

AUGUST 30, 2020 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, August 29th

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

4:30 John and Edith McCormack by Helene & Patricia McCormack

Sunday, August 30th

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 31st

Tuesday, September 1st

World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

Wednesday, September 2nd

Blessed André Grasset

9:00 Special Intention by Maureen McCrory

Thursday, September 3rd No Mass

St. Gregory the Great

Friday, September 4th

Blessed Dina Bélanger

Saturday, September 5th

4:30 Special Intention for Gary Cross by Maureen & Ron Blizchuk

REFLECTION

Let's be honest. If we are striving to live the stewardship way of life, it's not going to be easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough. It's the work of a lifetime. But in the end, it's the only work that really matters and the only life that truly satisfies.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, reflects this challenging reality. Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." This sounds harsh. Why would anyone want to do this?

Our Lord has the answer, of course. "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

It's all about love. Jesus loved (and loves) us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His Word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. And so we must choose: love of self, or love of God and others – which is tough, but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven. Jesus promises that He “will come with his angels in his Father’s glory and then he will repay all according to his conduct.

Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ’s sake in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be?

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SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is celebrated annually by tens of thousands of Christians around the world between September 1 and October 4-Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. During the Season of Creation, we pray and act to protect God’s creation.

Pope Francis has designated September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

You can join an online prayer service as we begin the Season of Creation. Youth from around the globe will lead this service and offer reflections. This year’s theme, Jubilee for the Earth, invites us to consider the integral relationship between rest for the earth and ecological, economic, social and political ways of living. This particular year, the need for just and sustainable systems has been revealed by the far-reaching effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEN & WHERE:

Sep 01, 2020 (10:00 AM-11:00 AM) Online:

<https://gcm.controlshift.app/events/season-of-creation-global-ecumenical-online-prayer-service>

For more information and ways to observe this season, please visit www.SeasonofCreation.org

Donations to Lebanon

Archbishop Lépine has requested that a collection be taken up in all parishes in order to assist those affected by the horrendous explosion in Beirut. All monies collected will be sent to the Maronite community, who are already working as volunteers on relief efforts in Lebanon.

If you will not be attending Mass this weekend, you can also make an online donation directly to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. at <https://www.devp.org/en> As a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Development and Peace will be participating in the matching fund launched by the Canadian Government and the Humanitarian Coalition to help the people of Lebanon.