



# ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Seventeenth Sunday *in* Ordinary Time



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

- Parish Mission Statement

## Masses of the Week

**MONDAY, July 31, 2017**

- Memorial - St. Ignatius of Loyola  
No Mass

**TUESDAY, August 1, 2017**

- Memorial - St. Alphonsus Liguori  
**7:00 p.m. Liturgy – Novena Mass in Honour of St. Gianna**  
Intention: In Thanksgiving / Lorna & Rudy Militar

**WEDNESDAY, August 2, 2017**

- Ferial  
**9:30 a.m. Liturgy**  
Intention: + Remedios & Alfonso Fernando / Lorna & Family

**THURSDAY, August 3, 2017**

- Ferial  
No Mass

**FRIDAY, August 4, 2017**

- Memorial - St. John Mary Vianney  
**9:30 a.m. Liturgy**  
Intention: + Constante Calixterio / Gerald Bermisa

**SATURDAY, August 5, 2017**

- Feast - Transfiguration of the Lord  
**4:30 p.m. Liturgy**  
Intention: + Members of the Skinner Family / Rebecca Skinner

**SUNDAY, August 6, 2017**

- Feast - Transfiguration of the Lord  
**10:00 a.m. Liturgy** - Intention: For All Parishioners

 Remembering Those Memorialized in Living Waters Columbarium

July 31 - Henri Labossière

August 1 - Charles Ahoff

August 2 - Peter Campbell

August 3 - Lauro Bautista



"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

Jesus today gives us the image of a merchant who knows he has discovered a

great treasure. In fact, its value is so tremendous that the man is willing to sell **everything** else in order to possess it. Why? Because he knows it will all be worth it. He knows that the pearl will bring him more reward than anything else he has ever owned, more even than all his possessions combined.

This Gospel story is meant to help us understand the unfathomable value of the kingdom of heaven. Nothing else can compare to it. No material item, no honour or success, can compete with this pearl of great price. Everything we have, short of this, is **finite**: limited, temporary, and ultimately fleeting. Eternal happiness, on the other hand, is **infinite**. It never ends. This is the deep contentment, the satisfaction, the peace, and happiness that we crave, the kind that doesn't disappoint.

Like the merchant in the parable, we too should understand the value of this discovery. As Christians, we have "found" the treasure beyond all other treasures! Life in Christ, both now and in heaven, is truly the pearl of great price. The only question is whether we are willing to "sell" all that we have to obtain it. In other words, are we willing to release the other things that claim hold on us? Are we ready to put Christ first in our lives? All of us need to take pause from time to time and examine our attachments and priorities. Money, pleasure, success, or comfort can often seem so important to us that we falsely begin to imagine these things will bring the happiness we so desire. But the message is loud and clear today: the kingdom of heaven is the true treasure we long for.

### Readings for the Week of July 30 - August 6, 2017

Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 / Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 13:44-52
Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 / Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 / Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35 / Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 / Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 / Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17 / Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mt 17:1-9

### PARISH TEAM

**Reverend Darrin J. G. Gurr**

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**Rachel Suarez-Banmann**

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**Sunday's Offertory - July 23, 2017**

Pre-Authorized Giving: (318 households on PAR)	\$ 13,098.90
Noah's Buddies / Youth:	\$ 3.00
Loose:	\$ 685.40
Votives:	\$ 227.70
Novena Mass	\$ 392.20
<u>Shrine Donation</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 14,432.20</b>
Our minimum weekly offertory income requirement is	\$ 20,000.00

**Summer Bible Camp has been Cancelled**

Unfortunately, due to the low number of registration participants and adult and teen helpers, we regret to announce that the Summer Bible Camp at St. Gianna's has been cancelled this year. Thank you to all families who had registered and to the helpers who offered to serve at the camp, a full refund will be issued in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support.

**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.

**Golf Sponsors - Email Correction**

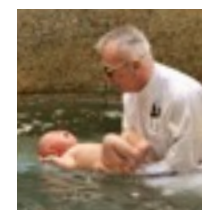
If your business is interested in being a sponsor for the 2017 Knights of Columbus Manitoba State Golf Tournament, please contact Doug Sutherland & Dennis Sheeshka, Co-Chairs, at [doug@qcaltd.ca](mailto:doug@qcaltd.ca). Hole Sponsorship is \$100, and these sponsors will be identified at the tee box. All sponsor names will be displayed during the event and acknowledged during the dinner. Any promotional merchandise that you can provide is greatly appreciated.



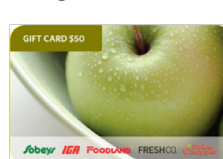
St. Gianna's Knights Council is pleased to host the tournament this year. Through the help of hole sponsorship and prize donations, the tournament will raise funds for **Jocelyn House**, which has provided an environment that combines comfort and care for people who are living the end of their lives and can't stay in their own home, but choose not to be in hospital. For more information, visit: [www.jocelynhouse.ca](http://www.jocelynhouse.ca)

**Baptism Sunday - September 17**

Our next communal baptism celebration is scheduled for **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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.



**Knights of Columbus Gift Cards Program:**



This initiative raises money for various charities as we receive a 5% commission on each gift card sold. Sobeys, Safeway, Superstore, Foodland gift cards are available for purchase every weekend at the Knights table. We accept cash, debit or cheque.

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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