



## Вітаємо Всіх до Нашої Парафії! Welcome All to Our Parish! A Place of Prayer, Family and Community for More than 50 Years

### July 1, 2018 ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Epistle:** Romans 12: 6-14    **Gospel:** Matthew 9: 1-8  
Troparia are in **Tone 5, page 97** in the blue missals

**Epistle Readers:** (Saturday) Gloria Sherban  
(Sunday) Mary Ann Lysak

**Eucharistic Ministers:** (Saturday) Francis Puchalski  
(Sunday) Mary Ann Lysak

### July 8, 2018 ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Epistle:** Romans 15: 1-7    **Gospel:** Matthew 9: 27-35  
Troparia are in **Tone 6, page 101** in the blue missals

**Epistle Readers:** (Saturday) Michael Watral  
(Sunday) Larissa Warywoda

**Eucharistic Ministers:** (Saturday) Mary Ann Lysak  
(Sunday) Stanley Myslicki

### *Words of Faith and Hope*

*God is working things out for you  
even if you don't feel it.  
Have faith and be thankful,  
for where faith and hope  
grow, miracles blossom.*



## Your Return Gift to God

*Let us strive to live as Christian stewards, receive God's gifts gratefully,  
cultivate them responsibly, share them generously and lovingly with others,  
and return them with increase to the Lord.*

### Collection for June 23/24

Envelopes: **\$1,050.<sup>00</sup>**    Mission Collection: **\$57.<sup>15</sup>**  
Papal Charities: **\$50.<sup>00</sup>**    Vigil Lights: **\$121.<sup>80</sup>**  
Special Projects: **\$40.<sup>00</sup>**

**Thank you for your generosity! Щиро Вам дякуємо!**

The Mission Collection for **June** totalled **\$291.<sup>85</sup>**, which will be forwarded to **Isthmus**.

July's Mission Collection is designated for **Roots to Harvest**, providing transformative educational and employment opportunities for youth to engage with local agriculture in order to cultivate healthy communities. For more information, visit the website at [www.rootstoharvest.org](http://www.rootstoharvest.org).

## Upcoming Liturgical Services

### SATURDAY, JULY 7

5:00 p.m. ~ **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

### SUNDAY, JULY 8

10:00 a.m. ~ **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

### SATURDAY, JULY 14

5:00 p.m. ~ **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
and Feast of St. Volodymyr the Great**  
Epistle Reader: Joseph Myslicki

### SUNDAY, JULY 15

10:00 a.m. ~ **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
and Feast of St. Volodymyr the Great**  
Epistle Reader: Michael Watral

## Parish News and Events

Many thanks to all who came out to help with cabbage roll making this past Tuesday, including the preparations beforehand, as well as clean-up during and after.



We extend our very best wishes to one of our longstanding parishioners, **Tonia Patraniuk** on the occasion of her **100<sup>th</sup>** birthday on July 4. May the Lord continue to bless her with good health, happiness, and many more years ~ Многая і благая літа!

**Take Note** The parish bulletin will now be published every **2<sup>nd</sup>** weekend (July 1, 15, & 29; August 12 & 26) due to a decrease of activities, and to help ease printing costs.

Please remember that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish is not. Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please remain consistent in your gifts. Your weekly offering is important to our financial well-being.

**Thank you for your continued support and generosity!**



**O**n the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, we learn that infirmities have no power over Jesus' authority in us. Faith is the reason Jesus heals us, and only God is glorified over all. Faith has the greatest part in this story for without faith, no person will experience healing. Through faith our sins are forgiven, and forgiven sins result in healing. Our bodies have limitations, which sometimes hinder our ministry to the Lord, but don't be discouraged because Jesus is our great healer over the greatest sicknesses. Even in the most severe sicknesses known or unknown by humankind, Jesus Christ has the power to give healing. Miracles were seen in Jesus from the beginning of time up until this very day.

**T**he Gospel passage for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost speaks of faith as well. Faith comes from our insight, not from our sight. Our eyes one day will need glasses, grow dim or lose sight, but faith will overcome poor eyesight, old age and physical handicap. Have you let the absence of sight, the dispute over evidence, or the presence of opposition hinder you from God? Seeing is believing for those without assurance, conviction and hope, but believing is seeing for those who have faith in God as their guide, caregiver and friend. And God has promised that He will **never** leave, disappoint or fail those who trust in Him.

*~ condensed and edited from sermons by Harry Suminggit and Victor Yap*

## Readings for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Sundays after Pentecost (to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday (July 8)

Epistle: Romans 15: 1-7  
Gospel: Matthew 9: 27-35

### 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday (July 15)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18  
Gospel: Matthew 14: 14-22

As you read each passage, ask yourself these questions, "What thoughts, ideas, words or images come to mind?" and "What are the connections between them?" This will help make them easier to follow and evoke a richer understanding.

## Reflections on Summer: July

by Rev. George C. Powell

When is nature's blessing most meaningful? Should our gratitude be expressed in May when all nature is reborn? Or should it be in October when all nature is fulfilled? Or should it be in the icy, dazzling splendour of a January morning?

There are those who think that a calm, moderate-temperature day in July is nature's best benediction. July is a peaceful, quiet world, especially at dew-spangled dawn. The five o'clock sunrays paint soft-colour pictures on the mountains and hills, woodlands and fields, or whatever panorama one's bedroom window offers.



At high noon, the July warmth broods on the countryside. See the budding rows of crops lined green above the brown soil. Apples are beginning to swell on the bough and gardeners watch the tomatoes in their garden. And the roses? They are gorgeous!

Through the long hours of sunlight birds hurry back and forth with food for their young, and even in the small plot of grass lawn there are teeming forms of all sorts of life.

July is the heart of summer, with the spicy fragrance of new-mown grass in the air. Nature is pushing forward on its destined scheduled as plants and fruits mature. And when day is done and shadows begin to settle in the lowlands, it is peaceful to sit on the back porch and watch day slide slowly in night. Fireflies entertain you with their ballet above the lawn, as do your own backyard birds, twittering before they finally settle in their nests for a few hours rest. July is a good month.

## HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

We are now on our summer break from regular Thursday afternoon activities, which are cancelled until September 6 (that's the week of Labour Day). Until then, we wish all members a safe, healthy & enjoyable summer ~ take care!

There will be buses to Grand Portage in July and August. This month, that date is **Wednesday, July 18**, leaving our parking lot @ 3:45 p.m. and returning @ 10 p.m. To book your spot, please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) soon. Next month, it will be on **Wednesday, August 15**. Remember: this is a **free** service for everyone including non-members 18 years and up with valid passports — you don't have to be a senior. Come join us!

Our trip to Winnipeg this **September 10 to 13** is a definite "go." The bus is now filled to capacity, but if you wish to be placed on the 'waiting list', please contact George Rusnick (577-3361) soon. He will call you if a spot (or spots) open up between now and September.

*"Do not regret growing older.  
It's a privilege denied to many."*



## ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Attention members (and parishioners)! Training and retraining of bingo volunteers in the summer will now be combined, and the next date will be **Sunday, July 15**. All sessions take place from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue (beside the Super 8 Hotel). Our next scheduled bingo is an evening one on **Friday, July 27**. We still could use a few more volunteers. Please speak with Gerry Bullock for more information.

Fishermen: have you taken out your rods and reels and headed out on the lake yet? Well, it's time to start filling up the slots on the Tournament Board. Please submit your weigh-in slips on a regular basis to the following Committee members: Maurice Zakrewski, Morris Tarnawsky, Myron Warywoda and Eugene Zdebiak. Good luck to all anglers, and remember to be safe on the lakes.

*Tight lines to all and keep your tip up!*

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Thunder Bay Blues Festival 2018 - July 6, 7 & 8

at Marina Park, presented by **tbaytel** and featuring Melissa Etheridge, Sarah McLachlan, Sheryl Crow, Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo, Sass Jordan, and many more! For tickets, call the TBCA Box Office at 684-4444 or visit [www.tbayblues.ca](http://www.tbayblues.ca) where you'll find ticket info, the three-day schedule, performer bios, festival map, transportation and parking information and more.



**Staal Foundation Open** - July 9-15 at Whitewater Golf Club. Admission \$10 daily or \$30 for the week; children 14 and under FREE. Go to [www.staalopen.ca](http://www.staalopen.ca) for ticket sale locations. And for all interested ladies, Wednesday, July 11 is **RBC Women's Day 2018**. Check out the agenda on the website. Tickets (\$125/person) are available at any Thunder Bay RBC Branch. All attendees will receive a gift from Rosslyn Service Home Hardware.

### Teddy Bears Picnic - Calling all teddy bears and owners!



This popular event is back on **Tuesday, July 10** from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Vickers Park. Hosted by the City of Thunder Bay and featuring an afternoon of free crafts, activities and entertainment. Highlights of the day include the Teddy Bear Parade and Boo Boo Bear Station to bandage much loved teddy bears.

Smile  
Sunday  
funnies





The Children's Corner will return in September. Enjoy the summer, and always remember:  
Keep Our Lord as the centre of your activities in July and August.

## Let's Continue to Embrace Tradition and Beauty

*from a 2017 article by Susanna Spencer of the National Catholic Register*

**I**N A WORLD WHERE LITURGICAL REFORM seems to be the norm for young traditional Roman Catholics since the introduction of the New Mass, it appears that the waves from the rocks thrown into the water are settling down, and the things worth having are floating back to the surface. And although in 2017 Pope Francis stated that “after this long journey, we can affirm with certainty and magisterial authority that liturgical reform is irreversible,” a lot of younger Catholics, raised since the 80s are fishing out of the water the beautiful things left to sink to the bottom.

Pope Francis has said that the liturgy should be an action “for the people” and “by the people.” The practice of the priest leading us in prayer with us all facing the same way towards a crucifix (*ad orientem* or “as in the east”), facing reverently Jesus’ Real Presence in the tabernacle, is *much more suited* to a mass “for the people” than one in which the priest speaks facing the laity (*versus populum*). When done this way, the priest is no longer the centre of attention. He does not have to “perform” but can simply enter into the person of Christ that he is for the Church at that moment. He is able to allow the liturgy to not be about himself front and centre at the service but face his Lord and act as Christ at the Last Supper *for the people*. The people at this time must actively participate by bringing their own internal offerings to the sacrifice — uniting their sufferings and joys and bringing sorrow for their sins which are the very cause of Christ’s death and resurrection. The liturgy should facilitate this internal participation to match the actions on the altar as we all worship Our Lord as a united body. (*Editor’s note: Byzantine Rite services continue to be priest-led or ‘ad orientem’ ~ ‘as in the east.’*)

We have to remember what liturgy is for, first and foremost, and that is to *give due worship to God*. And since we do not know how to love Him as we ought, He gave us a liturgy to be handed down. It is the place of the Church to figure out how to best love and serve God when His Sacrifice is made present on the altar. This is difficult to know, so it is helpful to have traditions passed down that have withstood the test of time to know how to best honour God. The very fact that liturgical actions that were widely suppressed with the introduction of the New Mass are returning at the request of the faithful shows that the liturgy is developing. Fifty years is not very long in the life of the church — not long enough to change tradition. If parts of the faithful want to continue traditions, then let’s stop trying to reverse back to the immediate aftermath of Vatican II or the way the Church was directly before the Council but move forward together embracing the traditions and beauty that we have never lost. ■

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## THE SUMMERTIME

Thank You, Lord, for the golden sun that warms the earth from sky of blue,  
The rays that brighten the summer's day speaks of the love that flows from You.

The summertime of heat-filled days, we thank You for the cooling breeze  
And the shade that cools us down under the shadow of leaf-topped trees.

We seek the shelter of Your wings, Your breath upon us like a cooling wind,  
To ease the spirit and comfort the soul and the rest You give to us who sinned .

We thank You for the sparkling sea to dive beneath its cooling waves  
And Lord, we thank You for the blood of Your Saviour Son, the One who saves.

The summer days, we thank You for the joys of spending sun-filled hours  
Along the coast or countryside or in the garden viewing pretty flowers.

For in the heart redeemed by You, Your Saviour Son brings a better clime  
Your rays of love; the sunshine of grace and for our souls it is always summertime.

*Colin Moffett*

