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***A FATHER'S BEATITUDES***

Blessed is the father who takes the time to be an example of God to his children,  
for he shall never lose the love of God the Father.

Blessed is the father who shares in the joys and sorrows of his children,  
for they will become those who know how to comfort others.

Blessed is the father who supports each of his children fairly,  
for he will show that life is not fair but that love is.

Blessed is the father who seeks to have good and merciful encounters,  
for his children will learn to seek justice.

Blessed is the father who is known to be dependable,  
for he will be missed when he is not available.

Blessed is the father who respects the mother of his children,  
for that will prove him to be a worthy man.

Blessed is the father who prays for guidance for himself and his children,  
this gift will be given to him by God.

Blessed is the father who seeks to treat his own father with respect,  
for he will present a powerful example of how to treat others.

Blessed is the father who defends his children against unfair stories,  
for he will show them to seek after truth.

Blessed is the father who prays and attends church,  
for he will inspire a spirit of faithfulness.

Blessed is the Father who can forgive and be forgiven,  
for he will encourage peacemakers.

Blessed is the father who finds in fatherhood joy and satisfaction,  
for he will have one of the greatest pleasures possible.

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**June 18, 2017**  
**The Body and**  
**Blood of Christ**

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## The Body and Blood of Christ - Year A

Monday	June 19	9:00 am	For the health and healing of Robert Schnarr	by John and Riky Mulder
Tuesday	June 20	9:00 am	<b>St. Alban, first martyr of England</b> ****AVAILABLE****	
Wednesday	June 21	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	<b>St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious</b> ****AVAILABLE**** Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday	June 22	9:00 am	<b>St. John Fisher, bishop &amp; St. Thomas More, martyrs</b> For the health and healing of Paul Massad	by Joyce and Rodney Ross
Friday	June 23	9:00 am 10:00 am	<b>Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> +For the peaceful rest of Fr. Obioma Anyanwu School Year End Mass in the Gym	by Martha Devlin
Saturday	June 24	5:00 pm	<b>The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> For the intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	
Sunday	June 25	9:00 am 11:00 am	For the health and healing of Robert Schnarr +For the peaceful rest of Frank Modrzejewski	by John and Riky Mulder by family

### FEASTS TODAY

#### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; June 18.

This feast honours the Body and Blood of Christ present in the *Blessed Sacrament*. It calls to mind the redemptive effects of the sacrament, and the fact that Jesus uses this sacrament to remain with us until the end of the world as he promised.

It was Bd. Juliana of Mount Cornillon (virgin, year 1258, April 5) who introduced the idea of a feast in honour of the Body and Blood of Christ. Born in the year 1192 in France, she grew up as a talented and gifted child. At the age of 16 years she began to have visions which asked for a special feast to honour the Blessed Sacrament. After she became a nun, she began suggesting this feast. Her bishop first celebrated it in the year 1246 in Liège, France. After her death in the year 1258, her work was taken up by the man who would become Pope Urban IV. St. Thomas Aquinas (priest & doctor, year 1274, March 7) composed the prayers for the feast. Pope Clement V made it universal in the year 1312.

### SAINTS THIS WEEK

#### St. Alban, first martyr of England, June 20.

Alban was a pagan, living in England, who gave shelter to a priest who was avoiding capture during the Roman persecutions in his area. So impressed was Alban, that he became a Christian. When the authorities came looking for the priest, Alban gave himself up in his place. Alban was beheaded, dying in the early third century.

His feast dates to about the year 540. *He is recognized as the first martyr in England.*

#### St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious; June 21.

Aloysius was born in Italy in the year 1568. In the year 1585, he entered the training school for the Jesuits. He excelled in his studies, and was deeply involved with the poor and suffering. While assisting plague victims in Rome, he became infected, dying at the age of 23 years. He was still a seminarian at the time of his death.

He was canonized in the year 1726. He was named *patron saint of youth* by Pope Pius XI in the year 1926.

#### St. John Fisher, bishop & St. Thomas More, martyrs; June 22.

John Fisher was born in England, in the year 1469. Ordained a priest at the age of 25, then a bishop at the age of 35, he was well known for his wisdom. When he defended the validity of the first marriage of King Henry VIII, he was imprisoned in the year 1533. On June 22, 1535 he was beheaded for continuing to defend the work of the church.

Thomas More was born in England, in the year 1477. Receiving a good education, he became a member of parliament and a writer. He was made Chancellor of England by King Henry VIII, but he opposed the king's divorce, choosing to resign his position. After being imprisoned, he was beheaded on July 06, 1535.

They were canonized in the year 1935.

### FEASTS THIS WEEK

#### Sacred Heart of Jesus; June 23.

Celebrated on the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost, we recall that the blood and water which poured out when Jesus' side was pierced by the soldier's

lance are the price of our salvation, and the source of the sacraments in the Church.

St. Margaret Mary (virgin, year 1690, October 17) received several revelations from the Lord Jesus, asking that his heart be honoured under the form of a heart of flesh. These revelations began in the year 1673 while she was a Visitation nun in France. In the year 1675 her final revelation led Margaret to begin a campaign that would act against the ingratitude towards the goodness and mercy shown by the human race toward the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the year 1685 this feast began to be celebrated privately throughout France. In the year 1765 Pope Clement XIII authorized the Mass of the Sacred Heart, and in the year 1856 Pope Pius IX extended this feast to the entire Church.

#### Birth of John the Baptist; June 24.

John was the son of Zechariah, a priest in the Jewish law; and of Elizabeth, a cousin to the Blessed Virgin Mary. His upcoming birth had been announced to Zechariah by an angel. Prompted by the angel's visit to her, Mary came to visit her cousin giving rise to the feast of the visitation (May 31).

The birth of John was originally celebrated as part of the Epiphany, then from the late fourth century, on June 24, six months before the birth of Jesus.

### DAYS THIS WEEK

#### Canadian National Anthem; June 24.

O Canada was first sung on June 24, 1880

#### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

Generosity brought \$1184.20 to our parish last week through our Regular Sunday Offering and \$438.00 through the Education of Seminarians and Clergy Offering.

#### GRIMSBY LIFE CENTRE 2017 LIFE CHANGE CAMPAIGN



Every day is Happy Father's Day when a Dad walks into the Centre, because fathers need help too. How refreshing to see both Moms and Dads asking for help when they need it. Healthy Moms and Dads make healthy, happy families. Thank you so much for your participation in the Life Change campaign. If you forgot your bottles today – you still have another week to make a difference in the lives of families.

#### FATHER'S DAY

We celebrate Father's Day today. Those who listen to "real music" - which of course is Country & Western - might remember this song, written by Holly Dunn. It is entitled "Daddy's Hands."

I remember daddy's hands folded silently in prayer  
and reachin' out to hold me,  
when I had a nightmare.  
You could read quite a story  
in the callous' and lines,  
years of work and worry  
had left their mark behind.  
I remember daddy's hands  
how they held my mamma tight  
and patted my back for something done right.  
There are things that I'd forgotten  
that I loved about the man,  
but I'll always remember  
the love in daddy's hands.  
Daddy's hands were soft and kind  
when I was cryin'.  
Daddy's hands were hard as steel  
when I'd done wrong.  
Daddy's hands weren't always gentle  
but I've come to understand,  
there was always love in daddy's hands.  
I remember Daddy's hands workin' til they bled,  
sacrificed unselfishly just to keep us all fed.  
If I could do things over, I'd live my life again,  
and never take for granted  
the love in Daddy's hands.

### BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

#### Birthdays:

Krista Zonruiter – June 18  
Carol Sorbara – June 19  
Rick Legge/Amanda Abrams – June 20  
Evelyn Wolek – June 20  
Caitlyn Hutchinson – June 21  
John Mataseje – June 23  
Brooke Gingras / Audrey Pogoda – June 24  
June Scime / Amber Davis – June 25

#### Anniversaries:

Paul & Gayle Hutton – June 21  
Chad & Carlee Alderson – June 22



Happy  
FATHER'S  
DAY