

July 21, 2019 and July 28, 2019

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

July 21, 2019 — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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GN 18: 1-10A; PS15:2-5; COL 1:24-28; LK 10:38-42

In today's Gospel reading from St. Luke, we receive a reminder about the proper use of the gift of time, a fundamental aspect of a stewardship way of life. Our passage highlights one of the most famous dinner parties ever thrown, recalling the day that Martha and Mary hosted our Lord in their home. We are told that Martha, as a good steward, welcomes Christ in but then becomes "burdened with much serving" while her sister and fellow hostess chooses to simply sit with Jesus, listening to Him speak.

Martha becomes indignant at Mary's behavior and complains to Jesus, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." But Jesus, in His infinite wisdom, refuses to get pulled in to this sisterly spat. Instead, He offers Martha a fresh way to look at the situation. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

What is that one thing? It is to put Jesus first in our lives and above all other things; to "sit at his feet" and listen as Mary did, giving Him the first priority of our time no matter how busy we think we are. When we truly commit to putting Christ first in our daily lives through a regular time of prayer and frequent participation in the sacraments we will find that all our other concerns become less pressing, less overwhelming.

Why is this so? Because the time we invest in our relationship with God saturates all aspects of our lives with His grace. And because God cannot be outdone in generosity. He will abundantly reward any sacrifice we make in order to spend time with Him.

July 28, 2019 — Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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GN 18:20-32; PS138:1-3, 6-8; COL 2:12-14; LK 11:1-13

In our Gospel reading from Luke, some disciples of Jesus ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus instantly offers them the beautiful prayer which we, of course, know as the *Our Father*.

The *Our Father* truly is the ultimate steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own. Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim our complete trust in His provision for us and mercy towards us. We, too, commit to extending mercy ourselves (as we forgive those who sin against us).

As we pray the words of the *Our Father*, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the basis of a stewardship way of life.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to pursue a relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door!

He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go, be a blessing to others! Stewardship is just that simple.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
July 20th – August 4th, 2019

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	July 20th	Sunday Vigil Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues family – by Leo and Lavinia
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	July 21st	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time George Kuhr and Dorothy Birch – RIP – by Jim and Connie Kuhr <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	July 22nd	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	July 23rd	Saint Bridget Jesusa Getubig – RIP – by Gen Dela Cerna
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	July 24th	Saint Sharbel Makhuf Letitia Sequeira – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	July 25th	SAINT JAMES Hung Lin Yung – RIP – by Emma Yuen and family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	July 26th	SAINT ANNE and SAINT JOACHIM Corrine Legare Pasalis – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	July 27th	Sunday Vigil Deceased and Living Members of the Kennedy family – by Eva
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	July 28th	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Bernadette and Simon Gomes – RIP – by Florinda Gomes <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	July 29th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	July 30th	Saint Peter Chrysologus Augustus S. _ RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	July 31st	Saint Ignatius of Loyola Maximiano Jaronel – RIP – by Anna Jaronel
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 1st	Saint Alphonsus Liguori Antonio Estoya – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 2nd	Saint Eusebius of Vercelli In Thanksgiving to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – by the Tisseverasinghe family
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Aug. 3rd	Weekday Eliseo and Teresite Pepugal – RIP – by Bing and Cristy Pepugal
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 3rd	Sunday Vigil Mr. and Mrs. Gonzales – Anniversary Thanksgiving – by Marie Tugadi
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Aug. 4th	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Virgilio Saldana – RIP – by Anna Jaronel <i>Pro Populo</i>

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

Collection:
July 14, 2019 - **\$2,668.45**
You Lift Me Up – **\$181.75**
(bringing our total to **\$140,161.75** for our goal of **\$170,000.00**)

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE: July 22

Since the 6th century, Western tradition has linked three gospel accounts as referring to one woman, although some notable writers are undecided.

Luke relates that an unnamed sinner who anointed the Lord's feet received forgiveness of her many sins because of her great love. He also writes that among the women who travelled with Jesus and the apostles was Mary Magdalene, who had been exorcised of seven devils. Mary Magdalene was a faithful follower of the Lord. With the other women, she stood near the cross, brought spices to anoint the body and alone, weeping with grief, was the first witness to the resurrection of Christ. Mary Magdalene is a patron of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). (*Living with Christ, July 2019*)

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

The **REGISTRATION Forms** for September are available. **ALL children** of the Parish **must be registered in this faith transmission and education program.** The children who are currently in the Be My Disciples program have taken the new registration form home. Please look for it in their book or backpack. All other parishioners, who have children between the ages of Kindergarten and Junior High, please enquire at the office or call Connie Kuhr for information – 514-747-9347.

The **DEADLINE is June 30, 2019.** Registrations after that date will have a late fee of \$25.00 per person.

HOLY HOUR



Silent adoration every Tuesday evening, following the 7:00pm mass (from 7:30pm to 8:30pm) Also, Adoration every Friday, following the 9:00am mass (from 9:30am to 10:30am). Come and spend some time with the Lord!

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." -St.Alphonsus Ligouri

THE FOOD BANK "OASIS"



Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.

FIVE-DAY SUMMER RETREAT: MONTREAL DIRECTED RETREATS

Consider the opportunity to spend a silent, personally directed summer retreat from **August 5-9** at the Cistercian Abbey in Rougemont. Cost is \$335, all-inclusive. Limited spaces. For more information, contact Paul Empsall at 514-626-9462 or visit www.montrealretreats.org.