

ST. THOMAS, THE APOSTLE (feast day July 3) "St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying and his unwillingness to believe the Resurrection of Christ, earning him the title of "doubting Thomas." After verifying the wounds were true, St. Thomas became convinced of the reality of the Resurrection and exclaimed, "My Lord and My God," thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus. Thomas never doubted the Lord again, and he dedicated his life to helping others to believe in Jesus—even though they never saw Christ face to face. Thank God for 'Doubting Thomas'. His doubts healed the wounds of our own disbelief. They also open up for all who look with the eyes of faith a deeper understanding of the redemptive effect of the wounds of Jesus and the role our own wounds can have in our continuing call to conversion as we join them to His. Thomas the doubter became the Thomas the model believer, an example for each one of us. His life teaches us to trust in everything the Lord has promised us so that we, too, can rise to new life, as Jesus did."

MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) Canadians are concerned that the current legislation for medical assistance in dying (MAiD) puts the lives of people with mental illness at risk. Fifty-one per cent of Canadians oppose MAiD criteria that include mental health as a sole condition. Hopelessness and a desire to end one's life can be a symptom of some mental illnesses. It is unthinkable that in Canada, it may be easier to access death than treatments and support to live. One in 10 people will wait more than four months for counselling, while the general waiting period for MAiD is three months. Experts agree that it is difficult, if not impossible, to predict who will recover from a mental disorder. Suicide prevention crisis lines are only part of the answer to adequate support for Canadians struggling with mental health needs. There are long waiting lists for ongoing treatment, and it can be expensive. *Legislation to allow mental illness as a sole condition for MAiD must be revoked!*

ST. MARY'S CWL

1. The CWL Word of the Week is FUTURE. The CWL is active in the present and looks to the future with enthusiasm. For more than 100 years, members have been making a difference nationally and even internationally as a member of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations. 2. Enjoy summer Father Martin, CWL members and all parishioners. May God bless you all and keep you safe. Please stay hydrated in this hot summer weather and find a COOL place to be. 3. Happy Canada Day everyone!

QUOTE: (Eph 1:20-23) "It is the same power that raised Christ from the dead. This same power put Christ at God's right side in heaven. This place was given to Christ. It is much greater than any king or leader can have. No one else can have this place of honor and power. No one in this world or in the world to come can have such honor and power. God has put all things under Christ's power and has made Him to be the head leader over all things of the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way."

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**13TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME**

June 29-30, 2024



**"Do not
fear, only
believe."**



**"Little girl,
get up!"**

Parish Committees & Organisations

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SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office.

Confessions: Saturday at 8:30 am & 3:30 pm, or anytime on request.

First Friday of the month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9am

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

July 1, Mon. 9am (Canada Day)

July 2, Tues. NO MASS TODAY

July 3, Wed. 9am (St. Thomas, Apostle)

July 4, Thurs. 9am

July 5, Fri. 9am

July 6, Sat. 9am

July 6, Sat. 4pm - +Marg Godawa by Dave & Marilyn Rudd

July 7, Sun. 10am - For the People of the parish



WEEKLY OFFERING

"FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER"
2 COR 9:7

LAST WEEKEND

Sunday Offertory - \$905

Balance - \$10, 728

JULY 6 & 7 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS: Dave Hughes

Bernadette Murray

EMHC: Sis. Donna Smith

Judith Goulin

USHERS: Nick & Darrell Manley Ian Manley & Theo Mensen

PRAYING FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Deirdre Arzheimer, Dalton McDonald, Phyllis Cooper,
Jeannie Grol



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS TO REMEMBER

Saturday, August 17th - St. Mary's Cemetery Mass - 10 am

Sunday, August 18th (celebrating the feast of parish patron, Assumption of the BVM) - Parish BBQ - after 10 am Mass

Friday, August 22 - St. Mary's golf tournament - 9 holes starting at 2:30 pm.

Details of this tournament will be soon posted in our Parish Website.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

CANADA DAY (July 1st) - Canada Day celebrated on July 1st of each year, holds a special place in the hearts of Canadians across the globe. It is a day of immense significance; it marks the birth of a nation and commemorates the rich history, diverse culture, and shared values of the Canadian people. Beyond the celebrations, Canada Day also offers a moment of introspection, and its spirit is deeply intertwined with the values of peace, tolerance, and respect that define the Canadian identity. Canadians, realizing they do not have lasting home here, pray and work for justice and peace for Canada and throughout the world, so that all



We are truly blessed to be born in a country which is so prosperous and growing...
We are blessed to be free and independent....
Let us celebrate 1st July with our loved ones.

Happy
Canada Day to you!

God's people may share in the goods of this earth. God's kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions. **MAY YOU HAVE AN ENJOYABLE, FUN-FILLED LONG WEEKEND WITH FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!**

CORPORAL ACTS OF MERCY— The Corporal works of mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs. They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life. The seven Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Shelter the Homeless, Visit the Sick, Visit the Prisoners, Bury the Dead, and Give Alms to the Poor.

1. **Feed the Hungry** - The Bible says we are to care for the poor, which involves feeding the hungry. Jesus wrought miracle to feed the 5,000 hungry people (Mat14:13-24). Mary sings (Luke 1:53), "He has filled the hungry with good things". The psalmist sings (Psalm 146:7), "He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry." If we are to be godly people, then, we must also seek to feed the hungry. (to be continued)

POPE FRANCIS - The Holy Father made an appeal for peace amid the ongoing war in Ukraine and many others across the world, as he recalled the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. "To their intercession, let us entrust the peoples suffering from war: the tormented Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and Myanmar, so that they may soon find peace." In his latest gesture of closeness to suffering populations as wars plague the world, Pope Francis greeted Ukrainian wives and mothers after his General Audience in St. Peter's Square on Wednesday morning.