

From the Pastor's Desk

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On this Solemnity of the Transfiguration and the miraculous vision of Peter, James, and John, I am reminded that some time ago, I heard of a quiz on social media. *Which Saint Are You Most Like?* An acquaintance on mine relayed to me that he has always identified himself with Peter. "Overly enthusiastic and eager to please, at times fickle and unsure, not great at understanding or listening to instructions, and yet, he ultimately pulls it together and goes on to spur worldwide evangelization and become the first Pope." While he said that: "I have the first few attributes nailed down, I am still hoping that one day I can pull it together with God's grace."

For the extent of Peter's significance in the Church, we often forget that before him, there was Andrew. Peter's brother was the first one to tell Peter, "We have found the Messiah!" Peter owes so much to Andrew for that introduction to the Lord.

I owe many of the blessings in my life to my personal role model another brother in the Lord. When, I was in high school, a newly ordained priest was assigned to the school. As fate would have it, that school year, he was my teacher for three courses. Through his classes, other discussions and the celebration of Mass, the seeds of my vocation were planted and nurtured. This young priest's vision, like St. Andrew, was not focused on greatness, his vision is focused on Jesus. Pope Francis reminds us that: "The disciple of Christ is not one who is deprived of something essential; he is one who has found much more." My priest friend has shared that "more" with me and so many. He is the Cardinal Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto. Please, let us keep praying for Thomas Cardinal Collins in his retirement. (As a Cardinal, I am sure that he never completely retires.)

Do we realize and give thanks for those 'Andrews' in our life? More importantly, do we pay that gift forward? Are we 'Andrews' to others? If we hope to do share the good news of Jesus with the whole world, we have a lot more than social media quizzes to do. So, how are we being or going to be 'Andrews' to others?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Face your deficiencies and acknowledge them; but do not let them master you. Let them teach you patience, sweetness, insight." ~ Helen Keller



Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish
We extend a warm welcome to all.
We pray that you feel at home.
Please introduce yourself and
Consider becoming a member
of our Family of Faith.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

7:00pm **Margaret Kenny** – Brigitte Quinke & Family

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of Maria & Jack Nunes**

2:00pm **Caressant Care**

Thursday, August 10, 2023

8:30am **Christine Wesselink** – Mary Epoch

Friday, August 11, 2023

8:30am **Rino Busatto** – Vic Loredona & Guido Rosa

Saturday, August 12, 2023

5:00pm **Diana VanDerPryt**

Intentions of Tony & Rosa Nunes

Jim VanderVoort – Terri Wellstead

Fred Blackmore – Dolores Schmidt

Sunday August 13, 2023

9:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

11:00am **Samuel Akinsola Awosan**

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

7:00pm **Ron Hale** – Paul & Cathy Goetz

Intentions of Hope & Jerome Lehman – Michael
& Julie Reidy and Family

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

8:30am **Raymond Hughes** – The Cipparrone Family

Thursday, August 17, 2023

8:30am **Intentions of Tom & Dorothy Caldwell** – Tove
Schmidt

Friday, August 18, 2023

8:30am **Eda Pataro** – Maria Busatto

Saturday, August 19, 2023

5:00pm **Diana VanDerPryt**

Christine Wesselink – Kendall Krouse & Wade
Buczek

Louie Ristov – The Kells Family

Sunday July 30, 2023

9:00am **Diana VanDerPryt** – Brigitte Quinke

11:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:

Being new in town a set of parents met their daughter's teachers for the first time at the school's open house. The science teacher, with a twinkle in her eye, asked the parents, "Does your family read the Bible often?" "Yes," they replied. "Why do you ask?" "It was just a feeling I had after reading one of your daughter's homework assignments," she said, handing them the corrected paper. Next to the item "Define the Great Divide," their daughter had written: "When Moses parted the Red Sea."

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 30, 2023

"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind..." Perhaps the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life awaits you. If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. **email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com**

Transfiguration of the Lord - August 6, 2023

"This is my Son, the Beloved...listen to him!" If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. **email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com**

**Next Marian Day – August 5, 2023**

Join Bishop Gerard Bergie on Saturday, August 5 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph for the next Marian Day. The format for the day includes Confessions at 9am; 10am Mass; 11am Rosary Procession; 12pm Lunch Break (Bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea available); 1pm Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis; and 2pm Marian Day closes with Benediction.

St. Joseph's CWL 100th Anniversary - Historic Material Needed

We are planning a historical display that will showcase St. Joseph's Parish Catholic Women League's journey from its inception on March 14th, 1924 to the present time and we need your help. Please look through your personal archives for photographs, memorabilia, newspaper clippings and any other material in connection with our League's activities that reflects our rich history. All personal archives will be handled with great care and returned promptly unaltered. Where appropriate, copies will be made of photos and articles, and memorabilia on temporary loan will be placed in a display case. Please contact Judy Daniel at (519) 843-1622 if you have any historical material that you can provide in support of this project.

Pilgrimage to France, Portugal, Spain & Italy

If you are looking ahead to make travel plans for next year, why not consider a group tour under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Valentine Onwunjiogu, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church in Guelph. The trip is scheduled to take place April 1 – 11, 2024. All travel arrangements are by International Heritage Tours. For more information call 877-999-8868 or visit www.ihtours.com

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR****Maryhill Heritage Day**

Sunday, September 17, 2023 11 a.m. Mass – 11:45 Mary Grotto- 12 noon – car tour of the area shrines – 1:00 p.m. lunch (hosted by the CWL), Presentations, 50-50 Draw & Silent Auction. Call 519-242-9595 or email maryhillroots@gmail.com for more information.

Canadian Food for Children

Dr. Simone is asking for Gifts of Love for the poorest of the poor:

Gifts of soap: Gives dignity and decreases diseases
 Gifts of oil: Prevents blindness in children
 Gifts of shoes: Prevents worms and infections
 Gifts of iodized salt: Prevents mental retardation in the newborn
 Gifts of cleaned clothes: Gives dignity and self esteem
 Gifts of toothpaste and toothbrushes: Gives good teeth
 Thanks so much for your generous donations.

ReSTART: Moving Forward

Our 10 week program offers support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will run from Sept. 19-Nov. 28 and take place from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register on line at ReSTART Program: Support for Separated and Divorced - Diocese of Hamilton (hamiltondiocese.com).

Upcoming Parish Events

August 7	Civic Holiday – Office & Church Closed
September 4	Labor Day – Office & Church Closed