

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Tuesday, August 5

5:00 p.m. + Mara Elcides Pinheiro - *Liduína de Vargas*
 + Vincenzo Tudisco – *Grace Tudisco & Family*
 + Shelly Anne Superville – *Victor Superville*
 + Rosa Mani – *Crissy George*

Wednesday, August 6

8:00 a.m. + Loretta Byrne & deceased family – *James Byrne*

Thursday, August 7

5:00 p.m. + Angelo Castro - *Irene*

Friday, August 8 - St. Dominic

8:00 a.m. + Jacinto & Luiza Lima – *Maria Branco*

Saturday, August 9

5:00 p.m. + Vicente Moniz - *Wife Goretti*
 + Roy Giroux – *The Giroux & Mitchell Family*
 + James McKenna – *R. Bevan & G. Thompson*
 + James McKenna – *C.W.L.*
 Intentions of Julie Oliver - *A Friend*

Sunday, August 10 – 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. - Low Mass (Ordinariate Use – all welcome)
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. - all parishioners

This Week In Our Parish

Friday, August 8

8:30 a.m. - Adoration (Benediction 9:30 a.m.)

Saturday, August 9

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. – Confessions



Preparing For Next Week

I Kings 19: 9, 11 - 13, Psalm 85,
 Romans 9: 1 - 5, Matthew 14: 22 - 33

Offertory

Envelope Contributions Last Week	\$3,630.25
Loose Collection	\$ 527.70
Total Collection – Thank you	\$4,157.95

Liturgical Ministers - August 9th & 10th

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	G. Mercier O. Fabbro	B. Sousa A. Sousa	M. Ryan M. Dwyer
Lectors LI L2	E. Kelly J. Kelly	B. Koopmans A. Koopmans	L. Di Danieli C. Terpstra
Communion	H. Ernewein C. McArthur	J. Bui A. Sousa	H. France R. France

**If you are visiting today,
 St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.**

Please Observe a Reverent Silence in Church

Talk to God before Mass – and talk to each other after Mass – and please ensure that all mobile devices are switched off to avoid distracting others who are in prayer. Thank you.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body (CCC 774).

At the close of *Munificentissimus Deus* [Defining the Dogma of the Assumption], Pope Pius XII exhorts the faithful as follows: [T]his solemn proclamation and definition of the Assumption will contribute in no small way to the advantage of human society, since it redounds to the glory of the Most Blessed Trinity, to which the Blessed Mother of God was bound by such singular bonds. It is to be hoped that all the faithful will be stirred up to a stronger piety toward their heavenly Mother, and that the souls of all those who glory in the Christian name may be moved by the desire of sharing in the unity of Christ's Mystical Body and of increasing their love for her who in all things shows her motherly heart to the members of [Christ's] Body. . . . In this magnificent way, all may see clearly to what a lofty goal our bodies and souls are destined. Finally, it is our hope that belief in Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven will make our belief in our own resurrection stronger and render it more effective.

Please join us for the Vigil Mass of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Thursday, August 14th at 5 p.m. or the Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, August 15th at 8 a.m. Both Masses will be celebrated at the Altar of Our Lady.

Parish Barbeque

Please plan on attending our parish barbeque that is scheduled for **Saturday, September 6th** following the 5 p.m. Mass. Whether you choose to attend Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning, the BBQ begins serving at 6 p.m. on the front patio and lawn of the church. Some tables and chairs will be available, but please feel free to bring a lawn chair. All food and beverages will be provided without charge, together with prizes for the children. We hope to see you there.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. August 4	Rev. Peter Pigott, C.R.
Tues., August 5	Rev. Frank Reitzel, C.R.
Wed., August 6	Catholic Single Adults
Thurs., August 7	Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.
Fri., August 8	Rev. Walter Schnarr, C.R.
Sat., August 9	Rev. Ernest Varosi, C.R.

Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.

(C.S. Lewis)

Noah: A Post-Modern Midrash

Darren Aronofsky's cinematic re-telling of the story of Noah has certainly stirred people up.

"Noah" is best interpreted, I think, as a modern cinematic *midrash* on the Biblical tale. The *midrashim*—extremely popular in ancient Israel—were imaginative elaborations of the often sparse Scriptural narratives.

What is most important is that this contemporary *midrash* successfully articulates the



characteristically Biblical logic of the story of Noah. First, it speaks unambiguously of God: every major character refers to "the Creator." Secondly, this Creator God is not presented as a distant force, nor is he blandly identified

with Nature. Rather, he is personal, active, provident, and intimately involved in the affairs of the world that he has made. Thirdly, human beings are portrayed as fallen with their sin producing much of the suffering in the world. Some of the religious critics of "Noah" have sniffed out a secularist and environmentalist ideology behind this supposed demonization of humanity, but Genesis itself remains pretty down on the way human beings operate - read the stories of Cain and Abel and the Tower of Babel for the details. And "Noah's" portrayal of the rape of nature caused by industrialization is nowhere near as vivid as Tolkien's portrayal of the same theme in "The Lord of the Rings." Fourthly, the hero of the film consistently eschews his own comfort and personal inclination and seeks to know and follow the will of God. At the emotional climax of the movie (spoiler alert), Noah moves to kill his own granddaughters, convinced that it is God's will that the human race be obliterated, but he relents when it becomes clear to him that God in fact wills for humanity to be renewed. What is significant is that Noah remains utterly focused throughout, not on his own freedom, but on the desire and purpose of God. God, creation, providence, sin, obedience, salvation: not bad for a major Hollywood movie!

The film suggested to me the strong patristic theme that Noah's Ark is symbolic of the Church. During a time of moral and spiritual chaos, when the primal watery chaos out of which God created the world returned with a vengeance, the Creator sent a rescue operation, a great boat on which a micro-cosm of God's good order would be preserved. For the Church Fathers, this is precisely the purpose and meaning of the Church: to be a safe haven where, in the midst of a sinful world, God's word is proclaimed, where God is properly worshipped, and where a rightly ordered humanity lives in justice and non-violence. Just as Noah's Ark carried the seeds of a new creation, so the Church is meant to let out the life that it preserves for the renewal of the world.

If Aronofsky's "Noah" can, even subliminally, suggest this truth, it is well worth the watching.

Taken from: Very Rev. Robert Barron, wordonfire.org

How is it possible to address God as "Father"?

We can invoke the "Father" because the Son of God made man has revealed him to us and because his Spirit makes him known to us. The invocation, Father, lets us enter into his mystery with an ever new sense of wonder and awakens in us the desire to act as his children. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we are therefore aware of our being children of the Father in the Son.

The Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit

The fruits of the Holy Spirit are perfections formed in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them:

1. Charity
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Generosity
8. Gentleness
9. Faithfulness
10. Modesty
11. Self-control
12. Chastity

c.f. Comp. to CCC # 390; Galatians 5:22-23 (Vulgate)

Doctors in Ontario

Doctors in Ontario currently have the right to decline to provide non-emergency care that does not conform to their own moral and/or religious beliefs. This allows them to opt out of non-emergency care referrals, such as abortions, emergency contraception and other medical care that violates their own conscience. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) is now reviewing their Human Rights Code policy. The new policy will provide guidelines for physicians practising medicine in Ontario. There is pressure on the CPSO to include language in their policy that would require doctors to offer or to refer patients for such non-emergency care, forcing them to go against their own personal beliefs. The CPSO is accepting feedback on their website until August 5th - http://policyconsult.cpso.on.ca/?page_id=3403. Catholics are strongly encouraged to provide feedback using one of the methods they suggest and support the right of doctors to follow their own moral and/or religious beliefs in their medical practice.

Catholic Teaching on Cremated Remains

If you or a loved one is planning on cremation, please see the new pamphlet from the Diocese of Hamilton located at all three church doors. This guide explains Catholic teaching and practice concerning the celebration of Funeral Rites in the presence of cremated remains and describes how the remains should be reverently interred or entombed.