

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)

5:00 pm

- + Antonio A. Sousa
- + Paul Latchaya
- + Rosa Gioffre

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

(ST. LAWRENCE)

8:00 am

- + Alfredo & Maria C. Benevides

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

(ST. CLARE)

5:00 pm

(followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)

In honour of St. Joseph

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

8:00 am (8:30 - 9:30 am adoration & recitation of Divine Mercy Novena)

- + John & Luiza da Costa

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

5:00 pm

- + Francisco Duarte
- + Antonio & Emilia Figueiredo
- + Joan Amodeo
- + Monika Casson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 am

- + Patrick Reidy

11:00 am - for the People - *pro populo*

*"Blessed the people the Lord has chosen
to be His own."*

Psalm 33



If you are visiting today,

St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.

SVDP PANTRY IN NEED OF FOOD FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS

During the summer months food donations to the SVDP pantry decline, but the need for food support does not. Food donations may be placed in the SVDP box located in the narthex of the church or may be dropped off at the parish office during weekday office hours. There is a continuing to need for: *cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, canned meats and fish, peanut butter, pancake mix and syrup, pasta sauce and "dinner" sides.*

In addition, as SVDP experience requests for help over the summer months, your donations are always welcome in the Poor Box at the back of the church or via EFT at svdpstpatrick.t@gmail.com. As always, the SVDP Society is grateful for your continued and generous support.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will resume on **Sunday, September 11** during the 11 am Mass. Children ages JK to Grade 2 are encouraged to attend. Location: *Parish Hall*. The Children's Liturgy

Committee is in need of volunteers over the age of 16. This is a wonderful opportunity to assist children from junior kindergarten to grade two in joyfully knowing the Lord by accepting His word at a level they can understand. A time commitment of once every 5 - 6 weeks would be expected. If you would like to be a volunteer and help with the Children's Liturgy, please call Bonnie O'Brien at 519-716-2735. A resource manual and training is provided by the Diocese and the Parish.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the parish office is now on summer office hours and that the parish office will be **closed from July 27 - August 9 (inclusive).**

Summer Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 12 noon



OFFERTORY

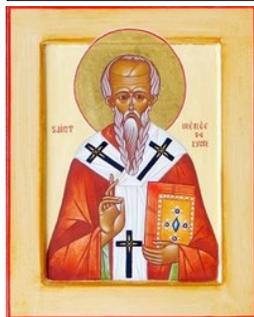
JULY 31, 2022

Envelope Contributions	\$1,927.00
Loose Collection	\$ 318.00
EFT Donations	\$1,149.75
Total Collection – Thank you	\$3,394.75

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

AUGUST 13 & 14

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors	M. Benoit	D. Wylie	A. Kelly
Communion	C. Bracken C. Cooper	B. Sousa J. Bui	H. France R. France



ST. IRENAEUS AND THE GOD WHO DOESN'T NEED US

St. Irenaeus' theological masterpiece is called *Adversus Haereses* (Against the Heresies), but it is much more than a refutation of the major objections to Christian faith in his time (125—200 AD). It is one of the most impressive expressions of Christian doctrine in the history of the church, easily ranking with the *De trinitate* of St. Augustine and the *Summa theologiae* of St. Thomas Aquinas. The master idea in Irenaeus' theology is that God has no need of anything outside of himself. Irenaeus knew all about the pagan gods and goddesses who stood in desperate need of human praise and sacrifice, and he saw that a chief consequence of this theology is that people lived in fear. Since the gods needed us, they were wont to manipulate us to satisfy their desires, and if they were not sufficiently honoured, they could (and would) lash out. But the God of the Bible, who is utterly perfect in himself, has no need of anything at all. Even in his great act of making the universe, he doesn't require any pre-existing material with which to work; rather God creates the universe *ex nihilo* (from nothing). And precisely because he doesn't need the world, he makes the world in a gratuitous, generous act of love. Love, is not primarily a feeling or a sentiment, but instead an act of the will. It is to will the good of the other as other. Well, the God who has no self-interest at all, can only love.

From this intuition, the whole theology of Irenaeus flows. God creates the cosmos in an explosion of generosity, giving rise to myriad plants, animals, planets, stars, angels, and human beings, all designed to reflect some aspect of his own splendor. And his entire purpose in creating this symphonic order is to allow other realities to *participate* in his perfection. At the summit of God's physical creation stands the human being, loved into existence as all things are, but invited to participate even more fully in God's perfection by loving his Creator in return. The most oft-cited quote from Irenaeus is from the fourth book of the *Adversus Haereses* and it runs as follows: "*the glory of God is a human being fully alive.*" The glory of the pagan gods and goddesses was not a human being fully alive, but rather a human being in submission, a human being doing what he's been commanded to do. But the true God doesn't play such manipulative games. He finds his joy in willing, in the fullest measure, our good.

One of the most beautiful and intriguing of Irenaeus' ideas is that God functions as a sort of benevolent teacher, gradually educating the human race in the ways of love. He imagined Adam and Eve, not so much as adults endowed with every spiritual and intellectual perfection, but more as children or teenagers, inevitably awkward in their expression of freedom. The long history of salvation is, therefore, God's patient attempt to train his human creatures to be his friends. All of the covenants, laws, commandments, and rituals of both ancient Israel and the church should be seen in

this light: not arbitrary impositions, but the structure that the Father God gives to order his children toward full flourishing. *By Bishop Robert Barron, June 26, 2009*



THE EFFECTS OF THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

What difference does it make that "this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament" (CCC 1601)?

The Sacrament of Matrimony, like all other sacraments, gives to its recipients (the spouses) *actual grace* - that is, the real presence of Christ, in fact the very life of Christ in their souls. "Christ dwells with them, gives them the strength to take up their crosses and so follow him, to rise again after they have fallen, to forgive one another, to bear one another's burdens, to 'be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ', and to love one another with supernatural, tender and fruitful love" (CCC 1642).

WHY THE HOLY SPIRIT IS REVEALED LAST

The Holy Spirit is the first to awaken faith in us...But the Spirit is the last of the persons of the Holy Trinity to be revealed. St. Gregory of Nazianzus...explains this progression in terms of the pedagogy of divine condescension: The Old Testament proclaimed the Father clearly, but the Son more obscurely. The New Testament revealed the Son and gave us a glimpse of the divinity of the Spirit. Now the Spirit dwells among us and grants us a clearer vision of himself. It was not prudent, when the divinity of the Father had not yet been confessed, to proclaim the Son openly and, when the divinity of the Son was not yet admitted, to add the Holy Spirit (CCC 684).

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Bernard Carroll, S.J.
Tuesday	Rev. William Clarke, S.J.
Wednesday	Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)
Thursday	Rev. Eric Jensen, S.J.
Friday	Rev. Gregory M. Kennedy, S.J.
Saturday	Very Rev. Paul Panaretos, S.J.

HEARING THE CALL TO A VOCATION TO SERVE THE CHURCH?

Contact Bishop Lobsinger at: gem@hamiltondiocese.com

PLEASE REMEMBER

As the good weather takes more and more parishioners out of town on weekends, please remember that St. Patrick's Parish continues to need your regular support. The monthly bills don't take a holiday. Kindly drop off your regular offering envelopes on a timely basis and help the parish stay out of the 'red-ink' - and many thanks for your continued and generous support.