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Twenty-Sixth Sunday *in* Ordinary Time

October 1, 2017



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

- Parish Mission Statement

Masses of the Week

Priests Away on Annual Study Days this Week:

The Following Mass Intentions will be offered by Fr. Darrin during the week at the Priest Study Days:

For + Ramon Carlo Umbal / Zenaida Umbal

For + Trudy Laing / Ernest Laing

For + Isaias Bermisa / Trifona Bermisa

TUESDAY, October 3, 2017

- Ferial

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

Intention: + Thelma N. Morton / Ruth Provitina

WEDNESDAY, October 4, 2017

No Mass

THURSDAY, October 5, 2017

No Mass

FRIDAY, October 6, 2017

- Ferial

9:30 a.m. Liturgy

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

SATURDAY, October 7, 2017

- Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Liturgy

Intention: Fr. Darrin / Eve & Dot del Rosario

6:30 p.m. Nuptial Celebration - Schafer / Rendina

SUNDAY, October 8, 2017

- Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 Remembering Those Memorialized in Living Waters Columbarium

October 2 - Elizabeth Desjardins



"**A**men, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." Ouch. This had to sting. Jesus spoke these shocking words not just to

anybody. He spoke them to "the chief priests and elders of the people." The ones who were professional law-keepers. The ones who were religious leaders and teachers. The ones who were, in truth, self-righteous, pompous, and presumptuous. Jesus must have known how offensive it would be to his audience to share this unpleasant fact. But he said it anyway because he knew they needed to hear it.

But the point wasn't to offend. The point was to **amend**. Jesus was urging them to change their lives for the better, to come to God with a humble, contrite heart, seeking forgiveness and mercy. These unrepentant upper-crust leaders were plagued by an inability to see their own sins. They were far too focused on identifying where others were going wrong. And, as was his style, Jesus' preaching was adapted according to his audience. These guys needed to get knocked out of their complacency. So Jesus did what he had to do.

It's important to realize, by the way, that the reason tax collectors and prostitutes were leading the line to heaven wasn't because of their sins. It was because of their sorrow. The people Jesus had in mind when he mentioned this—like Zacchaeus and Mary Magdalene perhaps—had repented from their sinful behaviour and begun anew. This is why he praises them. And this is what the Lord longs to see everyone doing, including us. Either we need to acknowledge and repent of our sins, or we are placing ourselves in the same category as the pharisaical priests and elders. And that's definitely not the place to be.

Readings for the Week of October 1 - October 8, 2017

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28 / Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 / Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Zechariah 8:1-8 / Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zechariah 8:20-23 / Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday: Nehemiah 2:1-8 / Luke 9:57-62

Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Luke 10:1-12

Friday: Baruch 1:15-22 / Luke 10:13-16

Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 / Luke 10:17-24

Sunday: Isaiah 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43

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

Ernest Lacuna

Administrative Coordinator

Romeo Suban

Operational Business Manager

Monique Gauthier

Living Waters Columbarium - Director of Sales, Marketing & Promotions

Reg & Jane Todd

Custodial

Sunday's Offertory - September 24, 2017

Pre-Authorized Giving: (318 households on PAR)	\$ 13,098.90
Noah's Buddies / Youth:	\$ 4.00
Loose:	\$ 1824.20
Votives:	\$ 246.35
<u>Novena Mass</u>	<u>\$ 329.25</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 15,502.70

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

2018 Holy Land Pilgrimage - Info & Booking Night



Next fall, a Pilgrimage of Faith to the Holy Land is set for October 14-25, 2018 with Fr. Darrin. An Information & Booking Night will take place Tuesday, **October 10, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.** as St. Gianna's Church. There are only 20 spots available and a **\$500.00 deposit** AND a **copy of your passport** will be required at the October 10 meeting to reserve a spot. The total Pilgrimage price, including hotel, air travel, tours, taxes and some meals will be approximately \$5000.00 per person, *based on double occupancy. Don't miss out on this transformative opportunity!

Parish Directory Photo Sessions - October 10-14



All members of our parish community are invited to participate in the creation of our first parish photo directory. Participation in this endeavour is free of charge and all participants will receive a copy of the completed parish directory. Portrait sessions for September 26-30 are complete and additional dates have been added for **October 10-14**. All sessions are held at St. Gianna's Church and will take approximately 30-40 minutes. Sign-up for your portrait session in the narthex after the Sunday liturgies or click on the link you may have received via email as a parishioner. Your participation is essential in making our directory complete!

Fall Symposium Experience - Saturday, October 14



The celebration of the Mass is at the core of all that we believe as Catholics. Yet, so much of what it is about remains unclear or perhaps a total mystery. If you wish to explore and learn more about our Sunday Celebration, including the ritual movements, the meaning of the prayers, and the overall action of the liturgy, then this workshop experience is for you! All who participate can be assured of an even greater celebration of the Sunday Liturgy.

Date: Saturday October 14, 2017

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Presenter: Fr .Darrin Gurr

Lunch: Participant Potluck, beverages provided

*** Please RSVP at stgianna@mymts.net to let us know that you are coming and what food item you will bring.**

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. These ministry groups will include ministry for: Single Catholics, Separated and Divorced, LGBTQ2, and Young Mothers. Our first two ministry groups are now ready to begin:

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. The first gathering will take place on Thursday, **October 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Narthex.**

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. The first gathering will take place on Thursday, **October 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Narthex.**



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