

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
“His lord handed him over to be tortured.”  
**Announced Masses for the Week of September 17<sup>th</sup> , 2017**

**Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017**

**9:00 am** † Oswald & Ruth Verreault by Diane Villeneuve

**11:00 am** For All Parishioners

**Monday, Sept. 18, 2017**

**7:30 am**

**Tuesday, Sept. 19 , 2017**

**NO MASS**

**Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017 - St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gôn, priest, Paul  
Chông Ha-Sang and companions martyrs**

**7:00 pm**

**Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017 - St. Matthew**

**7:30 am**

**Friday, Sept. 22, 2017**

**7:30 am**

**Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)**

**9:00 am** † William J. Whyte b the Whyte family

† Myrna Galla by Josepha

**4:30 pm** † Cy Marcellus by his wife & children

† For St. Pio & St. Michael by Mr. & Mrs. Odorico

**Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017**

**9:00 am** † Mr. Beverly Smith by Joe & Cathy Healy

**11:00 am** For All Parishioners

**First Reading:** Sir. 27:30–28:7 (Need for Forgiveness) The sinner  
abounds in wrath. It is the Lord who punishes, and we are to forgive  
injustice and be merciful. We should think of our last days.

**Second Reading:** Rom. 14:7-9 (God’s Partners) After the example of  
Christ, who died for sinners, we must strive to live for God and for  
others.

**Gospel:** Mt. 18:21-35 (Forgiving Our Neighbour) Jesus answers Peter  
that we are to forgive our neighbour’s faults without any limit. Jesus uses  
the parable of the unjust steward who was forgiven a large debt by his  
master but refused to forgive a small debt owed to himself. The master  
then dealt severely with his official.



Welcome to the family of the Church the newly  
baptized:

**NATHAN ALEXANDER COMEAU**

**ALEXANDRA ROSE HEWETSON**

**NOAH JORDAN LISK**

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The annual **Heron Emergency Food Centre (HEFC) walk** will  
take place on **Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> September** from 9am to 12noon. For pledge  
sheets phone HEFC at 613 737 9090 or contact your HEFC rep.--  
Brendan Reid at 613 731 4380.

Registration at 9am-St. Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church, 2345 Alta  
Vista Dr. Donations to [www.hefc.ca](http://www.hefc.ca)

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**Needs of the Canadian Church collection next  
weekend.**



The **Adult Choir** would like to extend an invitation to anyone who likes to sing to join their group; no prerequisites required! Simply the love of singing and praising God.

The rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and the group generally sings at the Sunday 11:00 am Mass. The Choir also

participates in a few additional events such as the Immaculate Heart of Mary Christmas Concert and retirement home performances.

Please plan to join the **first rehearsal** of the season to be exceptionally held on **Thursday September 14, 2017**, with subsequent rehearsals held on **Tuesday evenings** effective September 19<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, please contact the choir director, Francine at 613-824-9199.

**NEXT WEEKEND'S ACTIVITIES:**

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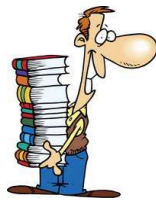


**2017 IHM Parish Breakfast**

The IHM Parish Breakfast is **Sunday, September 24** after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses in the parish hall.

Homemade baked beans, eggs, fruit, pancakes and sausages with coffee, juice

and tea is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. The proceeds go to the Shepherds of Good Hope.



CWL monthly book sale is **next Sunday September 24th**, after the **9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses**.

Come and enjoy refreshments while you browse through our varied selection, there is something for everyone.

We are happy to accept GENTLY used paperbacks.

Unfortunately, we are not able to accept hard cover books.

Thank you for your co-operation and continued patronage.

Next weekend, **Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>** we will have with us a guest speaker representing "**Holy Land Christians**", who after the Masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in The Holy Land.

Afterward, hand carved religious articles from Bethlehem will be available for purchase in the parish hall.

**WHY DO YOU GO TO MASS?**

Every Sunday we make the same journey regularly to Church to attend Mass, yet we miss the beauty that is before our eyes. Why do you go to Mass? How many Catholics do you think would answer by saying, "Because I want to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist.?" I think most people would answer, "Because going to Mass is an 'obligation'." Indeed, it is...if you desire to encounter Jesus.

The Eucharist is a tangible reminder of God's love, and receiving Communion is a call to work to build the body of Christ by loving others and shunning all that sows division within a community,

Pope Francis said. The Eucharist should “heal our ambition to lord it over others, to greedily hoard things for ourselves, to foment discord and criticism,” Pope Francis said. “May it awaken in us the joy of living in love, without rivalry, jealousy or mean-spirited gossip.

If you want to become more intentional about encountering Jesus in the Mass, here are three things to keep in mind.

1. The Mass represents Jesus’ passion, sacrifice, and resurrection through the signs of bread and wine. Why is this important? Because we all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God” (**Romans 3:23**). Therefore, there is nothing we can do to pay the price for our sins, but justice still has to be served. So, instead of enduring the price of divine justice with our own lives, Jesus paid it on our behalf.

2. Jesus wants us to remember his sacrifice on the cross; therefore, he instituted the Mass at the Last Supper as a means by which we remember his acts on Calvary Hill.

3. Finally, Jesus teaches that the bread and wine become his real body and blood (**John 6:51-58**). The God of the universe desires to be intimately part of your life. After receiving Communion, go back to your seat and thank Jesus for His gift to you. Fight every tendency to rush to the car. Can you imagine attending a loved one’s dinner and rushing out the door as soon as you are satisfied without acknowledging the sacrifice she endured to prepare the evening? Acknowledge Christ’s sacrifice.

I encourage you to encounter Jesus in the Mass. Don’t pass him by.

Fr. Stephen Liang

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### **Subject: Why go to church?**

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday or Saturday He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"