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**THE CANADIAN CHURCH**

This weekend marks the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our country, Canada. So I offer some facts and some information that might shape our prayers of thanksgiving and hope in these days of celebration.

**First Recorded Mass:** July 7, 1534. A priest in the exploration company of Jacques Cartier celebrated Mass on the Cape Peninsula.

**First Missionaries:** Franciscan Recollects in 1615 and Jesuits in 1615. They worked among the Algonquians, Hurons and Iroquois.

**First Canadian made Saints:** The eight Jesuit Missionaries who were killed in the 1640's. They are Lay Brother René Goupil, Father Isaac Joques, Lay Brother John Lalonde, Father Antony Daniel, Father Jean de Brébeuf, Father Gabriel Lalemant, Father Charles Garnier, Father Noel Chabanel. These martyrs were canonized in the year 1930 by Pope Pius XI. Their feast is kept on September 26.

**Patron Saints of Canada:** Saint Joseph, father of Jesus.  
Saint Anne, mother of Mary, herself mother of Jesus.

**First Candian Born Saint:** St. Marguerite d'Youville, religious & founder. Born on October 15, 1701 in the Quebec Province. In 1738 she joined with three friends to establish a home for needy women and the *Grey Nuns* began. Following a brief illness, Marguerite died on December 23, 1771. She was canonized December 06, 1990 by Pope John Paul II. She was the first Canadian saint actually born in Canada.

**Oldest Church in Canada:** Our Lady of the Cape, aka. Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. It is located in Trois Riviers, Quebec. It was built in 1714. It is considered the oldest stone church in North America still in its original state.

**Canadian / Vatican Diplomatic Relations:** Established on October 16, 1969.

Father Brian Bevan, Parish Priest.  
Source: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Bishop of the Diocese  
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Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.

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Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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1st Friday @ 8:00 am  
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**July 2, 2017**

**The 13th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

# July 2, 2017

## The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Monday	July 3	<b>St. Thomas, apostle</b> 9:00 am +For the peaceful rest of James Connolly	by Maureen Flaherty
Tuesday	July 4	<b>Independence Day (United States)</b> 9:00 am For the intentions of and God's blessings upon Fr. Brian	by Yvonne MacNiven
Wednesday	July 5	6:30 pm For the intentions of the Knights of Columbus	
Thursday	July 6	9:00 am For the health and healing of Paul Massad	by Joyce and Rodney Ross
Friday	July 7	<b>Anniversary of the First Mass in Canada</b> 9:00 am For the intentions of Martha Devlin	
Saturday	July 8	<b>The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 pm +For the peaceful rest of Jacinto & Tica Melo	by Mr & Mrs Melo
Sunday	July 9	9:00 am +For the peaceful rest of Ronald and Patrica Bevan 11:00 am For the intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	by Fr. Brian Bevan

### SAINTS THIS WEEK

#### St. Thomas, apostle; July 03.

Thomas' date and place of birth are unknown. In scripture he is called *the twin*, without more information. Chosen by Christ to be an apostle, he was filled with questions that gave Jesus opportunities to speak about faith. He is said to have preached in India. A tradition says that he died at Mylaport, near Masdras, India on July 3, 72.

### DAYS THIS WEEK

#### Independence Day (United States); July 04.

Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 04, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

This day has been called *Independence Day* since the year 1791.

### DAYS THIS WEEK

#### Anniversary of the First Mass in Canada, July 07, 1534.

The Church in Canada has traditionally said that the first Mass celebrated in Canada took place on July 07, 1534. A priest with the explorer Jacques Cartier celebrated Mass on the Gaspé Peninsula.

### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

Generosity brought \$968.25 to our parish last week.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACTIVITIES

Our Knights of Columbus Council will have its new Executive installed on Wednesday, July 5 during the 6:30 pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to join in this im-

pressive ceremony that recognizes the leadership of our Parish Council.

After the executive installation the July meeting of the Knights will take place in our Hall.

We congratulate Grand Knight Paul Chiarcos upon his election.

We thank Grand Knight Tony Zanni for his leadership and example during his time as Grand Knight - the first Grand Knight of our Council.

### GRADUATION CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our congratulations to all those from our parish who have graduated from Elementary School, High School, College and University,



It is the hope of all our parish that you will continue to seek after the joy of using your gifts and talents not only to benefit yourselves but to make our world a better place.

May the Lord God guide you in all your endeavors. God bless you all.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUMMER BBQ

The Knights of Columbus invite you to attend Mass and a Summer BBQ at Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Road, St. Catharines, on Sunday, July 9.

Mass begins at 10:00 am with Bishop Bergie presiding. Lunch buffet at 12:00 noon offers salads, penne, burgers, hot dogs and chicken breast.

Children (5 and under) are free; Children (6-12) are \$7.00. Those 13+ years old are \$13.00.

For ticket information call Chuck Johnston (905-646-5099) or Al Craig (905-931-3132); Rinaldo DiSanto (905-933-2534) or Bill Amodeo (289-456-7888).

### YEAR OF THE ROSARY; MARIAN EVENT

A Diocesan Marian Event, in celebration of the Year of the Rosary & the 100th anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at St. Alfred Church, 272 Vine Street, St. Catharines, Ontario. Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Gerard Bergie at 8:30 a.m. Reflections on Mary and the Rosary and Celebration of a Living Rosary 9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Parishioners and diocesan organizations from across the diocese are all welcome.



**Free Admission/No Registration.**

### CONGRATULATIONS

Bishop Bergie has announced that Father Ben Weber has passed his comprehensive exam and has received his Licentiate in Canon Law. Father Ben has been studying Canon (Church) Law in Rome.

Father Weber will be assisting in the Marriage Tribunal in addition to his duties as Parish Priest at St. Denis Church in St. Catharines.

### BLESSED TITUS BRANDSMA CELEBRATION

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual celebration for Blessed Titus Brandsma, O.Carm, July 30, 2017 at 11:00 am in the chapel of Mount Carmel Spiritual Center in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Mass with Gregorian Chant will be celebrated by Fr. Paul McDonald.

Please bring a lawn chair and food basket for a picnic on the grounds following Mass. For information contact Rhea Obdeyn at 905-892-4721 or Frank Niesink at 905-935-9457

### CANADA'S CONSECRATION

This weekend, Canada will be consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As this weekend marks the 150th Anniversary of Canada it was decided by the Canadian Bishops that this would be an appropriate occasion for the consecration. Catholics across Canada will make this consecration together.

This is the prayer that will be used. It will be available in the pews of our parish, and on the projection screen, during Mass.

Mary our Mother, may the cross of your Son, planted on Canadian soul, and in Canadian hearts, be known as the Tree of Life, whose fruit is visible and available to all in the garden of this world. We place our country Canada in the sanctuary Of your Holy Heart for we know that there we will find Jesus, who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

### ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

This year the annual Mission Appeal - when we welcome a Priest who comes to speak and hopefully raises funds to support the work of their diocese or religious community - takes place on the weekend of July 15 & 16.

We will be visited by Father Linus Kinyu, of the Diocese of Meru, Kenya. He is currently Parish Priest at St. Alphonus - St. Clement Parish in Deaborn Heights, Michigan. As is our custom, the following weekend we will take a Special Collection in support of Fr. Kinyu's Diocese in Meru.

Please remember Fr. Kinyu in your prayers as we await him.

### THE BACK PAGE

On this week's *THE BACK PAGE* the topic covers some history of the Canadian Church.

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Bob and Cheryl Dell's 50th wedding anniversary is on July 8th. They are inviting everyone to join them at an open house to celebrate 50 years of marriage on Sunday July 9th at the Smithville Legion Hall from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

### BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

#### Birthdays:

Andrea Harris – July 2  
Gayle Hutton – July 3  
Danielle Russell/Edward Horeczy - July 4  
Angela Mus – July 4  
Ashley Zalopa/Kristie Mous – July 6  
Shannon Gaudette – July 7  
Jenny Kotuza/Emma Campea/Austin Dell – July 8  
Cody Falasca/Darren O'Keefe - July 9  
Matthew O'Keefe – July 9

#### Anniversaries:

Gilles & Anne Arguin – July 3  
Ray & Sharon Richard – July 5  
Jeremy & Leanne Greenwood – July 6  
Robert & Cheryl Dell – July 8  
Edward & Danielle Perry – July 8  
Granhame & Nicole Wealleans – July 9

### GOD BLESS CANADA NOW AND FOREVER.

