

February 12, 2017

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Monday	Feb 13	9:00 am	For a Mass of thanksgiving and for God's blessings upon the Mulder family	by John and Riky Mulder
Tuesday	Feb 14		St. Cyril, monk & St. Methodius, bishop St. Valentine, martyr 9:00 am For the intentions of those considering marriage 10:45 am Junior Class Mass	by Fr. Brian Bevan
Wednesday	Feb 15		Canadian Flag Day 6:30 pm +For the deceased Pastors of St. Martin of Tours	by Fr. Brian Bevan
Thursday	Feb 16	9:00 am	For the health and healing of Paul Massad 10:45 am Intermediate Class Mass	by Joyce and Rodney Ross
Friday	Feb 17	9:00 am	For the intentions of Martha Devlin	by Martha Devlin
Saturday	Feb 18		7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm For the intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	
Sunday	Feb 19	9:00 am	For the intentions of the Dell family children and grandchildren 11:00 am For the health and healing of Geraldine Bell	by Josie and Vern Dell by Sherri deWilde

SAINTS THIS WEEK

St. Cyril, monk; St. Methodius, bishop; February 14.

Methodius was born in Greece in the year 815. He became a governor, then an abbot, then a bishop in Czechoslovakia. His brother Cyril was born in Greece in the year 827. He became a priest. They taught and preached in northern Europe. Both prepared Slavic texts for liturgy in what became known as the *cyrillic alphabet*. Cyril died on February 14, 869. Methodius died on April 6, 885.

Although venerated by Czechs, Slovaks and Croats from the time of their deaths, their feast day was not universal until made so by Pope Leo XIII in the year 1880.

St. Valentine, martyr; February 14.

Valentine was a priest in Rome who assisted the martyrs during persecution. He was arrested, and after refusing to renounce his faith, was beaten with clubs and finally beheaded. He died on February 14, 270.

The present connection of St. Valentine's Day with lovers is uncertain. It appears that (St) Francis de Sales (1567-1622) claimed that this was an attempt to Christianize the Roman feast of Lupercalia, celebrated on the 15th day of the Roman month Februaria Juno. During this feast animals were sacrificed, with strips cut from their hides. Boys would run through the streets striking girls with the strips, to show their interest. It was said that to Christianize this feast several zealous pastors tried to encourage the pursuit of saints instead.

DAYS THIS WEEK

Canadian Flag Day; February 15.

The search for a distinctive Canadian flag began in the year 1925, and ended in the year 1965. Through the years there had been much discussion, but no decision. Early in the year 1964 Prime Minister Lester Pearson generated the needed activity, and the Canadian Parliament approved a design on December 14, 1964, that took effect on February 15, 1965. The design is a combination of the colours of red, white and red; with a single red maple leaf on a white field. It is a distinctively Canadian flag

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

Generosity brought \$1,485.45 to our parish last week through the regular Sunday offering and \$607.00 through our Facility Maintenance Collection.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE

The Knights of Columbus are having a St. Patrick's Day dinner dance, which just happens to be their 1st year anniversary as a council on Friday March 17th, 2017.



The doors open at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm and a dance to follow. The cost of this fun event will be \$25 a person. Contact Vern Dell or the Knight beside you for tickets or more information.

Come and join us as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the 1st Anniversary of our Council.

BAPTISMS

A baptism will be celebrated on Sunday, February 19 during the 11:00 am Mass. Please remember Maxim Reider Wilchiwsky, child of Antony and Angela (Serantola) Wilchiwsky.

A baptism will be celebrated on Sunday, February 19 at 12:30 pm. Please remember Georgia Marie DeLima, child of Oliver and Katie (Stirling) DeLima.

May the Lord bless and keep them in His love.

CHRISTMAS MANGER

Father Brian asked at the Masses after Christmas that we please take a look at the Christmas manger scene, on the west side of the church. He promised he would ask what we thought about it: keep it as is; keep it and attempt a restoration; replace it; or never use it again.

So he comes to ask about it today and he asks that we offer our thoughts in one of these ways: tell him or our parish secretary, Sandy, face to face; or on the telephone (289-956-0227); or in an email at st.martins@cogeco.ca

Thoughts will be accepted until the end of February 2017. Thank you.

I AM A CATHOLIC

These "I Am A Catholic" cards are now available in the foyer of our church. They are meant to be filled in and carried in a wallet or purse where they can be found in an emergency situation.

The card would alert those in emergency care requesting an immediate visit from a priest. Hopefully this request would be met by someone attending to you.

NAME	_____
ADDRESS	_____
<i>I am a Catholic</i>	
In the event of an accident please call a priest	

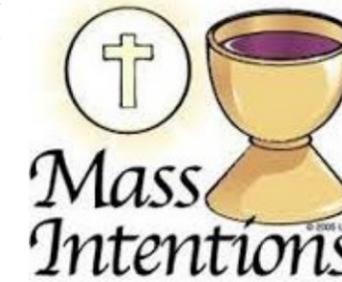
INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

These for the year 2016 year may be picked up from the table, located at the south side of the church entrance. The receipts are listed alphabetically.

Once again, thank you for your financial support during this past year.

MASS INTENTIONS

There are many ways to remember those who have died, but none are greater than having them remembered during the Mass. For the Mass is the most direct and powerful way to present our thanks, praise and petitions to God. We listen to God's word for us, we receive and share in the Body and Blood of Jesus that



he makes available to us, we join in the prayers of the entire Church and not only our own and we are able to be reminded again and again that we are part of the great community of living love known as the Communion of Saints.

When we seek to remember a person who is alive (Intentions) we can place their hopes and dreams, sorrows and difficulties, needs and wants before God and invite others to include them in their prayers. When we seek to remember a person who has died (their Repose) we show God our concern for their eternal wellbeing, seek forgiveness of their sins and can ask that they will pray for us while we remain on earth.

Birthdays, anniversaries, death days and special events can all be celebrated and remembered by having the person(s) remembered in Mass.

Mass requests may be made by using the Mass Intentions Envelope located on the table in the church lobby, or by contacting the parish office or by speaking with Father Brian.

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

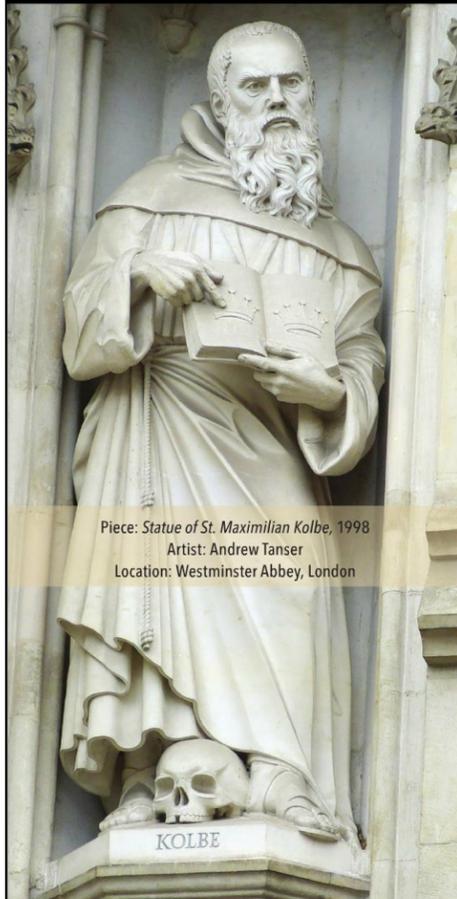
Birthdays:

- Ethan Diletti/Hannah Whitelaw - Feb 11
- Jack Tracey - Feb 11
- Dave MacNiven - Feb 12
- John Mulder/Mike Bruculieri - Feb 13
- Terry deWilde/Terry Falasca - Feb 14
- Joey Hornak/ Summer & Shay Soo Lum - Feb 14
- Pamela Heikamp - Feb 15
- Erica DaSilva - Feb 16
- Carlee Alderson/Leslie-Ann Legge - Feb 17
- Katrina Shields/Allison Tracey - Feb 19

Anniversaries:

- Barry & Mary Jane Scott - Feb 13

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Piece: Statue of St. Maximilian Kolbe, 1998
Artist: Andrew Tanser
Location: Westminster Abbey, London

St. Maximilian's Choices

Saint Maximilian Kolbe died in 1945 taking the place of another prisoner in Auschwitz, but his martyrdom started many years before. As a young boy, he was quite a handful—so much so that at one point his mother cried out, “What will become of you?” Shaken by his mother’s grief, Maximilian went to the town church to ask our Lady what would become of him. He wrote that the Virgin Mother appeared to him holding two crowns: one white and one red. The white crown meant he would remain pure, and the red meant he would be a martyr. Our Lady asked Maximilian which one he would like. He chose them both.

We are offered choices as well. Sirach says that whatever we choose will be given to us, but what Jesus offers is challenging. Jesus offers each of us a new heart, a new spirit, a new love, and a new trust. Jesus defines what it means to be his follower, and it is a challenging task. This standard is not lowered for Christians, nor is it defined by what is legal in a country or popular in a social group. In fact, we are not only asked to live this life but we are called to teach it to others.

The rewards, however, are equal to the challenge. What Christ promises to those who love and teach his gospel is a glory and reward greater than any we have ever seen, heard, or imagined. Maximilian Kolbe knew this, and he fought earnestly for the truth in Nazi Germany, even though it led to his arrest and death.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

What choices did Jesus place before me this week?
How have I been an example of Christ to others this week?

Dear Padre,

Does suffering please God? I’ve heard we should “offer it up,” but to me, God is never pleased with pain.

Some think God sends suffering into our lives as retribution. In fact, God asks certain things—difficult things—of us so we can avoid suffering in our own lives, in the lives of others, and after death.

When a mother says, “Don’t touch that! It’s hot,” and her child touches it anyway, the mother didn’t cause the burn. She knows the consequences of that action and warns her children not to do it. If they disregard her, she doesn’t stop loving them. In the same way, God tells us how to live so we can avoid being hurt, and God never stops loving us.

Some suffering is unavoidable no matter how well we love and obey God. This suffering is the hardest to accept. Some is the result of our humanity.

Many seek to assign blame; others want to know why things happen. The truth is, sometimes there is no why, no clear purpose. When there is, we don’t feel it any less. We can only trust that God will turn it into something good.

God’s power turned a “meaningless” crucifixion into the means of our salvation. This is what “offer it up” means: By turning toward and imitating Christ, we find new depths of faith and hope.

Fr. Joe Nolen, CSsR
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Wed @ 6:30 pm

Exposition and Benediction
1st Friday @ 8:00 am
3rd and 4th Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm

Reconciliation/Confessions
Sat 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or on request

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Sunday by appointment

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Contact Fr. Brian Bevan

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Ministry Schedule - Feb 18/19

Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Bill Zonruiter & Tony Mous
9:00 am - George Y & Sharon Richard
11:00 am - Andy & Pat Wirth

Altar Servers

5:00 pm - Needed
9:00 am - Needed
11:00 am - Needed

Children's Liturgy

Jennifer Noseworthy

Next Hospitality Sunday March 5

9:00 am - Eucharistic Ministers
11:00 am - Strong Catholic Families

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Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Yolanda Baldasaro
#2 - Nick Shields
9:00 am #1 - Maeve Devlin
#2 - Mary Pikula
11:00 am #1 - Heather Tomascini
#2 - Deanne Long

Ministers of Communion

5:00 pm - Martha, Tom & Tony
9:00 am - Doug, Marcel & Bea
11:00 am - Martha, Theresa & Barb

Counting

Beth Davis & Justin Long