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**July 22, 2018**      **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Tuesday 7:00 PM  
Friday Night—Mass at 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)  
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**CONFESSIONS**

- Weekend & Daily Masses: half an hour before each Mass

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Aug. 1		Kick-off of the Parish Raffle	
Aug. 15	All day	Altar Servers Excursion—Cultus Lake	
Sept. 7-8	All day	Youth Post-Confirmation Retreat	Gym/JH
Sept. 16	All day	International Brunch	Gym/JH
Sept. 22	9:30 AM	RCIA starts	Rm 129
Dec. 2	12 Noon	Raffle Draw	Gym

Monday	7:30 PM	St. Matthew's Prayer Group	Jubilee Hall
Tuesday	1 to 4 PM	Fifty Plus Social	Jubilee Hall
2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus	Jubilee Hall
3rd Tuesday	7:30 PM	CWL	Jubilee Hall
Wednesday	9 AM	St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen	Kitchen
Thursday	10 AM	Legion of Mary	Upper Room
Thursday	4:30 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	Fireside Room
Thursday	6:30 PM	Alpha	Gym
Every 2nd Friday	9 AM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Upper Room
Saturday	9:30 AM	RCIA	Room 129

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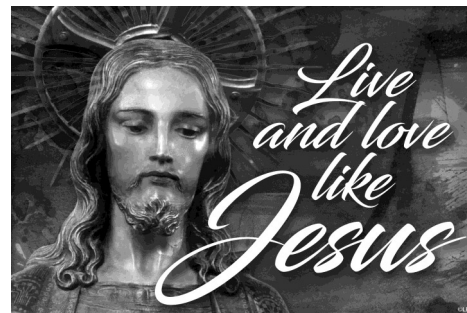
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**FUNERALS:**

Please call the parish office before making arrangements.



"Now what?" It's a difficult thing to hear, isn't it? The train comes late, a child unexpectedly cries, and the latest public policy debate flares up in the news. Life throws us curveballs, and we have no choice but to adapt. Jesus and the apostles find themselves in that exact situation in today's Gospel.

The apostles have returned from their two-by-two missionary journey. As Jesus hears all of their stories, He knows they need time to recover and refresh. "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Their wilderness retreat is short-lived, however, as eager crowds discover their location. Jesus is well aware of the needs of His disciples. Still, as He looks out at the crowd, "His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd." The rest break is over. "He began to teach them many things."

For those of us who have experienced a taste of much-needed relaxation only to have it taken away abruptly, perhaps we surmise what the apostles might have been feeling in that moment. But Jesus is not being inconsiderate of the apostles' needs. He offers them—and us—a lived lesson. St. John Paul II wrote, "The whole of Christ's life was a continual teaching: His silences, His miracles, His gestures, His prayer, His love for people, His special affection for the little and the poor, His acceptance of the total sacrifice on the Cross for the redemption of the world." (On Catechesis in Our Time, 9). In Jesus' choice to teach, we see all of these things: sacrificial love, concern for the marginalized, and priority of people's needs over personal preference. These aren't abstract ideals. They're lived realities as we strive to live and love like Jesus. When a new obstacle confronts you in your life, how do you respond?



*A summer prayer*

*O God, who has made this fair world and given it to all people richly to enjoy, help me never to grow dull to all its wonders. Because so many of its glories are familiar, let me not forget how wonderful they are. Keep my eyes open to the beauty of the blue sky, to the changing pageant of the clouds, to the silver mystery of moonlight, and to the majesty of silent stars. May I feel in every sunrise a daily miracle of life and light renewed and in every sunset a pledge of Your unfading light without which we cannot face the dark. So may no single day be common, but may each one bring the benediction of its divine beauty to my soul. Amen.*

**PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)**

- **Catechists** are needed in the following grades 1, 3, 4 and a team teacher for Grade 2. If you love working with children and sharing your knowledge of the faith, please contact the PREP office for details.
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**CWL Corner**

- As I am searching for a topic to talk about this week, our magazine, The Canadian League, is lying on the coffee table. I spot the pictures from the convention in Charlottetown. Has it really been one year already? It feels like I am still digesting some of the information given to us there.
- One of the questions was: what will the League look like in the future? Not just the league as a national body, but also in each individual council. We have to remember that we are a living group of ladies. We all bring our own individual thoughts, manners, ideas and customs into this mix. Are we prepared to let the Holy Spirit guide us? As Father Nixon keeps telling us, praying alone is not enough. Active participation should go hand in hand with our prayer. Do not think that you cannot be a leader, let God keep you by the hand. He will make sure that you are equipped.

Ria Ling

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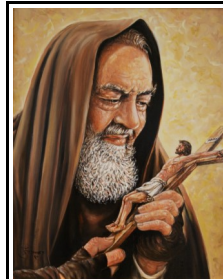
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**St. Mary's Padre Pio Prayer Group:** What do we know about the relationship of the Holy Spirit to Christ? Learn how the Holy Spirit intervenes in the life of Christ at the Incarnation, at His baptism, during the temptation, right before His death on the Cross and at the Resurrection through a new series called, "The Function of the Holy Spirit." Conversely, the Risen Christ sends the Holy Spirit on the apostles. We will also be sharing the story of Padre Pio's stigmata which drew crowds around the world. They were the subject of controversy and divided people into followers or foes of Padre Pio. Hear the rest of this story on Saturday, Aug. 4, at 9:30 A.M. at St. Mary's Church Basement, Vancouver.

**Stewardship:** "... Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile." Mark 6:31 Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and, more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year; spend some "alone" time with God.

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