

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSES OF THE WEEK

† - For the repose of the soul / in memory of the person(s) indicated

Sunday, September 13

10:30 a.m. † Mrs. Gertrude Stoddart by the family.
For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

Tuesday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 a.m. For students in the Julian family by their aunts
and uncles.

Wednesday, September 16

Feasts of St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian

(Private Mass) † Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, September 17

9:00 a.m. † Arthur McNamara by Duane Mayo.

Saturday, September 19

4:30 p.m. † Dr. Pierre and Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme
by their children.

READINGS (Year A):

Sunday, September 13

First Reading: Sirach 27.30-28.7

*Forgive your neighbour the wrong that is done, and then your
sins will be pardoned when you pray.*

Second Reading: Romans 14.7-9

Whether we live or we whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

*I tell you, you should forgive not seven times but twenty-seven
times.*

Tuesday, September 15

First Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9

*Christ learned to obey,
and thus became the font of eternal salvation.*

Gospel: Luke 2.33-35

Simeon told Mary, "A sword will pierce your soul".

Thursday, September 17

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

So we proclaim and so you have to believe.

Gospel: Luke 36-50

*Her many sins have been forgiven,
hence this woman has shown great love.*

Saturday, September 19

First Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9

The Lord say: My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Second Reading: Philippians 1.20-24, 27

To me, living is Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

Are you envious because I am generous?

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

Universal: *Respect for the Planet's Resources* ~ We pray
that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in
a just and respectful manner.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Patricia McNamara, Norbert and Fernande Dacquay, Baby
Raechal McIntyre, Catherine Bedard, Monique Beaudry, Erin
Burnett, Marcelo Pimentel, Franco Azua Arias, Moli Coletti,
Zygmunt Wysocki.



CHURCH COLLECTIONS FOR AUTUMN 2020

Several collections that would normally take place in the
Lenten Season and before the end of the Pastoral Year
were deferred due to Covid-19 restrictions. This means
there's a larger number in the fall of this year. Here is the
list of regular and rescheduled collections:

Sunday, 27 Sept.: *Needs of the Church in Canada;*

Sunday, 4 Oct: *Pope's Pastoral Works* (rescheduled
from the Sixth Sunday of Easter by the Holy See);

Sunday, 18 Oct.: *World Mission Sunday;*

Sunday, Nov. 15: *World Day of the Poor* to benefit the
Canadian Catholic Organization for *Development and
Peace-Caritas Canada* (rescheduled by the Archdiocese
from the Fifth Sunday of Lent).

For those who have already donated to one or both of
the rescheduled collections, your offerings will be sent to
the Archdiocese, together with the fall collection, who will
forward them to the intended recipients.

INTO THE BREACH

St. Theresa Parish Knights of Columbus invites all men
in the parish to a series of on-line (zoom) discussions
beginning on **September 23, 2020 at 7 p.m.**, based on
twelve short videos concerning our role as Catholic men
in the family, the Church and society. Contact Gord
Doonan at g.doonan@zoho.com.

ALPHA

This year, due to the COVID pandemic the **ALPHA** program at St. Theresa Parish will be run online using the ZOOM teleconference application. The first ALPHA meeting will be held on Tuesday **September 29 2020, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** The guest list will be limited to 16 persons. We encourage all parishioners to participate and reach out to a non-practicing family member, neighbour to join Alpha to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. If you have never attended a Christian faith discovery program, please consider participating!

To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Guy Dacquay at alphasttheresa@gmail.com or by telephone at 819-319-7671.

5TH ANNUAL WALKATHON FUNDRAISER

The annual fundraiser for our local Centretown Emergency Food Centre (CEFC) will take place on **Sunday, October 4, 2020**. This year because of the pandemic a virtual walkathon will be held. Everyone who supports the CCSAC fundraiser for the CEFC is being asked to take a walk of their choice and to make a donation. Details to follow.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Welcome back to the children of the parish. We are anxious to begin the children's liturgy Masses but we would like to wait until the children are safely back at school. We are looking at starting again on the Thanksgiving weekend. We are delighted to welcome Isabella Tedesco from Ottawa University to our program. Isabella is in the Education program and will be joining us for the year. She worked at a camp this summer and has tools and equipment that will help us with social distancing for the children. Wendy Schieman will start to send out lessons for the children so that they can work on the liturgy lessons from home. Isabella and Wendy will meet with the children who are making their First Communion this year to prepare them for Thanksgiving.

SINGING

A reminder that although singing is permitted under Covid-19 Stage 3 guidelines, it is restricted to the choir where the number of singers is limited and they are spaced at least 2 meters apart. The congregation is **NOT ALLOWED** to sing.

FLOURISHING CONGREGATIONS SURVEY RESULTS: 6

With the resumption of our bulletin publications, we will now continue to present the results of the survey held in the fall of 2019 (the first 5 survey result reports published in the parish bulletins earlier this year can be accessed in the bulletin section on our St Theresa website).

This week we begin a review of survey responses for questions pertaining to **Internal - Discipleship**. This dimension focuses on various areas of spiritual formation and growth at both the individual and parish levels.

Identify the 3 most important elements of parish life that impact your spiritual growth. The following are the 6 most cited responses whose percentages capture people who included those responses within their "top 3":

- 29.7% Eucharist/Holy Communion;
- 27.5% Homily and teaching;
- 15.3% Singing/music;
- 12.7% Liturgy or structure of service;
- 8.5% Volunteering in my parish;
- 6.4% Prayer.

To what extent would you say your parish gives priority (or not) to just trying to survive as a parish (i.e., not close the doors)?:

- 39.1% High or Essential Priority;
- 28.2% Somewhat a priority or Moderate priority;
- 17.3%; Low priority or not a priority;
- 15.5% Neutral or unsure.

To what extent would you say your parish gives priority (or not) to children's programs?:

- 53.3%; High or Essential Priority;
- 30.8% Somewhat a priority or Moderate priority;
- 5.6% Low priority or not a priority;
- 10.3% Neutral or unsure.

To what extent would you say your parish gives priority (or not) to having meaningful Mass/worship service(s)?:

- 78.0%; High or Essential Priority
- 17.4% Somewhat a priority or Moderate priority;
- 0.0% Low priority or not a priority
- 4.6% Neutral or unsure.

Previous weeks' Survey Results can be found on our parish website: www.sttheresaottawa.com under Bulletins.

"Do not fear what will happen tomorrow.

The same loving Father who cares for you today, will also care for you tomorrow and everyday.

Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it."

- St. Francis de Sales