

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 9	5:00 p.m.	<b>Etienne Annette Desrosiers</b> by the Desrosiers family
Sunday, August 10	9:00 a.m.	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Leonard Hart</b> by Lynn Villeneuve
Monday, August 11	8:00 a.m.	<b>Donald Cameron</b> by his estate
Tuesday, August 12	8:00 a.m.	<b>Joan Farquhar</b> by Charlie & Suzanne Upton
Wednesday, August 13	8:00 a.m.	<b>Anita Lemire</b> by Bert & Madeleine Cardinal
Thursday, August 14	8:00 a.m.	<b>In Thanksgiving</b> by Carla DaPrat
Friday, August 15	<b>No Mass</b>	
Saturday, August 16	5:00 p.m.	<b>Sr. Elaine Robitaille</b> by the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish
Sunday, August 17	9:00 a.m.	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Bernard Arthur</b> by Catherine, Lynn & Ryan

### Confessions

Confession are available before mass during the week and on weekends.

### Thank You For Your Offering - Sunday, August 3, 2014

Envelopes: \$3,35500, Loose: \$176.65, Total: \$3,531.65

### Baptism Meeting

The next meeting for parents who are planning on having their child baptized in the near future will take place on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 p.m. Please call the office to register.

### Do you know someone who wants to become a Catholic...?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a journey of faith into the Roman Catholic Church. Anyone interested in joining the Church please call the office and speak to Fr. Jacques at 932-2996.

### **Special Collection This Weekend - Parish Rectory Renovations**

This weekend we are holding a second collection for the Parish Rectory Renovations Project.

There are special envelopes in the church pews for this.

If you make a donation by cheque, please make your cheque to "Blessed Sacrament Parish" and we ask you to also put your envelope number on the envelope so we can issue a tax receipt.

If you are not able to contribute at that time, you can do so in the following weeks.

Your continued support to the parish is greatly appreciated.

### **Grade 2 Students in a Public School**

Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish who have children in grade 2 who are attending the public school system. If your child is ready to receive the Sacraments of Confession, Confirmation, and Communion, you are asked to register them at the parish office before September 30th, 2014. Please remember there is a COMMITMENT that is taken on behalf of the child and the parents.

## **Leaving Right After Communion**

*ROME - Answered by Father Edward McNamara LC, professor of liturgy at the Regina Apostolorum university.*

**Q:** Unfortunately some in the parish have developed the poor habit of leaving Mass immediately after Communion. Could you provide a theological discourse on why this is not appropriate behaviour?

**A:** This is a perennial problem, but one which must be faced with patience, insisting, as St. Paul would say, "Opportune et inopportune" (in season and out of season), until the message reaches home.

This question reminded me of the story of a saintly priest who had the same problem with one of his devout parishioners who attended daily Mass but left immediately after Communion. He solved the problem by ordering two altar boys with lighted tapers to walk on either side of him as soon as he started to leave the church and accompany him all the way to his carriage. When, after three days repeating this action, the somewhat flustered and embarrassed gentleman asked the priest for an explanation, he was told that since Christ was still present in him as he left the church, his presence had to be honoured by lighted candles. Needless to say, he never left early again.

This anecdote could serve as a starting point for the priest to reflect with the people on the importance of giving thanks for the gift of Mass, of being spiritually nurtured by God's word, of participating in his unique sacrifice, and by receiving Communion.

This also requires that there is effectively a period of silence after the Communion song and that the priest, deacon and other ministers lead by example, dedicating two or three minutes to silent reflection at the chair.

On occasion the priest may assist the people by directing a brief meditative prayer of thanksgiving. This is especially effective at so-called children's Masses for, while the prayer is ostensibly directed toward the children, it often serves adults just as much.

Another point to be emphasized is the importance of assisting at the entire Mass. There are many plastic images to illustrate this, but most can grasp that if their boss, or the local mayor, summons them to a meeting, they would not dare leave before their host has formally brought it to a close. Even more is this true when a beloved parent, sibling or lifelong friend invites us to spend time with them.

If we behave thus before mere human authority and relationships, then how much more should it be true when our host is the Father who created us, the Son who died and rose for us, and the Spirit who gives us life.

Let us leave courtesy aside for a moment and return to thanksgiving. The Mass is something we celebrate together as Church and as a worshipping assembly united to Christ through the priest. It is not just something we do as individual Christians.

In the same manner, our thanksgiving for Mass cannot be reduced to the individual sphere and must be carried out as Church. This collective thanksgiving is done through the priest at the closing prayer to which all respond "Amen."

Finally, the Mass is intimately united to Christian life and mission. The final blessing and dismissal send us forth to transmit what we have received to our brothers and sisters. If we leave directly after Communion, then we lose this important component of our spiritual life.

From a very material standpoint one could also see if there is some tangible motivation that leads so many of the faithful to leave early. Is there a bottleneck in the parking lot? Are Mass schedules

too close together? If there are real practical inconveniences involved, then theology alone will be ineffective in changing people's habits until these are resolved.

### **Dynamic Catholic**

“*Peter walks on water*”. For the people in Jesus’ time, the sea represented the difficulties, the unknown, the trials and death. Dynamic Catholics are sure that if they put their trust in Christ, and walk towards him with confidence, they can overcome all the trials of life.

### **What Service Are You Doing for God? We Need Your Help...**

The parish is looking for some help in the following areas. We need READERS, YOUTH SERVERS, ADULT SERVERS, COLLECTION COUNTERS, DECORATING, MUSICIANS, SINGERS, CANTORS. We are also looking for leaders to help build the parish community... We need new people to help out!

### **Friendly Reminder**

Please refrain from taping and/or stapling your Sunday offering envelopes.

This makes it very difficult to open the envelopes without tearing them.

In order to facilitate the task of counting the Sunday offerings, we are asking that you kindly write the enclosed amount on the outside of your envelope, please and thank you.

### **Outdoor Masses at Calvary**

You are invited to join the parishioners of Ste-Marie-de-l’Assomption Parish for two outdoor bilingual Masses at Calvary. Calvary is an outdoor Way of the Cross located behind the church in Green Valley. Mass on August 13<sup>th</sup> is at 7:00 p.m. Mass on September 6<sup>th</sup> is at 10:30 a.m.

### **Saints Movie Week**

This summer, the Family Resource Centre for the Diocese has put together a new and exciting week long program. Join us from August 18<sup>th</sup> to August 22<sup>nd</sup> for **Saints Movie Week**.

Each afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. we will feature a different animated story of a saint followed by games, crafts, snacks and songs. The cost is \$5 for an afternoon or \$20 for the week.

The fun is happening at the Agora Catholic Centre (301 McConnell Avenue).

You can register online at [www.alexandria-cornwall.ca](http://www.alexandria-cornwall.ca) - gotta know how many snacks to buy!

### **Cemetery Service**

A Memorial Service will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery

in Moose Creek. In the event it rains, the service will take place in the Church.

Please bring your lawn chairs. Everyone welcome.

### **Bereaved Families of Ontario**

The next “Support and Share Night” meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 216 Montreal Road.

For information call 936-1455 or visit the Drop-In Centre weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **Women’s Bible Study**

A ten week course will be offered on the book of JAMES starting September 17<sup>th</sup>.

The cost is \$40 with \$20 deposit when you register. The course will be held at the Agape Centre in the CWL room upstairs. For more information or to register, please contact

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### **Are You Serious...**

#### **BEING THANKFUL**

A Pastor, following a conversation about prayer, quizzed a precocious six-year old boy, “So you say your mother says your prayers for you each night? That’s very commendable. What does she say?” The little boy proudly replied, “Thank God he’s in bed!”