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22nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time
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A Month of Angels and Prophets

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Rom. 12:1)

Our heavenly patron Saint Paul lays out for us an essential element in the program of missionary discipleship for our parish this autumn. We are to recognize that we are to stand as prophets in the midst of an urgent time in which unprecedented pressures from every direction insist that we conform ourselves to the world.

Just as the educational year begins, something which has been taken for granted namely that parents are the primary educators of children is under attack. Manipulating the language of compassion, teachers are being convinced that in essential questions of identity they are more equipped than mothers or fathers to understand and “protect” children. The result? Children are battered about by the waves of this world’s fashions, left isolated to be preyed upon by ideological bullies. There is nowhere to find truth: one’s family, faith, culture, ... and even one’s own body are mere suggestions for life. The expedient replaces the truth. The generational gap becomes a chasm. And raised to distrust their parents, they are convinced collaborators in expedient euthanasia. We cannot conform to this.

We are getting bone-weary of facing this. Can’t we catch a break from these troubles even in Church? Isn’t Church about comforting us and making us feel nice amidst all the sufferings and challenges? Well, not the Church of the One who hung on a Cross. We were baptized to be Prophets in Jesus Christ. Prophecy is hard. It leads to the Cross. Sigh ... can’t we just all get along?

Jeremiah gives voice to this Challenge: “*whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach in derision all day long.*” (Jer. 20:8) Can’t we all just go along?

Let’s talk about Prayer for the Care of Creation ... We can all agree on that – that is safe.

Jesus’s answer is simple, “*Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are thinking not as God does, but as humans do.*” (Mt. 16:23)

With Jesus’s words ringing in our ears, let us look at Creation with care. We are missing something when we consider creation. Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel, “*for the Son of Man is to come with his angels and the glory of his Father*” (Mt. 16:27). There they are, the forgotten realm of creation: the **Angels**. But messengers of God’s love, guardians and protectors, ministers of light and of sacred fire, proclaimers of the coming of Christ, the Angels in their realm do not forget us. They are not bullies. They are not ideologues. They are not marketers. They are not institutionalized clerics. They are not elitists. They are Christ’s Angels.

They dwell in the realm of ‘*the good and acceptable and perfect*’. They know and to do the will of God. And they give to our minds the ability to glorify God by seeing the truth. Guardian sent by the Father they are guardians of mothers, and fathers, and children, and families.

This is their month. And praising God for them, our minds, our bodies, and our souls are renewed for the work of prophecy as we are angels for others.



MONDAY, September 4, 2023

Bl. Dina Bélanger

Labour Day (Office Closed)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary

12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Roland Gore*)

6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, September 5, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary

12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Dan Sarich*)

7:45 pm - Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus

WEDNESDAY, September 6, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary

12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Frances Sarich*)

3:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration until 5:00pm

THURSDAY, September 7, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary

12:10 pm - **Mass** (*St Paul Charlebois*)

8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, September 8, 2023

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary

12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Doug Sampson*)

5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

SATURDAY, September 9, 2023

St. Peter Claver (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary

12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Joshua Dutchak*)

SUNDAY, September 10, 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - **Mass**

10:00 am - **Mass**

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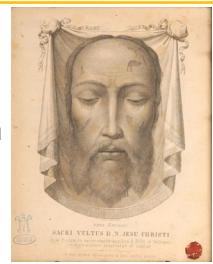
Monthly Devotion To The Holy

Face Of Jesus

Tuesday, September 5 @ 7:45 pm

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All are welcome!



Register for the 11th annual Serena Run for the Family. Run/walk 1km/3km/5km LIVE on **Saturday, Sept. 9** or REMOTE Thursday to Sunday Sept. 7-10. Register at www.eventbrite.ca (search "Run for the Family" or "Serena"). Early bird rates end Aug. 28 yet you can register until Sept6! Please share with your friends and family!

LITTLE SISTER PARISH



For the week of **September 4** we are asking for **PASTA & PASTA SAUCE.** Guadalupe Parish always needs **Ziplock bags** and **Powdered Milk.** Drop-off bin in the welcome area. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

OFFERING for August 27, 2023

	Weekly Collection	Monthly Total
Cash Donations	\$834.75	\$3,830.10
Envelopes	\$4,025.00	\$11,301.00
Pre-Authorized Donations		\$8,302.50
E-transfers & other donations	\$2,570.50	\$5,175.50
		\$28,609.10
Less: Average monthly goal to operate our parish		\$40,000.00
	Net:	-\$11,390.90
Renovations	\$10,875.00	\$13,950.00

**Goal is to cover monthly expenses based off of 2022 financials, including: wages & benefits for priests and staff, utilities, insurance, basic building maintenance & supplies. Renovations expenses and collections for other charities are not included in the parish goal.*



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 3 - 5 pm

Monday to Saturday 11 am - 12 pm