



September 1, 2024 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME and LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

Mon., Sept. 2nd 12:10 pm LABOUR DAY MASS (*Parish Office is closed*)
 Tues., Sept. 3rd 9:00 am FEASTDAY MASS OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
 Wed., Sept. 4th 9:00 am Weekday Mass (*Blessed Dina Bélanger*)
 7:00 pm + PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (*Rectory Mtg. Rm*)
 Thurs., Sept. 5th 9:00 am Weekday Mass
 Fri., Sept. 6th 9:00 am FIRST FRIDAY MASS (*Benediction & Anointing*)
 Sat., Sept. 7th 5:00 pm VIGIL: 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 + Columbus Centre: COR PROGRAM at 9 am
 Sun., Sept. 8th MASSES: 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

 **GRIEF SUPPORT** 

We will be offering this free program in our Cathedral's "Our Lady's Chapel" this Fall. Participation in the Sessions is open to adults who have lost a loved one to death in the last two years. Those who wish to participate should call our Parish Office: 807 622-5389.

RENEW YOUR "FRIENDS" MEMBERSHIP

Join or Renew your membership in "Friends of the Cathedral", and help support our ongoing 'St. Pat's Hat' Roof Project. (Annual tax deductible Donation: \$250.)

Name


Telephone or E-Mail Address

"COFFEE and CONVERSATION"

On September 8th we hope to resume our monthly gatherings after the 10:30 am Sunday Mass in the front foyer of the Church. Thanks to Tim Horton's (*Balmoral*) and to our many volunteers who make it all possible.

DONATION FROM K.C. COUNCIL 1447 FROM BINGO

This \$5,000. donation for our Roof Fund came from proceeds raised from our 'Superior Shores Gaming' Bingos, hosted by our Knights. Here, presenting the cheque is Council # 1447 Grand Knight, Mike Spivak. Thanks to the volunteers and to Josie Spivak for this photo.





 **OUR CURRENT PARISH COUNCIL**

Our Council members for 2024-26: Taran Campanotto, Chair, Robin Rickards, Secretary, Maureen Comuzzi, JoAnn Floen, Patrick Klug, James MacCallum, Larry Pankuch, Jackie Rink, Martin Skillen, Crystal Tustian, Linda West, Deacon Derek West, and Msgr. Pat Stilla. Completing their terms on the Council are Joan and Gaetan Joubert and Susan and Thomas Momot. We sincerely thank them for their many dedicated years of service!

"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK

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| K.C. Donation: Superior Shores Bingo | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Monthly Renovations Collection (<i>partial</i>).. | 515.00 |
| Free Will and On-line Donations | 280.00 |
| To Honour the Baptism of: Ari Furioso | 20.00 |
| In Memory of Eugene Rooney | 140.00 |
| In Memory of Edward Macchi | 100.00 |
| In Memory of Judith Cline | 100.00 |
| Donation Totals this Week | \$ 6,155.00 |
| TOTAL PLEDGED/COLLECTED TO DATE | |
| *** \$ 1,239,712.00 *** | |

DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

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| Last Sunday's Collection | \$ 3,570.00 |
| On-Line Donations | 10.00 |
| Votive Candles | 184.00 |
| St. Anthony Poor Fund | 45.50 |

The following are only seven of many, popular misconceptions which I still encounter regarding Church laws about Marriage and Divorce. I hope this column will help to dispel them. *Msgr. Pat*

Misconception #1 The Church does not recognize any marriages that are performed by a Minister or by a Justice of the Peace .

Partially True. Our Church law obliges only Catholics to be married before a Catholic clergyman and

two witnesses, for their marriage to be recognized as valid by the Church. Except for the Orthodox, other Churches do not have this requirement for their own members. Consequently, the Catholic Church does

accept as valid, the legal marriages of non-Catholics regardless of where they have taken place.

Misconception #2 Non-Catholics may marry Catholics in the Church only if they convert to Catholicism.

Not True. To marry a Catholic in the Church, one is not required to be baptised or to convert to the Catholic Faith because marriage is about a relationship and not about changing one's Religious Faith

Misconception #3 The Church accepts divorces granted to non-Catholics by Courts of Civil Law.

Not True. As Catholics, we believe that marriage is not simply a legal contract but also a Sacrament not only for Catholics but for all baptized Christians. Civil courts do not have the authority to take away one's Marriage Sacrament any more than

they can take away one's Sacrament of Baptism. No, we do not recognize divorces granted by courts of law.

Misconception #4 Those who are divorced didn't try hard enough to make their marriage work.

Absolutely Not True. Couples who experience serious problems in their relationships try to do everything possible to salvage their marriage but sometimes, nothing they try ever seems to work.

Misconception #5 'Annulment' is just another name for 'Catholic' divorce.

Not True. In a divorce, civil courts simply decree that a marriage is over. In an Annulment, a Church Tribunal proves that a marriage never actually existed since essential elements needed for a valid marriage were missing from the very beginning.

Misconception #6 Catholics who divorce their spouse are automatically excommunicated from the Church.

No Longer True. This was changed over 50 years ago. Divorce does not change a Catholic's standing with the Church nor does it necessarily deny reception of the Sacraments.

Misconception #7 Only if both are Catholics, is a couple allowed to have a Mass at their Wedding.

No Longer True. This was also changed years ago. It is their choice.



JOINING THE CHURCH



Adults who wish to be baptized AND/OR to join the Catholic Church, are asked to please call our Office at: 807-622-5389, to register for the R.C.I.A. which begins this Fall.



Knights of Columbus



AN INVITATION

The Knights of Columbus invite all men of faith to the next **COR PROGRAM** Session to be held on Saturday, September 7th at 9 am at the Columbus Centre. This program offers men an opportunity to explore their faith and enter into a deeper relationship with Christ by focusing on three elements: prayer, formation and fraternity. For further information contact **Bruce Sutton** at 807-632-3120

UPCOMING WEDDINGS

1. Russell Waldon and Mariella Coltellaro
(Wedding: Sept. 14, 2024)
2. Tyler Van Vors and Shana Tavares
(Wedding: Dec. 31, 2024)



Development and Peace
CARITAS CANADA

Our Group denounces the use of force and aggression by Dominican Republic authorities against Haitians living there.