

## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 13th, 2025

### Intentions:

**July 13** - For the **Holy Souls in purgatory** and for those who have no one to pray for them, requested by Janne Campbell.

Mass Intentions: \$15.00

### Offertory Collection

June 29 - \$637.25

July 06 - \$584.10 Thank You

### July 15

**St. Bonaventure:** Bishop and Doctor of the Church

St. Bonaventure, known as "the seraphic doctor," was born at Bagnorea in Tuscany, in 1221. He received the name of Bonaventure in consequence of an exclamation of St. Francis of Assisi, when, in response to the pleading of the child's mother, the saint prayed for John's recovery from a dangerous illness, and, foreseeing the future greatness of the little John, cried out "O Buona ventura"- O good fortune!

At the age of twenty-two St. Bonaventure entered the Franciscan Order. Having made his vows, he was sent to Paris to complete his studies under the celebrated doctor Alexander of Hales, an Englishman and a Franciscan. After the latter's death he continued his course under his successor, John of Rochelle. In Paris he became the intimate friend of the great St. Thomas Aquinas. He received the degree of Doctor, together with St. Thomas Aquinas, ceding to his friend against the latter's inclination, the honour of having it first conferred upon him. Like St. Thomas Aquinas, he enjoyed the friendship of the holy King, St. Louis.

At the age of thirty-five he was chosen General of his Order and restored a perfect calm where peace had been disturbed by internal dissensions. He did much for his Order and composed The Life of St. Francis. He also assisted at the translation of the relics of St. Anthony of Padua. He was nominated Archbishop of York by Pope Clement IV, but he begged not to be forced to accept that dignity. Gregory X obliged him to take upon himself a greater one, that of Cardinal and Bishop of Albano, one of the six suffragan Sees of Rome. Before his death he abdicated his office of General of the Franciscan Order. He died while he was assisting at the Second Council of Lyons, on July 15, 1274.

**“Any old woman can love God better than a doctor of theology can.”**

*Saint Bonaventure*



**Gospel Reflection:** Jesus responds to the lawyer's question with a parable that illustrates how keeping the law isn't a matter of focusing on details regarding right or wrong or personal gain, but is a matter of right of right relationships with one's neighbor as exhibited by acting with compassion and mercy. The Samaritan in the parable isn't moved to help the stricken traveler because of the law but because he was a person of compassion and mercy. This is the law written within our hearts—not details about keeping specific laws but a general regard for the other that arises out of genuine care for the other. (*Living Liturgy, p.172*)



**Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Roy Campbell, Patricia Cassidy, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

### Masses during the Week

Wed: 8:00am adoration/confession 9am mass at St Michael

Thurs: 8:30am, confession, 9am mass at St. Michael

Fri: 8:30am, confession, 9am mass at St. Michael

### Christmas In July Bottle Drive

The St. Gabriel's Bakers are planning the Christmas in July fundraiser coming on July 26th. Money donations can be given to Martine and Suzanne to pay for ingredients. If you want to bake some of your favourites, please see Suzanne.

We request the name and address of our gracious donor using envelope #41. Please reach me at [anwaohiri@gmail.com](mailto:anwaohiri@gmail.com) Blessings.

**Bereavement Support Group** will commence on Monday September 22nd 2025 from 2-4pm. The group will be held at St Isidore parish Hal. 1 Anyone suffering the loss of a loved one and seeking support, understanding and to learn more about the grief process is welcome. The sessions will be weekly for 6 weeks with a one month break and will resume for another 6 weeks. Please contact

Irena konopacki to register or for further information at [konopacki90@gmail.com](mailto:konopacki90@gmail.com) 613-229-0727

### Pope's Intentions for the Month of July

**For formation in discernment:** Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

## Administrator's Corner

### Who is My Neighbour? Reflections on Luke 10:25-37

My neighbour is not only the one living closest to me but any human being, regardless of social class, race, religion or culture. Ven. Fulton J. Sheen defines neighbour as anyone in need or even my enemy. In the context of the text, love and compassion should be given to all, flowing from the divine command "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might, and your neighbour as yourself" (Matt 22:37-40).

This command is rooted in our shared humanity, as all humans are created in imago Dei, in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26). Bishop Sheen offers wise counsel: even if we don't like everyone, we can still show love through actions. By doing good deeds, especially to those who may not reciprocate or even dislike us, we can eventually develop genuine love and compassion. As he notes, "Do good to those who hate you." With constant practice, what is commanded can become a natural part of our character.

John Rose has this to say: "For Jesus, anyone in need was a neighbour. And anyone who shows kindness to another proves to be a neighbour. Jesus departed from the restricted definition of a neighbour and radically redefined it as the one in need. For Jesus it was not only a duty to help such a man, but also an act of love." This perspective highlights the transformative power of Jesus' teaching on neighbourly love.

The Catholic liturgy, particularly the Mass, emphasizes the importance of loving our neighbours. Pope John Paul II referred to the Mass as "the permanent school of charity, justice, and peace" and "the school of active love for the neighbour." The Mass inspires us to love and serve others, demonstrating our love for God. By participating in the Mass, we are reminded of our call to love and serve others, and we are empowered to do so.

In today's diverse society, we are called to embrace and celebrate different cultures. By doing so, we can foster a community that values encouragement, respect, and acceptance. This is especially important in our global village, where social media allows us to connect with people from diverse backgrounds and learn about their cultures. To nurture our community, we can take small steps: get to know our neighbours and learn about their cultures and experiences, promote equal opportunities for all, regardless of background, and recognize and challenge our biases to create a richer, more inclusive community.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, Help us to recognize you in the wounded, the forgotten, the stranger, and even in those we find difficult to love. Open our eyes to see suffering around us, our hearts to be moved with compassion, and our hands to reach out in mercy- not tomorrow but today. Make us more like you; courageous, generous, and willing to be interrupted for the sake of love. Amen.



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**St. Gabriel's** (Constance Bay) **St. Michael's** (Fitzroy Harbour)

Sunday 11:00 am Mass	Saturday 4:00 pm Mass
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live streaming link on YouTube St. Michael's Mass at 9 am Sunday

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