

Most Holy Trinity - June 11, 2017

Intentions - June 11 - Holy Souls in purgatory, requested by Janne Campbell.

Intentions are \$15.00

Offertory Collection

June 4 - T.B.A.

Thank You

June 12



Saint John of Sahagun or St-Fagondez Confessor, Augustinian (1430-1479). Saint John, one of the greatest preachers Spain has ever known, was born at St. Fagondez, and from his early youth gave signs of his future sanctity. He was the fruit of the ardent prayers of his parents after sixteen years of sterility; God blessed them afterwards with several children. He was entrusted to the Benedictines of the monastery of St. Fagondez for his education. He distributed to the poor virtually all the wealth accruing to him from several benefices, while he himself lived in great poverty; but soon he renounced all of these and obtained from his bishop permission to study theology in Salamanca. As a young priest he was already regarded as a Saint, so ardent was his devotion at Holy Mass. He entered the Order of Saint Augustine soon after he had bestowed on a poor man half of his clothing, and the following night experienced so great an increase in the love of God, that he referred to this as his conversion.

He was a model religious, and soon was entrusted with important offices in his Order — master of novices, *definitor* for the province, and prior of the convent of the city of Salamanca. He commanded well because he knew so well how to obey. When he observed in himself a slight defect in his obedience, he repaired it with extraordinary penances. Often while offering the adorable Sacrifice with tender piety, he enjoyed the sight of Jesus in glory, and held sweet colloquies with Him. The ineffable bliss of these moments caused him to spend much more time than the other priests in celebrating Holy Mass; and everyone was complaining. It was only when his Superior forbid him to delay in this way that he was obliged to acknowledge the favours he enjoyed.

The power of his personal holiness was seen in his preaching, which produced a complete reformation of morals in Salamanca. He had a special gift for reconciling differences, and was able to put an end to the quarrels and feuds among noblemen, at that period very common and fatal. The boldness shown by Saint John in reproving vice endangered his life. A powerful nobleman, having been corrected by

the Saint for oppressing his vassals, sent two assassins to slay him; but the remarkable holiness of the Saint's aspect, result of the peace constantly reigning in his soul, struck such awe into their minds that they could not execute their purpose, and humbly begged his forgiveness. The nobleman himself, falling sick, was brought to repentance, and recovered his health by the prayers of the Saint whom he had endeavored to murder.

Saint John was also very zealous in denouncing the vices of impurity, and it was in defense of holy purity that he met his death. A lady of noble birth but evil life, whose companion in sin he had converted, contrived to administer a fatal poison to the Saint. After several months of terrible suffering, borne with unvarying patience, Saint John went to his reward on June 11, 1479. This painful death and the cause for which he suffered it, have caused several of his historians and panegyrists to say that he won a martyr's crown. A great many striking miracles followed at his tomb and elsewhere, even by the simple invocation of his name. He was canonized in 1690 by Pope Alexander VIII.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed with the watering of the church gardens. Please contact Martine if you are available for at least one week this summer.



Today's Gospel Reflection: Of all the festivals on the liturgical calendar, this is the one that speaks most to us of pure, unfathomable mystery. We can only know something of God through what God has done for us and how God relates to us—these are the concrete traces of God among us. This solemnity reminds us that God does not exist in isolation but as a community of Persons in relationship to each other. The Trinity is a relational God who gives and loves. Do we choose to live an independent existence or a Trinitarian, communitarian, and self-giving way of living? The only way to living the kind of community the Trinity models for us is through love, the self-giving love that creates and sustains life. (Living Liturgy, p. 156)



I fixed my gaze upon his sacred wounds and felt happy to suffer with him. I suffered, and yet I did not suffer, because I felt happy to know the depth of his love, and the hour passed like a minute.

- Saint Faustina

West Carleton Food Access Centre: When you grocery shop this week, please remember the West Carleton Food Access Centre.



Our Lady of Fatima Statue – St. Michael's Parish in Fitzroy Harbour: The Fatima 2017 Planning Committee in Ottawa has organized a series of Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue visits to various parishes across the Archdiocese on the 13th of every month from May to October in honour of the centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. The 48" tall statue, (blessed by John Paul II, in Fatima) will be at St. Michael's Parish on June 13th from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm - visitation all day. Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and a talk on Our Lady of Fatima - 7:00 pm. Come and spend time with Our Lady (questions - Cecile Beaudoin (613) 832-2392.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped with the Saint Gabriel's Yard Sale June 03!

The Constance Bay Community Market is returning to St. Gabriel's lawn June 17 and will run every second Saturday from 8-2 until August 26 when it will switch to every Saturday during the month of September and close on September 30. St. Gabriel's will have their Heavenly Pies bake table to raise money for the church and the social action fund during the ten markets.

We are in need of bakers: pies, cookies, cakes, loaves, fresh bread, quiche, muffins, butter tarts, preserves, anything home made will sell at our table. If you're not a baker, please consider donating money for the bakers to purchase supplies. See Suzanne Lee after mass or call 832-8063 to discuss how you can help with this important fundraiser. If you can commit to all 10 markets, that would be ideal. We also need help with manning the booth and will set up a schedule. Drop by the market and enjoy "bacon on a bun" prepared by St. Gabriel's parishioners!



Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Gerry Borris, Raymond Cameron, Colleen Campbell, Patricia Cassidy, Christine Fraser, Mary Jardine, and Richard Vollmer. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*