

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 27th, 2025

Intentions:

July 27 - In loving memory of **Roger St. Martin**, requested by Avelina Bercades.

Mass Intentions: \$15.00

Offertory Collection

July 13 - \$897.95.

July 20 - \$356.50

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July 30

Saint Peter Chrysologus: Peter, born in Italy around 406, became Archbishop of Ravenna about 439. When he arrived in his diocese, he found a strong pagan influence and many lapsed faithful. Through his labours, paganism was eradicated and the faith revived. He was a concerned pastor and preacher and earned the title Chrysologus (*of golden words*) because of his inspirational homilies, many of which are still extant. He died around 450 and was made a Doctor of the Church in 1729.

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.

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

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

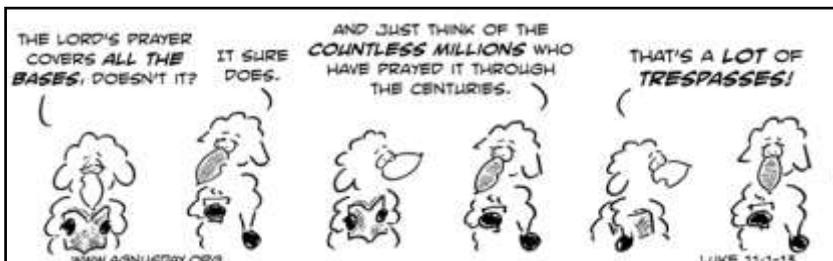
Bereavement Support Group will commence on Monday September 22nd 2025 from 2-4pm. The group will be held at St Isidore parish Hal. 1 Anyone suffering the loss of a loved one and seeking support, understanding and to learn more about the grief process is welcome. The sessions will be weekly for 6 weeks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

Irena konopacki to register or for further information at

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NOTE:

Gospel Reflection: Jesus teaches us that in our prayer God is our "Father" and just as a parent's love for their children is unlimited, so is God's love and care for us unlimited. Jesus further teaches that prayer unfolds in the context of this special relationship of "Our Father," it is not a kinship or progeny. "Father" is a metaphor used to describe our unique, intimate relationship with God. This relationship inspires us in us confidence with the realization that what we pray for is not so important as the fact that we address God in such intimate terms. Prayer always deepens our relationship with God and this is already an answer to what we need. (*Living Liturgy, p.180*)



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.*



Administrator's Corner

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

Prayer is a beautiful way to connect with God. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, prayer is "lifting up of our minds and hearts to God." We nourish our bodies with material things, but we care for our souls with spiritual nourishment - prayer. This dialogue between friends refreshes us, and we notice that prayer is a two-way conversation.

The Lord's Prayer is a perfect model for our prayers. St. Augustine said, "Run through all the words of the holy prayers, and I do not think you will find anything that is not contained and included in the Lord's Prayer." This prayer teaches us to ask for things in the right order and sequence. St. Thomas Aquinas held that "The Lord's prayer is the most perfect of prayers... In it we ask, not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired."

In the Lord's Prayer, we address God as our Father and praise His name. We relate to God as a loving and merciful father, an anchor, foundation, and

trusted guide who provides intimacy that both children and adult children need. We dignify His name through adoration, praise, and thanksgiving worship, edifying thoughts, words, and actions. As St. Peter Chrysologus comments, "We ask God to hallow his name, which by its own holiness saves and makes holy all creation... it is this name that gives salvation to a lost world."

We pray for God's kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as in heaven. God's kingdom is not territorial, but where love, justice, and hope reign. This kingdom is an ongoing process. We pray that our will may align with God's will, knowing that God's will requires discipline and trust. Although it might be difficult, it brings lasting and authentic freedom. We also pray for daily provision, acting in solidarity with others, and for forgiveness, citing our willingness to forgive others as a criterion for God's forgiveness. As we reflect on our prayer life, let's ask ourselves: Do we only pray when we need something, or do we turn to God out of love and gratitude? Do we pause to thank God in the midst of our daily lives? How aware are we of our need for God - not just in crises, but in every breath we take? Have we invited Him into the small spaces of our day - our thoughts, our work, and our encounters?

There were two valued reasons why the apostles demanded that Jesus should teach them how to pray. Firstly, they were inspired by Jesus' consistent and intimate relationship with God, often seeing Him withdraw to deserted places to pray. They witnessed how Jesus' prayer life illuminated His countenance and guided His decisions. Secondly, the disciples were aware that various religious groups, such as the Pharisees and the disciples of John the Baptist, had their own distinct prayer customs and forms. They wanted a unique "identification prayer" that would bind them together as followers of Jesus and express their cardinal beliefs. Jesus answered them by giving them the Lord's Prayer, which has become a distinctive badge that binds us together and expresses our cardinal beliefs.

This prayer is challenging because it requires us to trust in God's providence and will. It's difficult for those who lack patience, generosity, and humility, and even harder for those who harbor revenge and anger in their hearts. As Venerable Servant of God Bishop Fulton J. Sheen so eloquently puts it, "The man who thinks only of himself says prayers of petition. He who thinks of his neighbor says prayers of intercession. He who thinks only of loving and serving God says prayers of abandonment to God's will, and that is the prayer of the saints." This insight reminds us that prayer is not about imposing our will on God but about asking God to make us open to His will; in other words, we pray not to change God's mind, but for God to change ours. Ultimately, prayer is an essential part of our Christian walk. As we strive to deepen our relationship with God and grow in our trust and obedience to His will, the Lord's Prayer serves as a perfect guide. By embracing its teachings and reflecting on our prayer life, we can cultivate a more profound connection with God and live out our faith with greater purpose and conviction.

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Weekly Eucharist

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

Sunday 11:00 am Mass	Saturday 4:00 pm Mass
	Sunday 9:00 am Mass

live streaming link on YouTube St. Michael's Mass at 9 am Sunday

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Confessions and Sacrament Of the Sick are also available by request.
Please contact Fr. Anthony directly to book an appointment.

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