

September 8, 2024 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"HE MAKES THE DEAF HEAR AND THE MUTE SPEAK"
(GOSPEL: Mk. 7:37)

Sun., Sept. 8th 11:30 am "COFFEE AND CONVERSATION" SUNDAY
 Tues., Sept. 10th 9:00 am Weekday Mass
 2:00 pm + ROOF COMMITTEE MEETING
 Wed., Sept. 11th 9:00 am Weekday Mass
 Thurs., Sept. 12th 9:00 am Weekday Mass (*Most Holy Name of Mary*)
 Fri., Sept. 13th 9:00 am FEASTDAY MASS OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
 Sat., Sept. 14th 5:00 pm VIGIL: 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 + Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Christ
 Sun., Sept. 15th MASSES: 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



GRIEF SUPPORT PROGRAM

These free sessions will begin this Fall in "Our Lady's Chapel".

Participation in the Sessions is open to adults who have lost a loved one to death in the last two years. If you wish to participate please call our Office: 807 622-5389



THANK-YOU TIM HORTON'S (BALMORAL)



They will again donate coffee to us for our 'Coffee and Conversation' days this year! Thanks also to all who donate and work to make it happen

WELCOME BACK ... 10:30 am CHOIR!

We welcome their return after the summer break and we thank them for their Ministry of music and song. At the same time, we thank our 8:30 am Choir for their Ministry here each week. To join either one of these two Choirs, or for information about other Ministries, call : 807-622-5389.



WHY NOT BECOME A CATHOLIC THIS YEAR?



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

AUGUST WINNER!

Congratulations to **BOLESLAW PAUL JASIURA** whose winning ticket # D-12166, drawn on August 30, 2024 won him \$2,743.



Photo by Jane Slobodnik

RENEW YOUR "FRIENDS" MEMBERSHIP

Join/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 _____

DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 5,196.60
On-Line Donations	460.00
Votive Candles	61.00
St. Anthony Poor Fund	23.50

"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK

Parish Share from August 50/50 Raffle.....	\$ 2,089.00
Monthly Renovations Collection (<i>more</i>).....	1,050.00
2 'Friends of the Cathedral Memberships	500.00
Free Will and On-line Donations	705.00
To Honour the Baptism of Anthony Agostino ..	300.00

Donation Totals this Week \$ 4,644.00

TOTAL PLEDGED/COLLECTED TO DATE

*** \$ 1,244,356.00 ***





Q. In last week's column about Marriage misconceptions, you said that the bride and groom can freely choose to have a 'Wedding Mass' or a 'Wedding Ceremony without Mass', for their Marriage. Is a Catholic Wedding without Mass still a valid Sacramental Marriage for the couple?

A. Yes, it most certainly is.

As I mentioned last week, the decision to celebrate one's wedding either with a 'Mass' or with a 'Ceremony without Mass' is one that is made by the bride and groom, and preferably after consulting with family members, with the Priest or Deacon who will officiate at the wedding and with other relatives and friends.



Wedding Mass OR Wedding Ceremony?

Sacramental Marriage

◆ The Church teaches that couples who marry in the presence of a Catholic clergyman and two witnesses (*best man & maid of honour*) validly receive the Sacrament of Marriage, whether there is Mass or not;

◆ Also, before his retirement, the Bishop occasionally gave permission for some Catholic wedding ceremonies to take place outside a church building if there was a good reason for it. These, too, were valid Sacramental Marriages;

In all of the above mentioned choices, Bible Readings are proclaimed, Wedding Vows are exchanged, the Nuptial Blessing is given and the rings are blessed.



Choosing The Wedding Mass

◆ This choice is usually made when both parties belong to the Catholic Faith, (*practising or not*) and who wish to receive Communion on their wedding day;

◆ it can also be the choice in a mixed marriage when one of the parties is not Catholic but when both wish to marry in the context of a Mass. In this case, the non-Catholic party can also ask to receive Communion together with his/her spouse.

Choosing The Ceremony

This option is rightly preferred by couples in a mixed marriage, if they feel that family members and/or other guests of the non-Catholic party might feel awkward

at a Mass because of their lack of familiarity with such a celebration.

A Question of Priorities

Finally, when planning for their wedding, couples should remember that this will be the most important day in their lives. Therefore, their choices should not be simply based on the fact that a Ceremony may be 15 minutes shorter than a Mass and that the time saved will permit more time for wedding photos or partying! It is all about priorities.

YOUR GENEROUS RESPONSE

Thank you to all who have, each month, been making a financial contribution to our feminine products project for the Dew Drop Inn. Our team leader Pam has received notes of thanks from the Dew Drop Inn and smiles from those who received them. We will be continuing this project and are most appreciative for your continuing support. Simply place your financial contribution in an envelope and mark it:

'CWL Feminine Products Project'

'RIGHT TO LIFE' PRESENTATION

We have received an invitation from the Right to Life Association of Thunder Bay and Area to attend a special presentation by Angelina Steenstra of the 'Silent No More Awareness' Campaign on Tuesday, September 17th at The Summit Church 515 North Syndicate Avenue. Symposium: 7:30 pm (*light refreshments served*) and Presentation at 8:00 pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SOME FREE BLOCKS LEFT

Some concrete blocks are still available for pick up. Please call Deacon Derek at 807-630-8761



Development and Peace
CARITAS CANADA

We are urging the Dominican Republic Government to end the crimes committed by "security agents" against people of Haitian descent.