

## **Eighteenth Sunday Of Ordinary Time**

# Sunday August 01, 2021

Liturgical Year B



Saturday July 31 Livestreamed

5:00pm + Frank Kukovica

(Requested by Kokovica Family)

Sunday August 1

10:00am

**Special Intention Father Mathew** 

(Requested by MacDonald Family) For the People of St. Mary's Parish both

Living & Deceased

August 2, 3, 4 No Mass

Thursday August 5

+ Elsa Doucette

(Requested by Debbie Spears)

Friday August 6

9:00am

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+ Mark De Roche

(Requested by DeRoche Family)

Saturday August 7 Livestreamed

5:00pm

For the People of St. Mary's Parish both Living & Deceased

Sunday August 8

10:00am

+ Cliff & Peg McLaughlin

(Requested by Sharon Forgeron)

+ Allen DeRoche

(Requested by DeRoche Family)

Monday August 9 No Mass

Tuesday August 10

9:00am

Special Intention for the Sarja Kuriakose **Mani Family** 

(Requested by Anu)

Wednesday August 11

9:00am

+ Elsa Doucette

(Requested by Debbie Spears)

Thursday August 12

To all my Covid Ones 9:00am

(Requested by Teresa Schnieder )

Friday August 13

+ Almira Scanlon 9:00am

Saturday August 14 Livestreamed

+ Anthony Fiore (Requested by Family)

+ Bill Allen (Requested by Marianne Allen)

Sunday August 15

10:00am

+ Antonetta Napolitano

(Requested by Family)

For the People of St. Mary's Parish both

Living & Deceased

## **Becoming Providers**

The Israelites were out in the desert, and they began to suffer from hunger. So great was their hunger that they longed for the 'good old days' of slavery in Egypt, when at least they had their fill of bread. What they did not know was that soon they would be eating "the bread of the miahtv."

All of us are in a desert, so to speak, suffering from spiritual hunger. So great is this hunger that we long for the 'good old days' of innocence, when life seemed simple and all our needs were satisfied. Jesus comes to us in this desert and gives us "the bread of life" so that we shall never be hungry again.

The readings from Exodus and John are about justice and holiness: providing all the people with our daily bread, and satisfying our spiritual hunger with "the food that remains unto life eternal." The Church puts these readings together in this Mass to suggest to us that there is a connection between the 'justice' issue of hunger and the 'holiness' issue of the Eucharist. The work of God is to feed, and if we should want to join in that work, we must become providers, doing all we can to see that no one goes hungry and to bring people to the Eucharistic table of the Lord.

> Many persons today are physically hungry. Certainly the solution to starvation and malnutrition requires increased production and improved distribution of food. But it also requires a concerted act of solidarity by the nations and peoples of the world. Our sharing in the Eucharist inspires us to such solidarity, as well as to actions which express it; for sincere celebration of the Eucharist must lead to various works of charity and mutual help.

U.S. Bishops, The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family, 1975:11

Gerald Darring

#### Reminder



Masks MUST be worn in the Church at ALL times. The only time you can take your mask off, briefly, is at Communion.

### **Message From Father Mathew**

During our eight plus years together, we have probably experienced almost everything on the list. I remember the baptisms, weddings, funerals, brunches, auctions, car washes, Chili cook off, Lenten studies, Christmas plays, singing, praying, preaching, fellowship, and friendship; I remember it all! There was some tearing down of old ideas and planting of new ideas, some disagreements and some resolutions, some remembering and some forgiving. We have collected car loads full of food and clothing for the St. Vincent de Paul, as well as, sponsoring a family from Syria who are doing well and settling down and assimilating in to the Canadian culture. We have laughed and cried. mourned and danced and ate way too many desserts and Knights breakfast! But never too much carrot cake! We have said goodbye to beloved members who have moved or went onto the Church triumphant and we have welcomed new people as well. We acquired a new sound system, the basement renovated, Had a vibrant youth group, had a youth minister, many International dinners. bought new boilers, Air conditioned the church and the hall renovated the Grotto, new cement pads, new lights, new alter etc. We got a new cross and tabernacle for the church with two statues of Mary and Joseph in the Church. We put new security systems with HD cameras around the Church. new LED lights in the Church. We are surviving the pandemic with Livestreaming Mass and other services in the Church. We have survived raging storms, shoveled much snow and spent many more days in the sun. Throughout it all, we have bonded and grown in wonderful ways while experiencing a great deal of mercy, grace, joy and love! The Lord has blessed us in more ways than we can count. The Lord has certainly been with us and has shown us that what we think is impossible, God makes possible.

I have always believed that a pastor is called to a particular place, for a particular time, with a particular purpose to a particular group of people in a particular community. We may have not accomplished everything that I had hoped for; yet still much was accomplished but it was always my intention and my commitment to the Bishop that I would serve you in a particular way which included preparing you for your next pastor. The new pastor has been chosen and so it is my time to exit.

When Jesus prepared to leave his disciples, he found three promises to share:

First, Jesus promised to make a home in his disciples' hearts. (John 14:23),

Second, Jesus promised to fill the disciples with a spirit of courage and comfort. "The Holy Spirit...will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you". (John 14:26).

Finally. Jesus promised to sustain his disciples with a special kind of peace. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you" (John 14:27).

So as Mary Lindberg says (from *The Graceful Exit*), "So we'll open the gifts Jesus gave us—a home in him, the courage to move on, the peace that will get us through many unknowns. And we'll trust that God is staying with those we love for many more seasons."

The thing you need to remember is that you will always be a part of me and I will always be a part of you. Thank you for all of your patience, kindness, mercy, grace, generosity and love that you have shown me! You are a great group of people and I wish you all the best in this new season that you are about to begin. May you continue to grow in faith, hope and love,

worshipping the Lord with your whole heart, mind, body and soul and remember to do everything for the glory of God!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Mathew Pendanathu

#### **Farewell Father Mathew**

It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to Father Mathew who has been our Pastor at St Mary's for eight years. We wish you all the best in your new Parish and that they will cherish you as much as we did. You will remain deeply rooted in our hearts. God Bless!

-St Mary of the Assumption

#### **Welcome Back**

It is with great happiness that we are able to celebrate Mass once again at 33% capacity. We are able to seat 100 people; please come early to not be disappointed. Doors will be locked on the hour. MASKS are still required.

<u>Summer Office Hours</u>
The Office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm Please remember to wear a mask and only one person at a time are allowed in, Thank

#### **Mass Times**

Please note the change in Sunday Mass time, we will go down to one mass starting Sunday July 10, 2021. Saturday 5:00pm

### Sunday 10:00am

Weekdays Tuesday to Friday 9:00am

No Bulletin next weekend. There will be one for the weekend of Aug 14/15