16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 19, 2015

A good shepherd is highly trained and understands the sheep. Jesus, who was sent by the Father, frequently returned to the Father in prayer for help in leading his sheep. As members of his flock, we too, need to return to Jesus for instruction and rejuvenation. He will lead us in his ways of peace and justice if we listen to him.

Dear Parishioners: greetings from the Mari-times! (Fortunately, the mosquitoes here are a little better behaved; they wait for dusk to attack, rather than the 'round-the-clock approach of Ontario's damp summer.) My thanks to Fr. Pio Beorchia for covering the Sunday Masses; he remembers my one brother's family from visits to the Seminary (code name: "Ken & Barbie"), but he's never seen the whole gang together. I pray that everyone gets an opportunity this summer to experience a little of what St. Paul refers to, the "peace of Jesus Christ, who has broken down the walls of hostility" in our lives. Have a blessed week. Fr. Matt

Dear Parishioners: greetings from the Mari-times!

Mass Notations
Please note there will be NO MASSES celebrated on Tuesday, July 21 and Wednesday, July 22.

"You Took My Place!"

One day, a man went as a visitor to a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near by and parked. The driver got out and said "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for the service, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but still said nothing.

After the service, the visitor went into the Sanctuary and sat down to pray. A member came up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. His clothing became a simple robe. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his now sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed Him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as His hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I TOOK YOUR PLACE!"

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 20 - 26

**MONDAY: July 20 - No Mass**
(We pray for Rev. Antoine (Tony) Laforet)

**TUESDAY: July 21 - No Mass**
(We Pray for Rev. Andrew Sipek)

**WEDNESDAY: July 22 - No Mass**
(We Pray for Mrs. Christine Bresette, Coordinator of Youth Ministry)

**THURSDAY: July 23**
(We Pray for Rev. Joseph Redmond, O.M.I.)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
+Peter & Chris Salvador - Theresa Regier
Int. of Larry & Barb Regier - Theresa Regier

**FRIDAY: July 24**
(We Pray for Mrs. Heather Cushing, Pastoral Minister)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
Int. of Stephen & Virginia - Gerard & Mary Ducharme
A Special Intention - Larry & Barb Regier
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**SATURDAY: July 25**
(We Pray for Mrs. Colleen Pickering, Deaf Ministry)

St. Peter's Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation from 8:00 - 8:45 am
Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre
+Pete Salvador - Alan & Marilyn Hern
Int. of Elsie Frijters - Kathryn Regier

St. Peter's Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: July 26
(We Pray for Deacon Jack Grim)

St. Boniface Church—9:00 am
St. Peter's Church—11:00 am
Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reese Lenssen, Steven Wild-Denys, Darl Rau, Tanya Ashenden, Joyce Cole, Zack Baldwin, and Barb Regier.

Chalice Program

St. Peter’s Catholic Women’s League has a program that you can participate in to help with the purchase of chalices for St. Peter’s Church. Chalices borrowed when both species were introduced into the parishes have been returned to St. Boniface. The estimated cost to purchase four chalices is $1500.00 US.

A tax receipt will be issued for your donation of $20.00 or more. A plaque inscribed with the words - “This plaque attests to the generosity of the parishioners of our parishes and their involvement in the 2015 Chalice program” - will be displayed in St. Peter’s church.

To donate: Place your donation inside an envelope marked “Chalice Program” in the collection basket. Cheques can be made payable to “St. Peter’s Church”. Donations can also be dropped off at the church office. Thank you for supporting this program.

St. Peter's CWL

"PORNOGRAPHY HURTS" CAMPAIGN - online pornography hurts not only the victims but also our children, our church, our community and our world. Let your voice be heard by signing a "Pornography Hurts" postcard at the annual campaign against pornography to be held on July 25 & Sun. July 26 at St. Peter's church. All signed postcards along with an accompanying letter will be forwarded to the Minister of Justice.

Rediscover Your Marriage

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about, or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on September 25th-27th call 226-231-0836 or email: retrouvailledonstthomas@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

A Prayer for the Family

O dear Jesus, I humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our family. May our home be the shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith. I beg You, dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead. O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.

Blessed Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace which He granted to you, to watch over our home at the pillow of the sick and the dying, so that with Mary and with you, heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance.....

- Coffee Sunday at St. Peter’s Church - Sunday, July 26 after the 11 am Mass
- First Friday Mass & 12 Hour Adoration - Friday, August 7 at St. Boniface Church
- St. Andre Celebration - Litany & Anointing - Saturday, August 8 at the 5 pm Mass
- St. Peter’s CWL Penny Sale - Saturday, August 15 & Sunday, August 16

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
St. Boniface and St. Peter Parishes

Weekend Masses
Sat 5:00 pm St. Peter (mid April to mid October)
      St. Boniface (mid October to mid April)
Sun 9:00 am St. Boniface
       11:00 am St. Peter

Pastoral Staff:
Pastor: Fr. Matthew George
Secretary: Lori LaPorte
Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday
8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Friday - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

MISSION STATEMENT

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (NRSV, Catholic edition)

Parish Organizations

Parish Advisory Council: A combined council meets every month to discuss and plan pastoral initiatives and practical functioning of the parish. If you have suggestions please consider contacting one of the members.

Youth Ministry: Youth from grades 5 to 8 gather regularly for fun, faith and friendship. See the website for information.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Every Sunday at both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses.

Catholic Cemeteries: We have the privilege of having cemeteries associated with St Peter and St. Boniface Churches. Information can be found on the website.

Other Organizations: Catholic Women’s Leagues, Knights of Columbus and others.

Parish Council
Chair
Monique Hartman
Vice-Chair
Brian DePaepe
Rose Marie Rader
Ken Forler
Liz Masse

Celebrating Our Faith

Baptism
Please contact the office as you await the birth of your child or while you are awaiting adoption.

Reconciliation
God sent His Son so that we might be saved! Experience God’s healing through the sacrament of reconciliation before Mass on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 - 6:45 pm at St. Boniface or Saturday mornings from 8:00 - 8:45 am at St. Peter’s or by appointment.

Marriages
The sacrament of marriage is a beautiful expression of God’s love for the world! Minimum six months notice is required during which time the engaged couple must attend a Marriage Preparation Course.

Sacrament of the Sick
If you know of a person who is in hospital, or who is homebound because of illness and is desiring the sacrament of the sick, contact the office to make arrangements.

Bluewater Nursing Home
A weekly mass is offered on Thursdays at 3:30 pm in the chapel. All are welcome.

Devotions
St. Joseph and Saint André - Saturday after the 9:00 am mass - St. Peter’s.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Wednesday after the 7:00 pm mass - St. Boniface.
Every first Friday at St. Boniface Church there is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm—come be transformed by the healing power of Jesus.

Website
Our website is regularly updated. There is a monthly calendar of events, important information and great pictures.
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