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WHAT IS ROBBING YOUR ULTIMATE HAPPINESS?

Today's readings remind us of how our God is compassionate and passionately loves us.

"Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the Lord." Our First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah addresses false prophets who had misled God's people away from the Lord. The Lord declares that He will restore His people by bringing back those who have gone astray and providing for them new shepherds so that they will "no longer fear and tremble.

This reading portrays God's infinite care and concern for our lives. We can see that God is the one who loved us first. Oftentimes, we are like the people who are blind to His goodness and enticed by sin — something we think will make us happy but does not. God is the one who constantly pursues us and gives us opportunities to say "yes" to Him. He wants to win us back, and ultimately, He will make us happy.

So, we must ask ourselves, who or what is blinding us or leading us away from our ultimate happiness? Stop for a moment and name that thing — money, status, a person, career, laziness, addiction, self-image, health, etc. — that could be leading you away from a full and happy relationship with God.

As Christian disciples, deep down we really know that our true happiness is God. So, what are we waiting for? Take the leap of faith and allow yourself to radically love God in return.

As we begin this new week, let us name the things in our lives that are robbing us of our ultimate happiness, work to let go of them and let us strive to make Jesus our true shepherd by seeking Him in our daily lives.

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Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am
Weekday Masses
See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

In Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Administrative Assistant
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Reconciliation/Confessions
Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:30 pm
(or b appointment anytime)

Requesting Sacraments
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Why Indigenous Languages?



knowledge	peace	rights	inclusion	diversity
Unique system of knowledge and understanding of the world	Sustainable development, investment, peace building and reconciliation	Fundamental human rights and freedoms for indigenous peoples	Social inclusiveness, literacy, poverty reduction and international cooperation	Cultural values, diversity and heritage

SPECIAL YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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July 18, 2021 - Year -B

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mon	July 19	NO MORNING MASS TODAY 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm ACTS Core Zoom Meeting	Fr. Christopher
Tues	July 20	9:00 am For the special intentions of Marg & Dick Van Geest	by Andrew & Caroline Steger
Wed	July 21	9:00 am For the safety, health & happiness of the Ivancy Family 10:30 am - 12:pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	by Donna & Martin Ivancj Fr .Christopher
Thurs	July 22	9:00 am For the health and healing and intentions of Bruce & Cheryl Ecker	by Andrew & Caroline Steger
Fri	July 23	9:00 am +Martha Devlin 10:30 am - 12: Noon Seniors and Homebound Visits.- Call office to Register. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	by Cheryl Ecker Fr .Christopher Fr .Christopher
The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Sat	July 24	5:00 pm +Antonio Borges	by Maria Borges
Sun	July 25	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family 2:00 pm Baptism of Madison Speed	Fr. Christopher

ONLINE EUCHARIST

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria

Sunday Mass live stream at 11:30 am.

Visit the diocesan website for viewing:

www.saintcd.com or on YouTube

St. Joseph Grimsby:

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Vision TV: Sun - 8:00 am

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Sat - 8:00 am & 9:30 am

Salt + Light: Sun - 11:00 am & 10:30 pm

Mon - Sat - 6:30 am, 11:00 am,

3:00 pm, 10:30 pm

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Mon - Sat - 1:00 pm

Internet : www.dailytvmass.com

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UPCOMING BAPTISMS

Jacob Pejic - July 18

Madison Speed - July 25

Avery Chabot - Aug 22.

25TH ANNIVERSARY VOW RENEWAL

Doug & Barb Joyner - Aug 15

E-TRANSFERS

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SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH

One of the precepts of the Church: is that parishioners should be generous in supporting the material needs of the Church. Today, we do this best by regularly using envelopes or e-transfers.

Stewardship is based on our need to give back to God out of gratitude, not on the need of the church to receive. It is based on the premise that all that we have and all that we are comes from God. As a way of giving thanks for all our blessings, we return a portion of the time, talent and treasure which God has allotted to us. Thank you for supporting our Catholic Way of Life here...

ONTARIO MOVING TO STEP 3 OF REOPENING - FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2021

WELCOME BACK

- Expanded capacity for religious services, rites, ceremonies including weddings and funerals.
- No fixed capacity is mandated, however, since physical distancing requirements remain in place, indoor capacity is about 33%capacity.
- Requirements for masks or face coverings remain in place in indoor public settings and are likely to remain in place until at least September.
- Contact tracing is to continue.
- The dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance remains in effect.
- Since face coverings are still required, there is no congregational singing in Step 3.
- At the pastor's discretion, indoor meetings and gatherings may resume as long as attendees maintain physical distancing and wear face coverings.
- Social gatherings and organized public events will be restricted to 25 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.
- Funeral service providers/cemeteries may have no capacity limit for attendance at cemetery services. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, contact the parish office. We will help you with the dates and times which are available. Cards are then given to you so that you can give them to whomever you choose so that they may also participate in the Mass.

The stipend or offering given (\$10) signifies the sacrificial nature of giving something of yourself, to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist. We encourage more to request Mass intentions for loved ones living and deceased.

DRESS FOR MASS

As the weather starts to get warmer, we tend to become more relaxed about our attitudes toward Mass - this goes hand-in-hand with our society's more casual approach to dining and dressing in general. Dressing up for Mass is important: dress as if going to a banquet rather than a sporting event. Ponder St. Paul's image of the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis has declared a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July (July 25), close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Pope Francis said, "the Holy Spirit even today stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly." The voice of the elderly "is precious," he said, "because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples." The elderly "remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generation, to pass on to the young the experience of life."

READERS / USHERS/ CLEANERS AND US ALL

In order to remain "open" and continue with the celebration of Mass we do require everyone's cooperation and assistance.

- Firstly, coming early, and not at the last minute.
- Secondly, ushers need to be here 30 mins prior. One for registration and one for assisting with seating.
- Thirdly, the reader to be committed to their schedule.
- And volunteers for sanitizing is greatly appreciate. Thank you.

WEEKDAY MASS ATTENDANCE

While many are still cautious in gathering with others we do offer alternatives to the Sunday Mass. You can attend one of our weekday Masses. In fact, we encourage more to attend weekday Mass and to be consistent with their attendance.