

**7 SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY** - The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to help our neighbor in their spiritual needs. The seven spiritual actions of mercy are: 1. To admonish the sinner, 2. To instruct the ignorant, 3. To counsel the doubtful, 4. To comfort the sorrowful, 5. To bear wrongs patiently, 6. To forgive all injuries, 7. To pray for the living and the dead.

**#2 TO INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT** - Biblically speaking, this action comes directly from Jesus when He instructs His apostles, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." This act of mercy is about sharing our faith and experiences with Christ and his church to those around us who either have not experienced faith in their own lives or are simply unaware as to what a life of faith looks like. This command flows directly from Jesus' life and ministry.

**ST. AUGUSTINE** (feast day Aug 28) "He was born year 354 in Algeria. He spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. Through the prayers of his holy mother Monica and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian then, because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day he heard about two men converted. He felt terribly ashamed of himself. "What are we doing, unlearned people are taking heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!" Full of sorrow he cried out, "How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Just then he heard a voice saying, "Take up and read!" He picked up the book of the Letters of St. Paul and read the passage that was just what Augustine needed, for in it, St. Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. From then on, Augustine began a new life. He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious priests, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached and prayed with great fervor right up until his death. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break."

#### ST. MARY'S CWL

1. The next CWL meeting is on Sept.09/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.
2. Thank you to all parishioners who attended Mass at the Cemetery and the Church picnic. Thank you, Lord, for allowing us to enjoy both without rain. Thank you to all the workers who made both a success.
3. The CWL Words of the Week are "Hundreds of Resolutions". Over its history CWL members have proposed hundreds of resolutions: some become laws, others serve as seeds for change - all serve to educate members.
4. There will be no "Coffee After Mass" on August 31 & Sept.01/24. The coffee crew, Rosa, Suzanne and Pat need a break.

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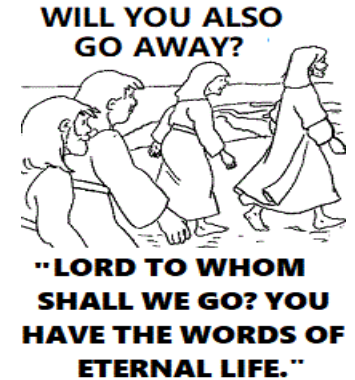
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Fr. Martin Dalida - Parish Priest

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OR-  
DINARY TIME

August 24-25,  
2024



### Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*  
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*Roberts* (Principal)-Tel. 905 372 4339

### 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

Aug 26, Mon - No Mass  
Aug 27, Tues 9am (St. Monica)  
Aug 28, Wed 9am (St. Augustine)  
Aug 29, Thurs 9am (Passion of St. John the Baptist)  
Aug 30, Fri. 9am  
Aug 31, Sat. 10am  
Aug 31, Sat. 4pm (22nd week) - People of the parish  
Sept 1, Sun. 10am (22nd week)



LAST WEEKEND

Sunday Offertory - \$1,310

Balance - \$10, 049

AUGUST 31-Sept 1 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS: Jackie Innis Michael Stephenson

EMHC: Sis. Donna Smith Bernadette Murray

USHERS: Nick & Darrell Manley Joe O’Kane & Rob Ugolini



----- PRAYING FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PAR-

E-TRANSFERS -The Parish is able to accept e-transfers. If you forget your envelope or you are visiting and want to make a donation, you can log onto your mobile banking and send your donation to *office@assumptiongrafton.ca*. Make sure to put your envelope number (if you have) or name and address in the message section of the transfer. The transfers are auto deposit so no need to set up a password.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

PATRONAL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION & CEMETERY MASS - We would like to thank all who attended our Cemetery Mass and Patronal Feast Day celebration. Thank you too to those who brought food during BBQ. A special mention goes out to the CWL members for their dedication in preparing the snacks, drinks, and food for these 2 occasions. Their hard work and service did not go unnoticed. Additionally, we express our gratitude to Tina Mullin for her beautiful work laminating the copies of the Nicene & Apostles Creeds placed at the pews. Thank you all for your commitment to serve the needs of our parish.

SHELTER VALLEY GOLF COURSE - We extend our heartfelt thanks to Jane Sawyer (owner) and the Shelter Valley Golf Course management team for their hospitality during our recent Parish Golf Tournament which came out to be very successful. We greatly appreciate their support and generosity. We will provide an update next week on the total amount raised and share more details from the fundraiser event.

ALFONS CASTEELS - Alfons, the newly designated chairperson of the Parish Finance Committee, has recently been patiently dealing with companies that are providing internet, telephone services, etc., as he tries to identify some unnecessary operating expenses and he is working hard to find ways to cut them possible. We know that the main source of revenues of the parish are the good number of church goers. Like other many parishes, our parish Mass attendants are not as many as before. Given such reality, we need to tighten hard our belt and avoid over spending in order for the parish to keep rolling. Let us support Alfons in his concerned efforts to try to save money for the parish.

ST. MARY’S CEMETERY BOARD - Francis Calnan is now the chairperson of St. Mary’s cemetery Board following Melissa’s resignation. For your inquiries & transaction concerning cemetery, Francis will attend to you and you can reach him at his mobile phone # 905 269 0795.

BLACK & WHITE BULLETIN - You will notice that our Bulletin will no longer use color but will maintain the black & white. This is part of our actions to cut some overhead expenses and save some money.

“TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?” In Christ we have a love that can never be fathomed; a life that can never die; a peace & rest that can never be disturbed; a joy that can never be diminished; a hope that can never be disappointed; a light that can never be darkened; a happiness that can never be interrupted; a beauty that can never be marred; a wisdom that can never be baffled; and resources that can never be exhausted. If we have found Jesus to be like that, where else can we go?

A GOOD CHRISTIAN IS A GOOD CITIZEN - Being a good Christian citizen involves living a life that reflects the teachings of Jesus Christ and positively contributing to your community. As a Christian, it is your responsibility to be an active and engaged member of society, showing love and kindness to your neighbors, and following the laws of the land. Good Christians are kind, decent people who advocate for justice, are compassionate, generous, and resourceful. They also settle their opinions thoughtfully and remain studious and curious. Ultimately, being a good Christian means believing,