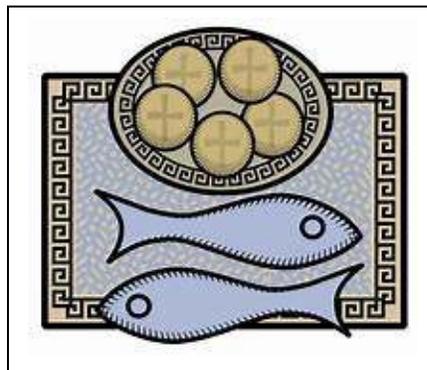
In our Second Reading, from Romans, St. Paul reminds us that nothing and nobody can keep God from loving us. No anguish, distress, persecution, famine... and we might add pandemic, economic loss, relationship strife — nothing — can keep our God from His faithful love for us. God has got us in the palm of His hand.

And yet, this reassurance is only the beginning of God's gifts to us. Our Gospel passage from Matthew recounts the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. This of course, is a foreshadowing of the miraculous gift the Eucharist, which feeds us not with bread but with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus.

Let's look at the opening verses of this passage, for they reveal a little of the tender heart of Jesus for all of us. **"His heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick."** What generous and compassionate love He shows.

But even that is not enough for our Lord. He remains with them, ministering to and teaching them well into the evening. The disciples suggest that Jesus should send them away so that they could buy some food. But Jesus will not hear of it. He insists that the disciples feed them right then and there. And then, He provides the miraculous abundance of food out of the few loaves and fishes the disciples could round up.

What a privilege for those disciples to participate in Christ's miraculous plan for His people. This privilege is ours, too, as Christian stewards. Let us make a grateful response to such amazing love.



Don't forget to contact Father Travis or Father Jim if you are interested in the Canoe trip this August. This is for young men aged 18-30. Contact info: Fr. Travis- vocations@padiocese.ca or Fr. Jim at 306-764-4637. The trip is from Aug. 17-22, 2020.



Sat. Aug. 1st 7:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people, and for †† Kathy, Monnie, and Arnold Gantefoer by Glen and family.

Sun. Aug. 2nd 9:30 am St. André
For the intentions of the people.
11:00 am Notre Dame
For the intentions of the Bidwell family by Noelle Bidwell.
5:00 pm No Mass

Mon. Aug. 3rd No Mass

Tues. Aug. 4th 9:30 am Notre Dame
Graces, blessings, and health for Lorne Kehrig by Bernadette Schiller.

Wed. Aug. 5th 9:30 am Notre Dame
For †† Camille Haegebaert by Doreen Dudek.
Adoration from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Thurs. Aug. 6th 9:30 am Notre Dame
Special intentions of Brother Don on his 80th birthday by Marie.

First Fri. Aug. 7th 9:30 am St. André
In Thanksgiving by the Ledon family.

First Sat. Aug. 8th 7:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people, and for †† Marlon Bonifacio by Felisa Bonifacio.

Sun. Aug. 9th 9:30 am St. André
For the intentions of the people.
11:00 am Notre Dame
For †† Pius Pfeifer by Notre Dame Parish.
5:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people.

Mon. Aug. 10th 9:30 am Notre Dame
Special intentions for Mark Bellavance by Jean Pawlus.

Tues. Aug. 11th 9:30 am Notre Dame
For †† Odile by the Zimmerman family.

Wed. Aug. 12th 9:30 am Notre Dame
For †† Randy by Marie.
Adoration from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Thurs. Aug. 13th 9:30 am Notre Dame
For †† Peter Dudek by Len and Jacquie Pawlus.

Fri. Aug. 14th 9:30 am St. André
For the intentions of a loyal friend, Hélène, by Raymonde Doucette.

Sat. Aug. 15th 7:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people, and for the Palm family by Noelle Bidwell.

Sun. Aug. 16th 9:30 am St. André
For the intentions of the people.
11:00 am Notre Dame
For the intentions of the CWL, and for †† Marguerite Kovalsky by the CWL.
5:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people.

***Congratulations to:
David Price and Jennifer Schneider
on the baptism of their children
Aurora Mae and Orion Anthony.***

CWL News

You are all invited to a Tree planting ceremony on Sunday, August 9th, after the 11:00 am Mass, at approximately 12:00 noon, in the rectory yard, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the CWL. A virtual convention will be held in Montreal from August 12-14, 2020 (more info on this later). Father Cuong will do a blessing and pictures will be taken, so please come and wear your stoles.

The Prince Albert Diocesan Medal of the Sacred Heart

To express its appreciation to the people who have done exemplary service to evangelize their fellow people, a medal has been created, and it will be given out annually. This year, 7 medals will be given, to one person from each deanery and one person chosen by the Bishop. Nominations must be submitted before September 15th, 2020. If you wish to be involved in nominating someone, please call the parish office. Also, please see the full letter and the criteria and eligibility details on the Notre Dame webpage and Facebook page.

For [Our Lady of Lourdes](#) home visits, please call 445-3836.

On Hold for the time being!

Prayer Line - For prayer requests call:

445-8338 or 441-4123

Work page only!

CWL
The CWL asks that you continue to pray for the unborn who are at risk of abortion. Also, please pray that governments will not perform euthanasia in hospices and hospitals, but rather allow the elderly to die a natural death.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
If you or anyone you know is seriously thinking of becoming Catholic or wants to know more about the Catholic Faith, please call and register for RCIA classes which will begin in October. Call 445-3836.

SERENA
Are you interested in Natural Family Planning? If so, please visit the website at www.saskserena.ca, or see *The Coverline*, their news publication on the bulletin board at the back.

*"Prayer is the fastest thing on Earth... it reaches God before you even say it."
Anonymous*

To have the **Vocations Cross**, please call the parish office.

More Volunteers Needed
If you have ever attended a funeral in our parish where the lunch was prepared and served by the women of our parish, you know how good they are. These volunteers have been doing this service for a long time, and are now wishing to retire. They are willing to still help out, but we need some new people who are willing to be trained, who can be in charge of buying the groceries, hauling them, and organizing the lunch. We are accepting offers from both men and women who can be called upon with short notice. If you are interested or have questions, please call the office at 445-3836.



RCIA and RCIC
If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and they are wishing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, please have them call the parish office to register as soon as possible. RCIA classes for adults and older youth usually start in early fall, and RCIC for children begins in January.

MINISTRY MASS SCHEDULE

Captain
Greeters
Gift Bearers
Commentary
Announcements
Proclaimers
Minister of Bread
Minister of Cup
Altar Servers
Ushers/Collectors

DIOCESAN EVENTS

PARISH ACTIVITIES

AUTO-DEBIT
Have you ever considered making your weekly church donations using auto-debit? By doing this, you can eliminate writing cheques or looking for some cash when you make your donation. The donation is automatically transferred from your bank account to the church after your authorization. This can be set up at the Parish Office. For more information, forms are available on the table at the back of the church or you may contact the Parish Office 306-445-3836 .