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Monday to Friday: 8:00 am

Friday: 7:00 pm

Saturday: 8:30 am

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Confession:

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Sunday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm

15 minutes before each Sunday Mass

Baptism:

2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am

Baptismal Class: 2nd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 3:00 pm to 6:50 pm

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Today, we celebrate the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. On behalf of Fr. Omar, Fr. George and myself, I want to THANK YOU ALL for the very warm welcome you gave us! We are very excited about our ministry here. Enjoy your summer and have a great week!

In Christ,
Fr. Pawel

Dear Brothers and Sisters, The Gospel parables are brief accounts that Jesus uses to proclaim the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. Using imagery from situations of daily life, the Lord "wants to show us the real ground of all things.... He shows us... the God who acts, who intervenes in our lives, and wants to take us by the hand" (*Jesus of Nazareth: From the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration*, English edition, Doubleday, 2007, p. 192). With this kind of discourse the divine Teacher invites us to recognize first of all the primacy of God the Father: Wherever He is absent, nothing can be good. He is a crucial priority for all things. Kingdom of Heaven means, in fact, lordship of God and this means that His will must be adopted as the guiding criterion of our existence.

The subject of this Sunday's Gospel is, precisely, the Kingdom of Heaven. "Heaven" should not be understood only in the sense that it towers above us, because this infinite space also takes the form of human interiority. Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a field of wheat to enable us to understand that something small and hidden has been sown within us which, nevertheless, has an irrepressible vital force. In spite of all obstacles, the seed will develop and the fruit will ripen. This fruit will only be good if the terrain of life is cultivated in accordance with the divine will.

For this reason in the Parable of the Weeds [tares] among the good Wheat (Mt 13:24-30). Jesus warns us that, after the owner had scattered the seed, "while men were sleeping, his enemy" intervened and sowed weeds among the wheat. This means that we must be ready to preserve the grace received from the day of our Baptism, continuing to nourish faith in the Lord that prevents evil from taking root. St Augustine

commenting on the parable noted "many are at first tares but then become good grain", and he added: "if these, when they are wicked, are not endured with patience they would not attain their praiseworthy transformation" (*Quæst. septend. in Ev. sec. Matth.*, 12, 4: PL 35, 1371).

Dear friends, the Book of Wisdom - from which today's First Reading is taken - emphasizes this dimension of the divine Being and states: "Neither is there any god besides You, whose care is for all men.... For Your strength is the source of righteousness, and Your sovereignty over all causes You to spare all" (Wis 12:13, 16). And Psalm 86 [85] confirms it: "You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on You" (v. 5).

Hence if we are children of such a great and good Father, let us seek to be like Him! This was the aim Jesus set Himself with His preaching; indeed, He said to those who were listening to Him: "You... must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). Let us turn with trust to Mary, whom we invoked ... with the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel so that she may help us to follow Jesus faithfully, and so live as true children of God.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 17 July 2011

July is the Month of the Precious Blood!

REMINDER: FRIDAY ADORATION & EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT during the months of July & August are at 6:00 p.m.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
+Aurelia & Antonio Serpa

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tuesday, July 22nd, St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple of the Lord. St. Mary Magdalene was one of our Lord's disciples and was present when He died. Early on the morning of the Resurrection, she was, according to St. Mark's account (16:9), the first to see the risen Lord.

Friday, July 25th, St. James, Apostle. St. James, son of Zebedee and brother of St. John the Apostle was present at most of the miracles performed by our Lord and was put to death by Herod around the year 42. He is especially honoured at Compostella, Spain where a famous church is dedicated to his name.

Saturday, July 26th, St. Anne & St. Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. According to Tradition, our Lady's parents were Joachim and Anne. Devotion to St. Anne is very prominent in the Church in Canada.

PARISH MISSION CO-OP APPEAL THIS WEEKEND!

Fr. Mardeo Reyes will be with us for the Mission Co-Op Appeal for the Diocese of San Pablo, Philippines. Envelopes are located at the entrances of the Church. May God reward your generosity.

REMINDER that as we enter into the summer season, let us remember that the Church is God's house and that **modest** attire should be worn at all times in this sacred place. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #1378 teaches us: "to prepare for worthy reception of this Sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required.... Bodily demeanour (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.

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Branches Catholic Ministries will be hosting a fall conference on Sept. 27-28, at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls. Regenerate(d) 2014 will feature dynamic talks from renowned Catholic speakers including Jeff Cavins, Michael Coren, Matthew Leonard, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, and Ken Yasinski as well as musical performances by Marian Grace and the Glory Collective. The conference will begin with an address by Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines and this year's main celebrant and homilist. Registration forms are at the back of the flyers at the entrances of the Church.

16a del tempo ordinario - 20 luglio 2014

"L'uomo che semina nel suo campo è dai più ritenuto il Salvatore, che semina nelle anime dei credenti. Secondo altri, chi semina nel suo campo è colui che semina in se medesimo, nel suo cuore. Ebbene, chi è questo seminatore se non la nostra intelligenza, il nostro animo, che, ricevendo il granello della predicazione e nutrendolo con la linfa della fede, lo fa germogliare nel campo del suo cuore? La predicazione del Vangelo è fatta di piccoli insegnamenti. Annunziando lo scandalo della croce, la predicazione dapprima non presenta altre verità da credere che quella dell'Uomo-Dio e di Dio morto. Paragona una siffatta dottrina alle teorie dei filosofi, ai loro libri, allo splendore della loro eloquenza, all'armonia delle parole, e vedrai quanto la semente del Vangelo sia più piccola rispetto a tutti questi altri semi. Ma quando questi crescono, non dimostrano di avere niente di vitale, niente di ardente, né di vivo: flaccidi, molli e putridi, questi semi germogliano in ortaggi, in erbe, che rapidamente inaridiscono e si corrompono. Invece, questa predicazione, che

all'inizio sembrava tanto piccola, quando è seminata nell'anima del credente, o meglio in tutto il mondo, non sboccia in ortaggio, ma cresce in albero, tanto che gli uccelli del cielo (in cui dobbiamo riconoscere le anime dei credenti, o le potenze che son poste al servizio di Dio) verranno e abiteranno sui suoi rami. Credo che i rami dell'albero evangelico che è nato dal granello di senape, siano le diverse verità, sulle quali ogni uccello si sostiene e riposa. Prendiamo anche noi le penne della colomba (Ps 55,7), per volare in alto e abitare sui rami di quest'albero e farci su di essi dei nidi di dottrina e avvicinarci così, rifuggendo dalle cose terrene, alle celesti. Molti, leggendo che il granello di senape è il più piccolo di tutti i semi e ascoltando quanto dicono nel Vangelo i discepoli: "Signore, accresci la nostra fede" (Lc 17,5), e quanto a essi risponde il Salvatore: "In verità vi dico che se avrete tanta fede quanto un granello di senape e direte a questo monte: «spostati», esso si sposterà" (Lc 17,6), suppongono che gli apostoli si limitino a chiedere una piccola fede, oppure che il Signore con quella espressione dubiti della loro poca fede; mentre l'apostolo Paolo considera grandissima la fede paragonata dal Signore al granello di senape. Infatti, l'Apostolo dice: "Se avessi una fede tale da trasportar le montagne, e non ho la carità, io sono un niente" (1Co 13,2). Per concludere: le opere che si possono compiere con la fede che il Signore paragona al granello di senape, per l'Apostolo sono il frutto che deriva da una fede completa. (S. Girolamo, In Matth. II, 13, 31)."

"Il regno dei cieli è simile a un po' di lievito, che una donna prende e impasta con tre staia di farina, fino a che non sia tutta fermentata" (Mt 13,33). Come il lievito diffonde la sua forza in tutta la pasta, così anche voi - vuol dire Gesù - dovete trasformare il mondo intero. Considerate la sapienza del Salvatore. Egli vuol far intendere questo: Come è impossibile che i fatti naturali non si realizzino, così quanto io ho preannunciato avverrà infallibilmente. Non venite a dirmi che non potrete far nulla essendo dodici soltanto tra un'immensa moltitudine di uomini. Proprio in questo la vostra forza risplenderà, quando cioè, essendo in mezzo al mondo, non fuggirete. Come il lievito fermenta la massa quando lo si accosta alla farina, e non semplicemente lo si accosta, ma ve lo si mescola, - Gesù non dice che la donna mette il lievito nella farina, ma ve lo nasconde dentro, impastandolo con essa, - così anche voi, quando sarete spinti dentro e vi troverete in mezzo alle folle che da ogni parte vi faranno guerra, allora le vincerete. E come il lievito si diffonde in tutta la pasta senza perdersi, ma anzi pian piano trasforma tutta la pasta nella sua sostanza, così lo stesso fatto accadrà della predicazione del Vangelo. Non abbiate quindi timore delle sciagure di cui vi ho parlato. Questi ostacoli saranno la vostra gloria, e li supererete tutti. (S. Crisostomo Giovanni, In Matth. 46, 2)."

MASS INTENTIONS		July 20-26
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Ernesto & Silvana Vettese +Michele & Rita Francella +Vincenzo Paradiso +Ugo Veri +Amedeo Scopa +Giuseppe Iacobelli +Maria Veltri +Renato Zuccarini
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Patrick Ribbons
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Zhyan Ismail Abas
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory 7:00 p.m.
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	+Susan Wilson +Dario Iacobelli +Alberto Romano +Saverio Giusti +Antonio Pacitto +James Costabir

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Joe Cinno, Alan & Carol Cook, Manuela Clement, Caterina De Grano, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Angela Gerritse-Bramson, Milberg Gibbons, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Carmel Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heuthehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Elena Iacobelli, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Mary Malandrino, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Marguerite McRae, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Anthony Morse, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Luigina Porco, Esther Reyes, Todd Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jason Tham, Jeffrey Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan.

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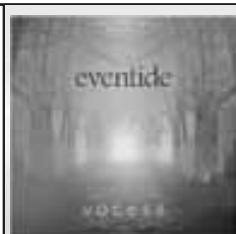
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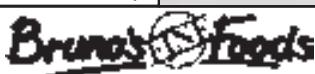


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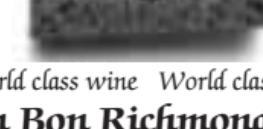
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