

## Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish

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**August 29th & 30th, 2020**

**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 Gantfoer

Alan Corbeil, Nicole Bitner, Hélène Blais,

Dianne Kufeldt, Helen Kayfish

**Secretary -** Rose Balfour

**Parish Finance Members:**

**Chairperson -** Chris Pollard

Arun Chacko, Jaki Esquirol, Peter Pielak,

Irene Rathke, John Jangula

**Fundraising Chair:** Debbie MacGregor

**Sunday's Collections:**

**Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Loose - \$55.00 Envelopes - \$1,065.00

Pre-authorized - \$295.00

**Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

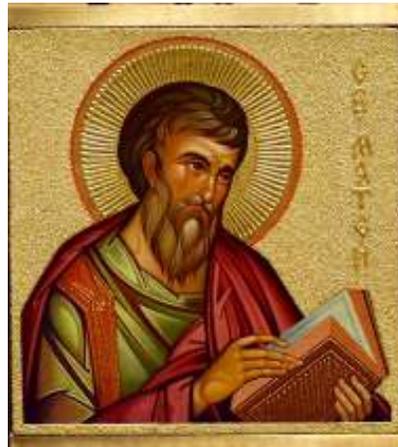
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Pre-authorized - \$ 480.00

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### Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

**August 30, 2020 — Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Let's be honest. If we are striving to live the stewardship way of life, it's not going to be easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough. It's the work of a lifetime, but in the end, it's the only work that really matters and the only life that truly satisfies.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, reflects this challenging reality. Jesus tells His disciples, ***“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.”*** This sounds harsh. Why would anyone want to do this?

Our Lord has the answer, of course. ***“Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”***

It's all about love. Jesus loved (and loves) us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His Word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. And so we must choose: love of self, or love of God and others — which is tough, but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven. Jesus promises that He ***“will come with his angels in his Father's glory and then he will repay all according to his conduct.”***

Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be?



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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](http://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**

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

**DIOCESAN EVENTS**

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**