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Mass Schedule		Diocesan Bishop	Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.		Pastor	Fr. Greg Schmidt frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com
Saturday	5:00 p.m.		rigregoryscrimidt@gmait.com
Sunday	9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 11:00 a.m.	Deacons	Deacon George Newman Deacon Brian Jeynes
	Confessions	Director of Music	Dr. David Holler
Saturday	3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Office Hours	Maintenance	Jim Salmon
Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.		Administration	Christine Buckley Cheryl Wood
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June 20, 2021-Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary

Our readings today remind us that God always has our best interests in mind. No matter what is going on in our lives, God is with us. IIn our Gospel today, Jesus and His disciples are traveling in a boat when heavy winds and violent waves begin to overwhelm the boat. Jesus was there sleeping in the boat in the midst of this horrific storm.



The disciples woke Jesus and questioned Him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Jesus calms the wind and the waves, and then asks them in return, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" Think back to a time that you endured great suffering, a hard trial or felt overwhelmed with life. How did you respond?

In moments of trial, we often live our days in a panic. We see the water coming into our boat and we do all that we can in our power to stay afloat. We are frantic, so we fail to stop and recognize that our Savior is in the same boat with us. Although it might feel like He is sleeping and His presence is lacking, He is right there suffering with us.

God won't allow anything that we cannot handle. In a moment of suffering, we might feel trapped. Yet, He sees the moment of peace and still waters. During our trials, cling to Jesus. Know that there is an end, and whether we see the end in this life or the next, God allows it all for our salvation.

Today, let us thank God for His presence in our lives, and ask for the eyes of faith to see that He is right here with us always.

— Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, June 21

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Margaret O'Neill †

Tuesday, June 22

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Jean MacDonald † 6:30 p.m. - Tom Critelli †

Wednesday, June 23

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Maureen McGillis †
Fedele Mete †

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Take Out Pasta Parish Event

Thursday, June 24 No Mass

Friday, June 25

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Maria Albanese †

Saturday, June 26

5:00 p.m. - Livestream - Delores Holtman †

Sunday, June 27

9:00 a.m. - Chuck Gentes † 11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

Offerings for May

Envelopes \$ 7.737.25 Monthly Preauthorized Giving 8,683.40 Canada Helps 385.38 Interac e-Transfer 2,285.00 Renovations & Repairs 1,830.00

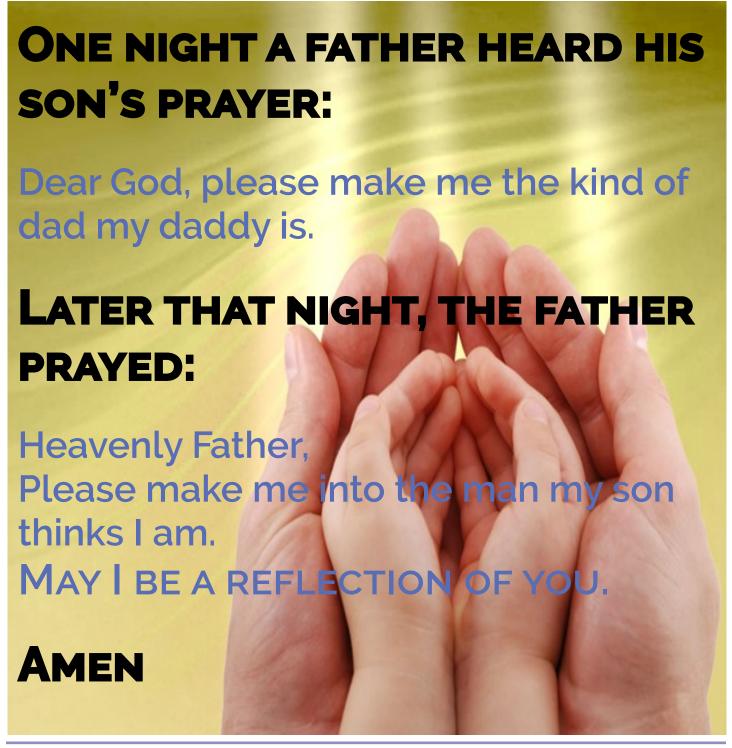
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Are you Being

"Do not be afraid; just have faith."

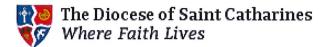
There is nothing to be afraid of in following Christ. Could he be calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

"Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God."



Rife of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is the way adults come to learn about and experience the Christian life, specifically our Roman Catholic tradition, and become initiated into the life of our Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. An RCIA Open House will be held in early fall. Encourage someone to share faith with us and be part of our community. Anyone interested is welcome to join us for this opening night of exploration. Further details to come. Until then, should you have any questions please contact Fr. Greg.



Summer Book Study of Fratelli Tutti

6 Tuesdays - July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17 Choose your ZOOM time: 10:00 - 11:30 am or 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship was released by the Vatican in October 2020 as the global community was seven months into the COVID-19 pandemic. It is an invitation to renewed social friendship and universal fraternity and a chance to commit to better care for our neighbour and a global society built on justice and the common good.

The Family and Youth Office will be running a 6-week Virtual summer book study of Fratelli Tutti via ZOOM beginning Tuesday, July 14th. It will use the *On Fraternity and Social Friendship Group Reading Guide* by Bill Huebsch as a framework for the study. Participants have a choice of joining either a midmorning or an evening session.

PLEASE NOTE: Participants will need to obtain their own copy of the encyclical.

- It can be downloaded from
 http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003 enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html
- Purchased online through <u>Novalis</u>
- Purchased locally from Sunrise Marian Distribution (703 East Main Street, Welland 289-820-6653 or 1-800-884-1171) or Branches Catholic Books and Gifts (41 Maywood Ave, St. Catharines - 905-685-7000)

Participants will need to commit to reading the assigned chapter before each session and reflect on assigned questions that will be provided. The goal is to reflect and learn from each other about the messages Pope Francis is sharing. Each ZOOM session will include prayer, a summary of the featured chapter, breaking into small groups for discussion, and practical suggestions to put Fratelli Tutti into action. Each session will last no more that 75 minutes. Throughout the summer study, those registered will also benefit from regular prayer reflections and supporting resources to develop a better understanding of this important document.

Register online <u>using this link</u>. Registration open until July 6th.

If you have specific questions about the book study or would like more information, please contact Terri Pauco by email familyandyouth@saintcd.com or by calling 905-684-0154, #209.