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Sixteenth Sunday *in* Ordinary Time



“To transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice”

- Parish Mission Statement

Masses of the Week

MONDAY, July 24, 2017

- Ferial

No Mass

TUESDAY, July 25, 2017

- Feast - St. James

7:00 p.m. Liturgy – Novena Mass in Honour of St. Gianna

Intention: Angela Zalevich / The Zalevich Family

WEDNESDAY, July 26, 2017

- Feast - St. Anne & St. Joachim

9:30 a.m. Liturgy

Intention: + Members of the Skinner Family / Rebecca Skinner

THURSDAY, July 27, 2017

- Ferial

1:00 p.m. Liturgy at Lindenwood Manor

Intention: + Constante Calixterio / Gerald Bermisa

FRIDAY, July 28, 2017

- Ferial

9:30 a.m. Liturgy

Intention: + Evangelita Vinuya Mangilit / Ethel Mangilit-Ebio

SATURDAY, July 29, 2017

- Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Liturgy

Intention: + Jim Bobby / Bernice Bobby

SUNDAY, July 30, 2017

- Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners

 Remembering Those Memorialized in Living Waters Columbarium

July 25 - Judith Behnke



"The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil." This is not a pretty picture. Jesus shares a parable in today's Gospel

that reminds us of a truth we would rather forget: evil is real, and the devil is at work. The bountiful harvest of our faith is something that Satan wants to destroy. And he has a host of diabolical tactics to help him carry out his wicked plans. But there is one strategy in particular that we must be on guard against.

As the French poet Charles Baudelaire put it, "The devil's finest trick is to persuade you that he does not exist." Sneaky as it may be, this approach is effective! And, unfortunately, the attitude of our modern era is very conducive to buying the lie. Too often we dismiss the idea of the invisible spiritual reality of angels and demons. It doesn't seem "scientific" enough for us because it can't be seen or "proven." But neither can our faith! We believe in a host of invisible realities starting with God himself. We should not be fooled into thinking that the devil is a make-believe cartoon character with red horns and a pitchfork on his shoulder. Alas, no. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, "Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls 'a murderer from the beginning'" (CCC 394) and, as we read in the Bible, "Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the Devil" (1 Jn 3:8). This is not pretend, and so it must be taken seriously. But so too, the reality of Satan must be situated within the broader context of God's supreme power. The devil "cannot prevent the building up of God's reign" (CCC 395). The influence of evil can never defeat the power of our faith, unless we let it do so.

Readings for the Week of July 23 - July 30, 2017

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19 / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43
 Monday: Exodus 14:5-18 / Matthew 12:38-42
 Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 / Matthew 20:20-28
 Wednesday: Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15 / Matthew 13:1-9
 Thursday: Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b / Matthew 13:10-17
 Friday: Exodus 20:1-17 / Matthew 13:18-23
 Saturday: Exodus 24:3-8 / John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 / Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 13:44-52

PARISH TEAM

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Sunday's Offertory - July 16, 2017

Pre-Authorized Giving: (318 households on PAR)	\$ 13,098.90
Noah's Buddies / Youth:	\$ 2.75
Loose:	\$ 634.05
Votives:	\$ 236.75
Novena Mass	\$ 361.65
Other Gifts	\$ 334.50
TOTAL:	\$ 14,668.60
Our minimum weekly offertory income requirement is	\$ 20,000.00

Summer Bible Camp: Register today!



Children entering Kindergarten to Grade 6 are invited to **Summer Bible Camp: "Hearing God's Call!"** A 3-day program that will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Gianna Beretta Molla Church. It's \$75.00 per child, \$60.00 for each additional child. For more information, please contact Rachel Suarez-Banmann at rbanmann@stgianna.ca
Register today on the parish website: www.stgianna.ca



Seeking Golf Tournament Sponsors

St. Gianna's Knights of Columbus is pleased to host the 2017 Knights of Columbus Manitoba State Golf Tournament which will be held this August in Winnipeg. This year, through the help of hole sponsorship and prize donations, the tournament will raise funds for **Jocelyn House**, which has provided an environment that combines comfort and care for people who are living the end of their lives and can't stay in their own home, but choose not to be in hospital. Visit: www.jocelynhouse.ca

If your business is interested in being a sponsor, please contact Doug Sutherland & Dennis Sheeshka, Co-Chairs, at doug@qcaltd.ca. Hole Sponsorship is \$100, and these sponsors will be identified at the tee box. All sponsor names will be displayed during the event and acknowledged during the dinner. Any promotional merchandise that you can provide is greatly appreciated.

Parish BBQ - Sunday, August 13

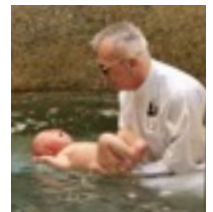


Join us Sunday, **August 13** following our **10:00 a.m.** liturgy, for "BBQ Sunday" hosted by our Knights of Columbus. The lunch is FREE, but donations are graciously accepted. Come and enjoy food and fellowship.

Feel free to bring your lawn chair. In the event of rain, we will move indoors and gather in the narthex.

Baptism Sunday - September 17

Our next communal baptism celebration is scheduled for **Sunday, September 17th**. If you have an infant to be baptized and are a part of St. Gianna's parish community, please contact the parish office to learn more about this upcoming baptismal event.



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A Place at the Table Ministries...

This fall at St. Gianna's Parish, a number of new ministry areas will be offered to help meet the members of our parish community in their various situations:

Ministry for Catholic Singles

This ministry group will provide an opportunity for our single members to come together to share and understand the blessings and challenges of being an unmarried person in the world and church today. Though this group will include a social dimension, its primary focus will be the network and unique support that only singles can ultimately give to one another.

Ministry for the Separated and Divorced

This ministry group will provide an opportunity for those who have lived through or are living through a separation or divorce. This group is designed to be a place where solace, hope, encouragement and the gifts of our faith can be better discovered and appreciated.

Ministry for our LGBTQ2 Members

This ministry group will provide an opportunity for our LGBTQ2 brothers and sisters to come together to find support, encouragement, and the gifts of faith and community. This ministry is to provide a safe and welcoming place of belonging.

Ministry for Young Mothers

This ministry group will provide a place for young mothers and their babies to come together to find encouragement and support in their new role as moms.

In preparation for a fall start-up, these new ministry areas are in need of individuals who are willing to be a part of one of the start-up leadership teams. If one of these ministry areas speaks to your need and you are willing to be a part of the formation of a particular area, please see Fr. Darrin in-person or contact him via email.



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