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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Times C - September 4th, 2022

Prayer Intention for September 2022

Abolition of the Death Penalty - We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

Let us pray: - For our pastor, Fr. Peter, that he may remain safe in his travels, and may he be spiritually renewed to continue his ministry in our community.

- For the conversion of Christians, especially those of our parishes.

- For an end to the war in Ukraine and for its displaced and traumatized citizens and for the soldiers who sacrifice their lives for their country.

Parish life:

+ **We recommend to your prayers** *Irene Massinon* who passed away on Friday, August 26 at Boundary Trails Hospital at the age of 92 years. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday, September 6 at 11:00 am in St. Denis Church. All are welcome. We offer our condolences to her relatives and friends who are grieving.

+ **We recommend to your prayers** *Roger Le Neal*, resident of the Chalet St. Denis, who passed away on Saturday, August 27 at the age of 72 years. We offer our condolences to his family as well as to relatives and friends who are grieving.

+ **Father Peter's Holidays** from July 23 to September 10 – **Happy holidays!**

+ **The Parish office is open every Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.**

+ **Father John Tê Nguyen** will be our replacing priest during Father Peter's time away. **Welcome Father John!**

+ **In case of emergency, please call Father John at 431-588-2644 or André at 204-379-2175 or 204-872-3697.**

+ **Marriage Tips**

The love between married couples reflects Christ's love for the world. Remember today that you and your spouse are a witness of faith to society.

Prayer of the week - Fatherly Love

O God, Creator of the universe, who extends your paternal concern over every creature and guides the events of history to the goal of salvation, we acknowledge your fatherly love when you break the resistance of mankind and, in a world torn by strife and discord, you make us ready for reconciliation. St. Pope John Paul II

God our Father, have mercy on us!

Our mission statement: LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations: **St. Claude – Haywood - Pavilion**

Sat. Sept. 3rd 8:00 pm + Parishioners – Father John
+ **Jérôme Oliviero** – Paul & Adrienne Friesen

Sun. Sept. 4th 9:00 am H + Parishioners – Father John
+ **Arlette Garth** – Marcel & Dorothée Dequier

Sun. Sept. 4th 11:00 am + Parishioners – Father John
+ **Robert Durand** – Alice Durand

Tue. Sept. 6th 11:00 am H + **Funeral of Irene Massinon**

Sat. Sept. 10th 8:00 pm + Parishioners – Father Peter
+ **Hugh Green** – funeral offerings

Sun. Sept. 11th 9:00 am H + Parishioners – Father Peter
+ **Jacques & Thérèse Furet** – their children

Sun. Sept. 11th 11:00 am + Parishioners – Father Peter
+ **Rosa Lesage** – Alice Lesage & family

Ministries:	September 4 th	September 11 th	September 18 th
Readers:	Judith Robidoux	Simone Lambert	Annette Bernard
Collection:	Eugene & Albert	Raymond & Gérald	Jean & Janice
Offerings:	& family	& family	& family
Counters:	Maurice & prtnr.	Eugene & prtnr	Denise & prtnr.

God's Share: August 28th - \$340.00 (16) + \$25.00 (loose) + \$120.00 (2-DD) = **\$485.00**

Sanctuary Lamp: week of September 4th – Students and teachers.

“The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.” Pope Benedict XVI

September 5 – St. Theresa of Calcutta

The remarkable woman who would be known as Mother Teresa began life named Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. Born on August 26, 1910 in Skopje, she was the youngest child born to Nikola and Drane Bojaxhiu. Receiving her First Communion at the age of five, she was confirmed in November 1916. Her father died while she was only eight years old leaving her family in financial straits.

Gonxha's religious formation was assisted by the vibrant Jesuit parish of the Sacred Heart in which she was very involved as a youth.

Subsequently moved to pursue missionary work, Gonxha left her home in September 1928 at the age of 18 to join the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Sisters of Loreto, in Ireland. She received the name Sister Mary Teresa after St. Therese of Lisieux. In December of 1929, she departed for her first trip to India, arriving in Calcutta. After making her First Profession of Vows in May 1931, Sister Teresa was assigned to the Loreto Entally community in Calcutta and taught at St. Mary's School for girls.

Sister Teresa made her Final Profession of Vows, On May 24, 1937, becoming, as she said, the "spouse of Jesus" for "all eternity." From that time on she was called Mother Teresa.

It was on September 10, 1946 during a train ride from Calcutta to Darjeeling for her annual retreat, that Mother Teresa received her "inspiration, her call within a call." On that day, in a way she would never explain, Jesus' thirst for love and for souls took hold of her heart and the desire to satiate His thirst became the driving force of her life.

By means of interior locutions and visions, Jesus revealed to her the desire of His heart for "victims of love" who would "radiate His love on souls." "Come be My light," He begged her. "I cannot go alone."

Jesus revealed His pain at the neglect of the poor, His sorrow at their ignorance of Him and His longing for their love. He asked Mother Teresa to establish a religious community, Missionaries of Charity, dedicated to the service of the poorest of the poor.

On October 7, 1950 the new congregation of the Missionaries of Charity was officially established in the Archdiocese of Calcutta. By the early 1960s, Mother Teresa began to send her Sisters to other parts of India. The Decree of Praise granted to the Congregation by Pope Paul VI in February 1965 encouraged her to open a house in Venezuela. It was soon followed by foundations in Rome and Tanzania and, eventually, on every continent. Starting in 1980 and continuing through the 1990s, Mother Teresa opened houses in almost all of the communist countries, including the former Soviet Union, Albania and Cuba.

In order to respond better to both the physical and spiritual needs of the poor, Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity Brothers in 1963, in 1976 the contemplative branch of the Sisters, in 1979 the Contemplative Brothers, and in 1984 the Missionaries of Charity Fathers.

Mother Teresa's inspiration was not limited to those with religious vocations. She formed the Co-Workers of Mother Teresa and the Sick and Suffering Co-Workers, people of many faiths and nationalities with who she shared her spirit of prayer, simplicity, sacrifice and her apostolate of humble works of love.

This spirit later inspired the Lay Missionaries of Charity. In answer to the requests of many priests, in 1981 Mother Teresa also began the Corpus Christi Movement for Priests as a "little way of holiness" for those who desire to share in her charisma and spirit.

On September 5, Mother Teresa's earthly life came to an end. She was given the honor of a state funeral by the Government of India and her body was buried in the Mother House of the Missionaries of Charity. Her tomb quickly became a place of pilgrimage and prayer for people of all faiths, rich and poor alike.

Mother Teresa was beatified by Pope John Paul II on October 19, 2003.

Following her beatification, a long wait for a second miracle then followed. On December 17, 2015 Pope Francis announced a second miracle had been attributed to the intercession of Mother Teresa. The miracle involved a Brazilian man who was afflicted with tumors who was miraculously cured. This cleared the way for Mother Teresa's canonization.

St. Teresa of Calcutta was canonized by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016 in a ceremony that was witnessed by tens of thousands of people, including 1,500 homeless people across Italy.

St. Teresa of Calcutta is the patron saint of World Youth Day, Missionaries of Charity and a co-patron of the Archdiocese of Calcutta, alongside St. Francis Xavier. Her feast day is celebrated on September 5.

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“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.