

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life."

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Psalter I -- Year B

MON. August 24 *St. Bartholomew*

12:05 PM † **MARK THOMPSON**

--Kathy Hart

TUES. August 25

12:05 PM **Living & † Deceased Members of the
SZOTYORI FAMILY** *--DeRoth Family*

WED. August 26

12:05 PM Special Intentions of **PEG LEES**
--Friends of St. Michael's

THURS. August 27 *St. Monica*

12:05 PM † **ALLAN McCARVILLE**

--Fr. Francis P. Duffy Council #1970 KofC

FRI. August 28 *St. Augustine*

12:05 PM † **JEAN ELLIS**

--Elmer & Mary Barney

Saturday, August 29

5:00 PM † **GILDES McPHEE**

--Bernie & Ann O'Brien

Sunday, August 30

9:00 AM † **LINUS DEMATTOS**

--Celestine & Family

11:00 AM **MISSA PRO POPULO**

Next Weekend's Readings: **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*1st: Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-8 2nd: James 1.17-18, 21-22. 27
Gospel Mark 7.1, 14-15, 21-23*

Prayers for the Sick

Anne Jones, William Hanley, Fred Gimblett, Gloria Barbosa, Heather Maxwell, Doug Smith, Greg Heenan, Jim Connolly, Bernadette Forster, Jim Corkery, Jenna Jenkins, Joseph Slaven, Kathleen Tunney, Marie Solomon, John Kuchma, James Cormier, Harm Zoelman, Alice Heffernan, Bob Whelpley, Peg Lees, Tanya Green, Shawn Pentland, Lisa Dunn, Rosemary Roth, Lisa Sampson, Charles Potier, Arlene Brown, Debbie Hale, Stanley Johnston, Jessica Gerber, Richard Philips, Lynn Fabris, Mary Beyette, Theresa Ferguson, Charles Bateman, Bob Pickett, Noreen Mark, Antoinette Brisson, Stan Johnston, Fred Williams, Mark Martel, Diane Bartlett *May the Lord's healing hand touch them.*

Reflection

It was very difficult for some of Jesus' followers to hear the words of today's gospel. Jesus pointed to himself as the one in whom God chose to reveal himself. But the people could not bring themselves to call Jesus by the titles they reserved for God alone. Jesus knew there would be those who would not believe those who started to follow him but could not continue. It is clear from this gospel that we can't fully understand all that Jesus said. It is only through faith that we continue to follow him.

Reflection for Families When our children overhear our words or see us when we think they are not looking, which people in today's gospel do they see? Are we the ones who grumble, the ones with shallow faith who half-heartedly follow Jesus? Or, are we like the disciples who recognize Jesus as the one who offers us eternal life? It may be easy to be the latter when we speak directly to our children, or when we know they are watching us. The true test of our faith, however, may be what we do away from our children's presence.

Collection Report

∞ **A Summary of Your Generosity** ∞

August 16 Sunday Offering \$4195.00

Additional Diocesan Debit Collection \$300.00

Thank you for your support!

Events/Meetings This Week

Tues. 25—7:30 pm KofC Officer & Committee

Meeting at Columbus Community Centre

Wed. 26—12:30 pm Legion of Mary in Parish Cen.

Thurs. 27—1:00 pm Progressive Euchre at Columbus Community Centre

Thurs. 27—7:00 pm Prayer/Meditation Group in PC

Rosary found at back of Church. It is a beautiful crystal one. Are you missing it? It is in the Parish Office. Come by during office hours to claim it.

Rest In Peace: *Noreen Donaldson, whom we prayed for this weekend, was cousin to Lynn & Gus Wibbs.*

**Office will be closed:
August 26, 27, & 28**

Beheading of St. John the Baptist

The day of the martyrdom of St. John the Baptist is commemorated on the 29th of August and is called the Beheading of John the Baptist. He lived as a hermit in the desert of Judea until about A.D. 27. When he was thirty, he began to preach on the banks of the Jordan against the evils of the times and called men to penance and baptism "for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand". He attracted large crowds, and when Christ came to him, John recognized Him as the Messiah and baptized Him, saying, "It is I who need baptism from You". When Christ left to preach in Galilee, John continued preaching in the Jordan valley. Fearful of his great power with the people, Herod had him arrested and imprisoned. *To read about this great Saint and how and why of his beheading, see the Gospels of St. Matthew 14:1-12; St. Mark 6:14-29; and St. Luke 9, 7-9.* The Holy Church teaches that St. John the Forerunner is the greatest of all saints after the Mother of God.

Notice to all CWL Ladies

Now is the time to get your books of tickets to sell, on our "Cash for Christmas," draw. If as a member you could sell at least 3 books to 5 books before the draw on December 6/09, it would go far in helping us support the local charities in our area. Please let me know if I should drop your books off, at your home or have you pick them up at church. Our next **C.W.L. General meeting will be at the Parish Centre on September 16 at 5:30 p.m. Pot Luck.** (We will be selling tickets at church on September 12/13 after each Mass, at which time you could pick up your books to sell.) Call Dorothy at 905-372-7675. Leave a message please.

St. Michael's Cemetery Mass Saturday, September 12



Our annual Cemetery Mass, *for the dearly departed buried at St. Michael's*, will be celebrated on Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 am at the cemetery.

Please bring a chair for your benefit. Note, if inclement weather, the Mass will be held in the Church.

Children's Liturgy Programme



Looking ahead in resuming the 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy Programme in September, Co-ordinators, Ann Tesluk and Gisele McLeod are looking for new volunteers. With enough help, your commitment would only be about once a month as leader. If you see yourself in this role, or would like more information, please contact Ann at 905 377-0460 or Gisele at 905 377-1953. High school students would be most welcome and could use this time for their volunteer hours!

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you know someone who is contemplating on becoming a Christian Catholic? This programme prepares adults/teens for initiation through a process of prayer, rituals, reflection on the word of God, and teachings of the Church. We believe that the Catholic faith is an extraordinary gift, one that we are called to share. All non-Catholics, non-confirmed Catholics are invited to begin with this programme, which will begin early fall. Contact the office 905 372-6844 to register. *The Catholic Church invites you to join us on our RCIA journey.*

Congratulations!

Dick and Anne Jones have just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary! Congratulations and we wish them all the best. Anniversaries are always something to celebrate no matter the year.

SONfest '09 –Thank you!

Father Vic Valles and the St. Thérèse SONfest committee would like to sincerely thank all those who helped in any way with the SONfest Youth Festival held here in Courtice last weekend. The feedback from the youth who attended was very moving and they certainly appreciated the good food that was supplied by our local CWL's and Knights of Columbus Councils and the music that was provided by musicians from different parishes. We are very grateful to all those who volunteered to assist in so many ways. This was a success because of your willingness to show the youth that we care about them and that you were willing to give your time to them. To the youth who attended: thank you for being witnesses to your faith. We would also like to thank all those clergy who supported us. God bless you. See you next year at SONfest!