**Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

 **His fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused**

 **Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday, September 16, 5:00 p.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**Sunday, September 17, 9:30 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Pet**

**11:00 a.m. Mass - Pro – Populo, for the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**12:15 p.m. – Sacrament of Baptism**

**Monday, September 18, No Mass**

**Tuesday, September 19, No Mass**

**Wednesday, September 20, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae – Gon Priest, Paul Chong Ha – Sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

**Thursday, September 21, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist**

**Archdiocese of Ottawa – Cornwall, Diaconate Ordinations, 7:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral**

**Friday, September 22, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Saturday, September 23, 5:00 p.m. Mass – Twenty – Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees and Needs of the Church in Canada**

**Pro – Populo, for the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**Sunday, September 24, 9:30 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**11:00 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**1:30 p.m. Nigerian Community Mass**

**TWENTY – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REFLECTION:**

**This weekend, 24th, Sunday of Ordinary time Gospel of Matthew. Jesus’ fourth great speech in the Gospel of Matthew, found in chapter 18 of the gospel, is the ‘community discourse’. The final section of this speech is the lengthy parable of the unforgiving debtor, which is provoked by Peter’s question about forgiveness. What does it mean to forgive? The saying ‘forgive and forget’ is easily spoken but so difficult to implement. Many people feel confused by it. If someone has inflicted a profound wrong it is virtually impossible for the victim to forget, nor should he or she be expected to. But what about forgiving? Forgiving does not mean dismissing the evil committed or the hurt suffered. It is about not requiring a pay-back from the perpetrator, some kind of retribution, but rather seeking his or her forgiveness and healing. This is the hard challenge to follow Jesus in forgiving as he forgave as he hung on the cross. It is the challenge to behave not as human beings do but in imitation of the very mercy of God. Is it possible to forgive and forget when the hurt is lasting and deep? Is there someone to whom we can offer forgiveness in our heart today? Let us pray for wisdom to understand that we are called to imitate God’s compassion. Let us pray for those whose lives are ruined by bitterness.**

**STEWARDSHIP – WEEKEND PARSH COLLECTION:**

**September 2 and 3, 2023 Sunday, September 9 and 10, 2023**

**Collection: $1, 211.15 Collection: $2, 414.40**

**St. Vincent de Paul $112.25 St. Vincent de Paul $162.00**

**We sincerely thank you for your Kind generosity and continued support.**

**WELCOME BACK:** **We extend a warm St. Peter’s welcome back to Rev. Allan MacDonald, CC, as our Intrem Pastor until December, during the absence of Rev Friar Jeremiah Arguelles.**

**CONTEMPORARY POLISH SAINTS RELIC TOUR:** **Rev. Friar Jobe Abbass, will be visiting our parish next weekend of September 23 – 24, 2023 to preach on the lives of Pope Saint John Paul 11, Saint Faustina Kowalska, OLM, St. Maximilian M. Kolbe, OFM Conv and their devotion to Mary Immaculate at all masses, as a part of the Our Lady of the Angels Province Marian, Apostolate’s Contemporary Polish Saints Relic tour. All are welcome to attend.**

**FROM ARCHBISHOP MARCEL DAMPHOUSSE: Every September, we are invited to honor Creation before the Creator, in gratitude for his beautiful Creation and for allowing Jesus, the Lord, to espouse our human condition and walk the Earth along with us. In a spirit of solidarity, the Archdiocese will have a special bilingual Mass on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2pm at the Notre-Dame Cathedral presided by Bishop Yvan Mathieu, as we join to celebrate the Season of Creation with family and friends. During this Season of Creation, let us renew our reverence and seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance in becoming better stewards of our common home, and let us pray for wisdom and charity for our safety and joy in tasting God’s bounty for us in this life.**

**Archdiocese Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate:**

**Thursday, September 21, 7:30 pm at Notre Dame Cathedral. You are invited to join in the celebrating of the ordinations to the permanent diaconate of Alvaro Sanchez, David Lauzon, David Mulcair, John Villeneuve, Ronald Bishop, and Alan Dunham. Please pray for the candidates as they prepare. All are welcome to attend.**

**12th Anniversary of the Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Conference**, **Sep. 30 8am-6pm, Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr.,Kanata: Seeing the Significance of Our Lady’s Warnings on our own Lives Today. Guest Speaker: Prof. Daniel O’Connor. Closing Mass at 5pm with Celebrant, Bishop Yvan Mathieu, S.M., Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa-Cornwall. Registration required - please go to: www.spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca or spiritualmotherhoodottawa@gmail.com**

**PRO-LIFE: 40 Days For Life: Join for a time this project of daily prayer near an Ottawa abortion centre (Queen & Bank Sts.) between Sept. 27 - Nov. 5. Info: 613-29-2515; 40days for life.com/local-campaigns/Ottawa.**

**Life Chain:** **Join in an hour of silent prayer and witness (pray and hold a sign) to the value of the child in the womb on Sun. Oct. 1, from 2:00 - 3:00pm at the corner of Bank Street and Huntclub Road.**

**FIRST AID…** **Here’s a simple prescription to heal those accidental wounds received by our brothers and sisters in Christ: Still your soul before God at the moment of impact. Apply direct pressure of understanding to the wound. Wash the wound thoroughly with kindness to remove all vindictiveness. Coat it liberally with the ointment of love, and bandage it with forgiveness. Don’t pick the scab off by bringing up the subject and re-opening the wound. Avoid all self-pity which will only make the wound painful and touchy. Take a generous dose of antibiotics from the Word of God several times daily and stay in contact with the Great Physician at all times.**

**Sunday Morning Smile:** **A priest said to a precocious six-year-old boy, “So your mother says she prays for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?” The little boy replied, “Thank God he's in bed!”**

**Bereavement Group: Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Our Fall program may be for you. Thurs., Sept. 14 - Nov. 30, 7– 9pm at Divine Infant Parish (6658 Bilberry Dr., Orleans, ON Info: jem3380@gmail.com or 613-614-098.**

**13th Annual Autumn Pilgrimage to St-Joseph’s Oratory** **and 13th Anniversary of the canonization of St-Brother André from the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall taking place on Sunday, October 15, 2023.  See attached, departures, costs for the day, program.  Information contact Mike Budge at****mike.budge@bell.net****or by phone 613-224-8110.  Limited space.**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** **Next weekend, Sept. 23/24, we have a special collection to allow the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to do research to help bishops give leadership and make proper judgements on a wide variety of topics affecting our society. Please support this work by using the special envelope in your set or put ‘Canadian Church’ on your donation.**

**CONFESSIONS:** **Weekend … Saturday and Sunday and Weekdays…..Wednesday to Friday, 30 minutes before each mass or by appointment.**

**A Christian prayer in union with creation by Pope Francis (excerpt):**

**God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out. Praise be to you! Amen.**