



ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-Second Sunday *in* Ordinary Time



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

- Parish Mission Statement

Masses of the Week

*Fr. Darrin is away on holidays,
Please note changes to the weekday liturgy schedule.*

SUNDAY, September 3, 2017

- *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

MONDAY, September 4, 2017 - *Labour Day Holiday*

- *Ferial*

No Mass / Office Closed

TUESDAY, September 5, 2017

- *Ferial*

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

Intention: + *Nada Puhalac / Zdravka Puhalac Trebic*

SATURDAY, September 9, 2017

10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass - Rodelio Suarez +

- *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 p.m. Liturgy

Intention: + *Andre Cyrenne / Doug & Paulette Sutherland*

SUNDAY, September 10, 2017

- *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: *For All Parishioners*

11:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: *For All Parishioners*

 **Remembering Those Memorialized in Living Waters Columbarium**

September 3 - René Lampertz

September 3 - Nada Puhalac

September 6 - Remedios Fernando

PARISH TEAM

Reverend Darrin J. G. Gurr

Pastor

John Eisma

Pastoral Associate responsible for Liturgical Music Ministry

Rachel Suarez-Banmann

Pastoral Associate responsible for Children's Faith Formation

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"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Peter had expressed horror at the prophetic words announcing that Jesus' suffering and death were imminent. Peter didn't want his friend and teacher to undergo this terrible ordeal. He wanted "no such thing" ever to happen to his Lord. But Jesus sharply rebuked Peter's response, comparing it to that of the tempter, Satan. Just as temptation becomes an obstacle to our doing what is right, so Peter was presenting an obstacle to Christ's mission. Suffering was part of it, like it or not. To deny this difficult element of Christ's work would be to deny the bigger plan of God. And so Jesus rightly told Peter that he wasn't thinking like God thinks.

Of course, since we are human, it's only natural that we should think as human beings do. We, like Peter, tend to recoil at the idea of facing unpleasant or painful circumstances. But clearly God sometimes allows such situations to take place for a greater good. Jesus understood this; even as he prophesied about his death, he also mentioned his resurrection.

Today's Gospel challenges us to think "as God does" by holding both of these elements together. Unlike Peter who only focused on the sad part of the story, we are called to recognize the Resurrection on the other side of the cross, and to be willing to do whatever is necessary to get there. In fact, Jesus tells us later in this Gospel to take up our cross and follow him. That is not the "human" way of thinking. It's the Godly way. Our natural response is to reject and scorn the trials and tribulations that we face, but Jesus wants us to embrace them patiently and "come after" him on the (sometimes rough) road to eternal life.

Readings for the Week of September 3 - September 10, 2017

Sunday: Jeremiah 20:7-9 / Rom 12:1-2 / Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 / Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: Colossians 1:1-8 / Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: Colossians 1:9-14 / Luke 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday: Colossians 1:21-23 / Luke 6:1-5

Sunday: Ezekiel 33:7-9 / Rom 13:8-10 / Mt 18:15-20

Sunday's Offertory - August 27, 2017

Pre-Authorized Giving: (318 households on PAR)	\$ 13,098.90
Loose:	\$ 435.85
Votives:	\$ 235.50
Novena Mass	\$ 416.70
<u>Shrine Donation</u>	<u>\$ 7.75</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 14,194.70

Our minimum weekly offertory income requirement is \$ 20,000.00

Winter Liturgy Schedule - Begins September 9 & 10



The Sunday after the September Labour Day Long Weekend, September 9 & 10, we will move to our Winter Sunday Liturgy schedule. Saturday Mass will continue to be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. AND 11:00 a.m. This schedule will continue through to the 2018 May Long Weekend.

Children's Faith Formation - Register Now!



Registration is now open for our Children's Faith Formation process. Classes are Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m., and begin on Wednesday, **September 27th**. Open to all registered parishioners from Grade 1-6. More information can be found on our website at www.stgianna.ca or by contacting Rachel at rbanmann@stgianna.ca.

Prayer Ministry Orientation Session - September 11



Our next Information / Orientation Session is on Monday, **September 11th** at 7:00 p.m.

The Perpetual Prayer Ministry invites participants to become part of a growing twenty-four hour a day prayer chain that keeps a prayer vigil in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!

New Parishioners Orientation - September 24

Our next New Members Orientation Session will be held on **Sunday, September 24th** at **12:15 p.m.** in the narthex immediately following our 11:00 a.m. liturgy. This 90 minute session provides a wonderful way to learn more about our parish community, the opportunities for faith formation and ministry involvement, as well as learn about the unique charism that we hold as a community of Christian disciples under the patronage of St. Gianna Beretta Molla. To pre-register for this event, please fill out a membership request form at the visitor's information table and hand it to one of the ministers of hospitality or include it in the Sunday Offertory.

Catechumenate - R.C.I.A.



The process for preparing non-christian adults for Baptism, Confirmation and the reception of Holy Eucharist will once again, be offered this fall at St. Gianna's Parish. If you or someone you know is desiring to become a Christian in the Catholic tradition, please contact Fr. Darrin in-person or via the parish office. The process will begin at the beginning of October and conclude shortly after Easter.

Into Full Communion Sessions

Our next "Into Full Communion" Series will begin in **September** for adults baptized in another christian tradition now seeking membership in the Roman Catholic Church. This five week process will prepare candidates for reception into the Catholic church through Confirmation and First Eucharist. If you are seeing reception into the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Darrin in-person or call the parish office.

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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