

Intentions - June 25 - For the repose of the soul of **Maurice Cyr**, requested by Suzanne Lafontaine.

Intentions are \$15.00

Offertory Collection

June 18 - \$548.80 Thank You

Today the second collection is an appeal from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, to help address the famine and urgent food shortages facing 20 million people in middle Africa. Archbishop Prendergast has mandated a special collection for this purpose, which will be collected today. If you require a receipt – please write your name & address on the envelope located in the pew.

June 30

First Martyrs of the See of Rome

Died: 64



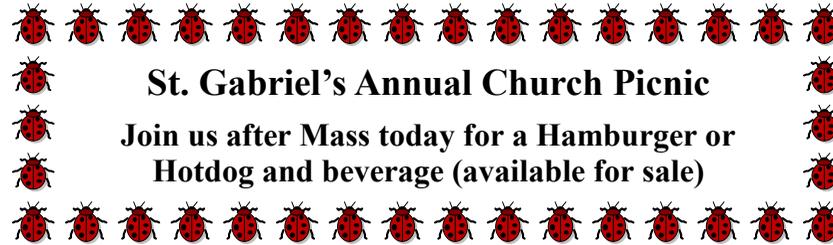
The holy men and women are also called the “Protomartyrs of Rome.” They were accused of burning Rome by Nero, who burned Rome to cover his own crimes. Some martyrs were burned as living torches at evening banquets, some crucified, others were fed to wild animals. These martyrs died before Sts. Peter and Paul, and are called “disciples of the Apostles. . . whom the Holy Roman church sent to their Lord before the Apostles’ death.”

The **First Martyrs of the Church of Rome** were Christians martyred in the city of Rome during Nero's persecution in 64. The event is recorded by both Tacitus and Pope Clement I, among others. They are celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church as an optional memorial on 30 June.

This feast first came into the General Roman Calendar in the 1969 calendar reforms. The intention of the feast is to give a general celebration of early Roman martyrs. Prior to the calendar reforms, there were dozens of relatively minor Roman martyrs celebrated or commemorated in the calendar. Several of these had scant historical evidence, but did benefit from immemorial tradition. This feast is a replacement for the many Roman martyr feasts, whose absence



allowed for a less cluttered and more "dies natale" based sanctoral calendar of more major saints. It also permitted the greater celebration of ferias, partially enacting the Second Vatican Council's call for the Proper of Time to take a greater precedence. All of the early Roman martyrs retain their place in the Martyrology and can be celebrated in local calendars or privately unless impeded by a greater observance.



St. Gabriel's Annual Church Picnic

Join us after Mass today for a Hamburger or Hotdog and beverage (available for sale)

Today's Gospel Reflection: The gospel speaks of the fear that the disciples would have in facing opposition. When we are compassionate—sent out to serve the poor—we also will face opposition and persecution. This doesn't mean censorship or physical hardship only. It does mean that our lives must embody the care and compassion of God. The mission of discipleship ought not be undertaken lightly, because there will also be persecution. Neither, however, ought the mission be undertaken with trepidation because God does not abandon us. (Living Liturgy, p.176)



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



Volunteers Needed for Garden

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

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you.

- Saint Thomas Aquinas

The Constance Bay Community Market has returned to St. Gabriel's lawn and 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 these markets.

We are in need of bakers: 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** from 8:00am -11:00am or 11:00am - 2:00pm. Drop by the market and enjoy "bacon on a bun" prepared by St. Gabriel's parishioners!

Pope's Intentions for the Month of July

Lapsed Christians - That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.



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.*

Consecration of the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Canada Day: Archbishop Prendergast will renew the consecration of the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at a Mass at **10 a.m. on Canada Day, July 1st, at Notre Dame Cathedral.** All are invited to attend. This event is tied to a number of historic events : Canada's 150th, the 170th anniversary of the foundation of the diocese/archdiocese of Bytown-Ottawa on June 25, 1847; the 70th of the Marian Congress held in 1947 to mark the centennial of the diocese/archdiocese and, with prayers for peace, the 100th of the Fatima apparitions. Canada was consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1947 at the Marian Congress and this was redone in the Marian Year 1954. This is a renewal of that consecration. The Bishops of Canada, during their Plenary Assembly, will jointly consecrate the country to Mary's Immaculate Heart on September 26, in Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa as part of the celebrations of the Golden Jubilee of the foundation of Development and Peace in Ottawa in October 1967.