

Imagine how you and the world would respond if there existed a medical team who had discovered a sure cure for cancer many years ago, but for reasons known only to them, had refused to tell the world about their discovery. Most of us have one or more beloved family members, or dear friends, who have suffered terribly from the ravages of cancer, before finally succumbing to this devastating disease. We would at best be flabbergasted that people dedicated to healing could be so callous as to withhold this information. More than likely we would justifiably be outraged, bitter, and vengeful. How in the world could one human treat another so dispassionately, not caring enough about their suffering and death to share the means of a cure which they had discovered?

Yet, spiritually, the same disservice to mankind is being perpetrated by many Christians. The world is suffering a more serious eternal fate due to the cancer of sin and unbelief. Lives are being destroyed with an equal or greater devastation because the cancer of sin and unbelief destroys not only the life of the non-believer, but also the lives of loved ones and friends associated with the non-believer. There is a cure! The love of God in Jesus not only cures the diseased non-believer but also provides rehabilitating help to remove the affects of the disease. As Catholic Christians we know and have experienced the life saving cure, yet we are often guilty by our silence of withholding similar life saving help.

Our discovery of life in Jesus is a wonderful, life saving, discovery for humankind. It has not only secured our eternal destiny but also enhanced our earthly existence. Rather than keeping silent we should be joyfully contagious messengers of God's grace to those around us. Sometimes our witness can simply be the witness of a pleasant, smiling, affirming life that engages the people around us by showing interest and concern. However, there are times when we should also be committed to sitting down face to face with someone and telling them the story of God's love which was expressed through Christ's death on their behalf. The Good News does not need to dwell on their sinfulness, for most people are fully aware of their shortcomings and estrangement from God. Instead we need to dwell on the saving work of Jesus, and the love of God that initiated salvation. In this week's second reading we see a brilliant synopsis of all that salvation entails. If we could simply help people to understand these wonderful truths, we would be introducing them to the "Cure" of a lifetime. We must awaken to the gift held within us, and to the opportunities to share that gift with others who are awaiting without.

"Do not be afraid to go out on the streets and into public places," Pope John Paul II urged, "like the first apostles who preached Christ and the good news of salvation in the squares of cities, towns and villages. This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel. It is the time to preach it from the rooftops."

Like Amos the Lord can enable us to become "go-ers," people who go forth into their daily activities with the message of hope. However, we need not view ourselves as prophets going to a hostile audience, but simply as friends willingly going to introduce a friend (Jesus) to our friends.

Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese Most Reverend Gerard P.Bergie, D.D. Pastor Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P. Diocesan Social Justice Rep

> Sunday Masses Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00am

Weekday Masses Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00 a.m. SUMMER NO MASS WEDNESDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament BACK IN SEPTEMBER

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

Baptism Catechesis and appointment necessary

> Marriage Contact the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick Please call the office

Secretary Sandy Johnson Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 PM

> Bookkeeper Tracy Pigott

St Martin School Phone 905-957-3032

Cemetery Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648

Parish Organizations Catholic Women's League Knights of Columbus

Parish Groups Scripture Study . Children's Liturgy West Lincoln Loaf of Bread Parish Events Group

Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

Ministry Schedule - July 21/22

Hospitality Ministers 5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Helen & Andy Lipiec

Altar Servers 5:00 pm - Needed 10:00 am - Needed

Children's Liturgy No Children's Liturgy until Sept 9th

Next Hospitality Sunday September 3rd

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July 15, 2018 The 15th Sunday in **Ordinary** Time

Lectors 5:00 pm #1 - Sue Armstrong #2 - Kelly Staples 10:00 am #1 - Tom Richardson #2 - Marg Van Geest

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers 5:00 pm - Tom, Maeve & Yolanda 10:00 am - Dick, Andrew & Caroline

Stewardship Counting Helen Lipiec & Elaine Parry

July 15, 2018 The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



Lord, may the request of your people rise before you like a fragrant offering

Monday	July 16	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Gemma Gillen	by the Newman family
Tuesday	July 17	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Mark Snow and for the Healing of the soul, mind and emotion of Renne Snow	by Annette & Dan Shukovitsky
Wednesday	July 18	****NO MASS TODAY****	
Thursday	July 19	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Dave Harris	by Helen & Andy Lipiec
Friday	July 20	9:00 am +For the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Devlin family	by Doug & Maeve Devlin
Saturday	July 21	 The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm For God's blessings upon Claudette & Dosseh Sassou- Messan on their 20th Wedding Anniversary 	by Claudette & Dosseh Sassou-Messan

Sunday July 22 10:00 am For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family

PARISH MISSION APPEAL

Each year our diocese invites us to welcome a Missionary. We will welcome Father Paul Varuvel, Mission Co-ord-Diocese of Kuzhithur or his assistant. This Mission Appeal will take place the weekend of August 25,26,2018.Visit their website at: <u>http://</u>www.kuzhithuraidiocese.com/

Pope Francis created a new Latin rite Diocese of Kuzhithurai, carved out of the Diocese of Kottar, in Kanniyakumari District, Tamil Nadu, India making it a suffragan of the metropolitan see of Madurai and with great joy and pastoral concern, he announced it officially on 22nd December 2014 at 12.00 hrs, Italian Time/16.30 hrs (IST) appointing Fr.Jeromedhas Varuvel S.D.B. as its first Bishop. He was consecrated by Most Rev. P. Remigius, Bishop of Kottar on 24th February 2015 at Trinity Central School Campus, Chithrancode.

This new diocese comprises of Mulagumoodu and Thirithuvapuram vicariates and has 264,222 Catholics in 100 parishes, 123 mission stations and a Shrine, spread across 915 sq km. served by 131 priests and 269 religious men and women. The Cathedral of the new diocese is the church of the Most Holy Trinity at Thirithuvapuram in Kuzhithurai Town and municipality. It is the administrative headquarters of the Vilavancode Taluk. The new diocese of Kuzhithurai (nom. Lat. Diocese Kuzhithuraien(sis), bordered to the north with the diocese of Palayamkottai; east and south with the mother diocese of Kottar; south-west by the Indian Ocean; and to the west with the Archdiocese of Trivandrum and the Diocese of Neyyatt (in the state of Kerala).

VACATION BIBLE STUDY

July 23-27 from 9am - 12am

St. Martin of Tours will once again be running the Summer Vacation Bible School. This program is free for children between the ages of 5 to 10 years.

The Registration Forms are available at the St. Martin's Elementary School and here at the front church foyer. **"Maker Fun Factory"** gives the children: Bible learning experiences, team-building games, cool Bible songs, creative crafts, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities. Children will discover how to see God in everyday life! Save the dates and come, experience the joy.

<u>WEEKEND and WEEKDAY</u> <u>MASS SCHEDULE</u> Saturday (VIGIL) at 5:00 pm Sunday at 10:00 am Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 9:00am No Masses on Wednesday

OFFICE HOURS HAVE CHANGED

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00am to 12 NOON.

RECENT BAPTISMS

On Sunday, July 8th we welcomed two new families to our faith community; and baptized two children: Owen Harris Lewis Thomas Justin Rowland Welcome to our community.

UPCOMING BAPTISM

Matthew Peter Gunn, July 29th, at 1:00pm

GETHSEMANE SUMMER FIAT (CAMP) August 21-25

Gethsemane Ministries will be conducting a summer camp at the Robert Land Academy in Wellandport for young adults gr. 4-12. This will be an opportunity for a renewed spiritual experience with engaging Catholic speakers, daily Mass, confessions, teambuilding activities, campfires, and more. This 4-day overnight Catholic camp aims to foster fellowship and friendship among young people, and provide a solid foundation to deepen one's faith at a young age. Cost is \$250.

For more information and to register, visit: www.gethsemaneministries.com

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

"The gospel of the Family: Joy for the World" . Dublin, Ireland . August 22-26, 2018 Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray, and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society, and of the Church.

There will be four main elements of the meeting:

- a pre-catechesis on the theme.
- a Theological Pastoral Congress from August 22-26
- a celebration of the Feast of Families on Saturday, August 25
- a Solemn Closing Mass with the Pope on Sunday, August 26
 For more information, visit:

www.worldmeeting2018

PARISH STEWARDSHIP JULY 7/8, 2018

Sunday Offering (59 Env):\$1,605.00Loose:\$ 136.70Late Facility Maintenance (4 Env):\$ 60.00Hall Rental - Funeral Reception\$ 150.00

Thank you for your tithe/stewardship. God Bless.

GOING ON VACATION? Church bills never take a vacation. Please remember your SUNDAY ENVELOPE! THANK YOU!

WORLD YOUTH DAY January 22-27, 2019 Panama

Calling all young adults 18-30 years of age! Come, learn more about the pilgrimage to WYD 2019 in Panama. Those interested are asked to attend an information session at the Catholic Centre August 17 (7:00 p.m.). Thank you.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE MEETING

Member are reminded: Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 26 at 7:00pm. Place: Crying Room / Meeting Place

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

Daniel Cacilhas/George Sorbara – July 15 Thomas Valeri – July 16 Dana Ivanaj/Grant McIntyre – July 18 Frank Frederico – July 19 Susanne Perry – July 20 Peter Blokhuis – July 21

Anniversaries:

Ron & Janet Roscovich – July 17 David & Mary Vieira – July 19 Andrew & Caroline Steger – July 21 Mark & Yolanda Baldasaro – July 22