



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5, July

5:00 pm For Helen Sheridan by Jay Chodolak
For the Special Intention of Eileen Quigley

Sunday 6, July

9:00 am For Michael McGuire by
The Family of Doris Kennedy

11:00 am For John Brown by Florence Johnston
Stanley Chodolak by Jay Chodolak

Saturday 12, July

5:00 pm For Francis Jeyanandakumar by
Florence Johnston

Sunday 13, July

9:00 am For Michael McGuire by
The Family of Doris Kennedy

11:00 am For John Brown by George & Mary Nader

Saturday 19, July

5:00 pm For Stanley Chodolak by Jay Chodolak

Sunday 20, July

9:00 am For Our Parish Community

11:00 am **Thanksgiving Intention of Fr. Virgil on
the Occasion of His 25th Ordination
Anniversary**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED: Please remember in your prayers all those in our parish community who are sick and in need of encouragement: *Gerard Tessier, Joseph MacDonald, Tami Thompson, John B. and a little girl Samantha.*



COLLECTION REPORT

June 22, 2008: \$ 1412.00

CASH COUNTERS

Sunday 6, July

Richard Spurvey & Julie Gorman

Sunday 13, July

Bob Cameron & Tom Conklin

Sunday 20, July

Fatima De Silva & Rita Kamar

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 5, July

5:00 pm Florence Johnston

Sunday 6, July

9:00 am Deacon Larry
11:00 am Pam Paciocco

Saturday 12, July

5:00 pm Richard Darbyshire

Sunday 13, July

9:00 am Deacon Larry
11:00 am Colleen Randall

Saturday 19, July

5:00 pm Monica Lukenda

Sunday 20, July

9:00 am Bob Gervais
11:00 am Maureen Wainwright

LECTORS

Saturday 5, July

5:00 pm Bob Driscoll

Sunday 6, July

9:00 am Eleanor Ryan
11:00 am Marina Dooley

Saturday 12, July

5:00 pm Helen Janis

Sunday 13, July

9:00 am Deslyn Agard
11:00 am Roseann Myers

Saturday 19, July

5:00 pm John Sheridan

Sunday 20, July

9:00 am Dan Lane
11:00 am Doug Randall

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Effective June 29th – September 7th, there will be no weekday masses. Weekday masses will resume on September 9th.



The bulletin will only be published once every three weeks during the summer as well beginning June 29th. After the June 29th edition, the next bulletin will be July 20th. Our regular weekly publication will resume September 7th.

Have a good summer!

The Church – Human And Divine

Acts 12:1-11, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18, Matthew 16: 13-19

We all know that, as a Church, we're in a mess these days. Yes, we all know it, but some of us don't want to admit it or think about it. Those of us who are older somehow think that we are being unfaithful to Holy Mother Church if we admit that things are not as they should be. We grew up with a sense of the holiness of the Church. The sinfulness and imperfection of the Church was never mentioned. We thought that it was a sign of unfaithfulness if we admitted that things were less than perfect.

But when have things been perfect within an institution made up of imperfect human beings? I know that there is a divine aspect to our Church, but there is also a human aspect. Today we celebrate both sides of our Catholic Church. Because the Church is human as well as divine, we will have leaders who are proud, stubborn, self-seeking as well as leaders who are humble, open, unselfish and very loving. Why are we so surprised when we see weakness in those who are sent to serve us? And what is true of the shepherds is also true of the sheep.

Jesus told us that the gates of hell would never prevail. Now that's a promise that we have to hang onto. No matter how bad things might get, we have the assurance of Jesus himself that the Church will not crumble around us, dry up and disappear. That's just not going to happen. And that's exactly why we have to nourish the virtue of perseverance. Here are some words from a homily given by Pope Benedict: "The Church is not holy by herself; in fact, she is made up of sinners - we all know this and it is plain for all to see. Rather, she is made holy ever anew by the Holy One of God, by the purifying love of Christ. God did not only speak but... he loved us to the point of the death of his own Son." (HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI. St Peter's Basilica, Wednesday, 29 June 2005).



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners. Please introduce yourselves to the pastor or complete the following and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

THE 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR FATHER VIRGIL:

You are all invited to a Thanksgiving Mass **Sunday, July 20th at 11:00 am** to join Father Virgil on the occasion of his 25th anniversary of his ordination. Let us take this opportunity to thank God for blessing us with such a gifted spiritual advisor, a knowledgeable parish leader and most of all, a true friend.

Following the mass you are welcome to commemorate this occasion in the parish hall where you can extend your personal congratulations to Father.

Details of this event will be announced after masses or you can contact Doug Randall for more information: doug0664@rogers.com.

A Little Father Virgil Trivia:

- **Born in Jaffna, Sri Lanka**
- **Ordained on July 28, 1983**
- **Served as Pastor of St. Nicholas and Mary's Parish for 10 years**
- **Moved to Canada in 1993**
- **Received his Masters Degree in Pastoral Counseling in 1995 from St. Paul University in Ottawa**
- **Served as Chaplain at the Ottawa Civic Hospital until 1999**
- **Began serving as pastor of St. Bernard Parish on September 1, 1999**



The truth found in the Bible offers hope and so much more. Your dedication to God's Word is something we are grateful for.

Christ is surely the answer, May He strengthen you today. For even God's finest get weary helping others along life's way.

Wisdom, Guidance, loving concern and encouragement mean so much. Our prayer for you, dear Pastor, is God's ever refreshing touch.

Father Virgil, you've guided us, helped us, and inspired us!
With our love & God's,
The Community of St. Bernard Parish