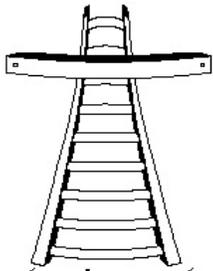

JULY 18, 2021 ~ 16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

You Who Were Far Off



*That he might
Reconcile
With God
Through
The Cross*

Paul writes to a group of converts in Ephesus, Turkey. He tells them that before their conversion they were "far off" from God. God had chosen the Jewish people as his special people-pagans were isolated from this choice. This does not mean that he did not love the rest, but that he lavished particular attention on the descendants of Abraham. Now this exclusion has been removed. Jesus has united Jew and non-Jew in himself by the sharing of the sacraments. These sacraments flow from the blood shed on the cross. The law of the Old Testament has been replaced by a new law of love. Now we all have equal access to God.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS? R.C.I.A. - THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Each new Journey of Faith runs weekly from October to May with a celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil Mass. An information night will be held on in the fall. For more information contact the parish office by phone 905-934-9703 or by email office@stalfredcatholicchurch.ca

IS YOUR CHILD 7 OR OLDER?

The "Rite of Christian Initiation of Children" is a program of initiation intended for children not baptized in the Catholic Tradition or baptized in another Faith Tradition, and who have attained the age of reason and are of catechetical age.

R.C.I.C. at St. Alfred runs from October until March with a celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil Mass. An information night will be held in the fall. If you know a child who is 7 years or older and has not been baptized or was baptized in another Faith Tradition. Call the office @ 905-934-9703.

BANNS FOR ORDINATION

Mr. Daniel Anthony Corso is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Diocese of St. Catharines on August 14, 2021 at Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines, Ontario. Please remember him in your prayers.

9 GIFTS THAT DO NOT COST A CENT

The gift of listening

But you must REALLY listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning our response. Just

listening. The gift of affection

Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and hand holds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

The gift of laughter

Clip cartoons, share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you." thing in a person.

The gift of a written note

It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

The gift of a compliment

A simple and sincere, "You look great in red," "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someones day.

The Gift of a Favor

Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

The gift of solitude

There are times when we want nothing more than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.

The gift of a cheerful disposition

The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, really its not that hard to say, Hello or Thank You.

The gift of acceptance

Everyone does the best they can with what they have to work with, be it their head or their heart.

SVDP UPDATE

~Please save your empty egg cartons for the food bank, drop them off at the church entrance in the barrels or at the food bank.

~Just a little reminder we have Quebec Maple Syrup for sale at the food bank. It is a tasty treat for breakfast. The case cost \$56.00

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 19 ~ Sunday, July 25, 2021

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| Mon | July 19 | ~ 8:00 a.m..... | Maria Domenica Ciccarella/ Mary Bruin |
| Tue | July 20 | ~ 8:00 a.m..... | Sandra Bibaud/Richard Moore |
| Wed | July 21 | ~ 8:00 a.m..... | Luigino Minicucci/Elide Mozzoni |
| Thu | July 22 | ~ 8:00 a.m..... | Murray&Urquhart Families/ Mrs. Bertha Pereira |
| Fri | July 23 | ~ 8:00 a.m..... | Jean Grossi/Aldo Morlacchetti |
| Sat | July 24 | ~ 8:30 a.m..... | Enid Malhotra/Elide Mozzoni |
| | | ~ 5:00 p.m..... | Giovanni Fruscella/Maria Daniele |
| Sun | July 25 | ~ 7:30 a.m..... | Nada Rozman |
| | | ~ 9:30 a.m..... | Giacomo Mozzoni/ Giuseppe Pennacchio |
| | | ~ 11:30 a.m..... | Mr. & Mrs. Romaldo Paes/ Fr Andrew Spanyi |

Farewell Fr. Stephen

The weekend of August 7/8th is Fr. Stephen's last weekend here at St. Alfred before he moves to Our Lady of Scapular Parish in Niagara Falls. Unfortunately, during this time with all the Covid 19 restrictions we are unable to have a good-bye reception for him. If you would like to thank Fr Stephen for all the wonderful work he has done during his stay here you may give a card of well wishes. We will miss him but we wish him good luck and best wishes!

THE HOUSE OF A THOUSAND MIRRORS

Long ago in a small, far away village, there was a place known as the House of 1000 Mirrors. A small, happy little dog learned of this place and decided to visit. When he arrived, he bounced happily up the stairs to the doorway of the house. He looked through the doorway with his ears lifted high and his tail wagging as fast as it could. To his great surprise, he found himself staring at 1000 other happy little dogs with their tails wagging just as fast as his. He smiled a great smile, and was answered with 1000 great smiles just as warm and friendly. As he left the house, he thought to himself, "This is a wonderful place. I will come back and visit it often."

In this same village, another little dog, who was not quite as happy as the first one, decided to visit the house. He slowly climbed the stairs and hung his head low as he looked into the door. When he saw the 1000 unfriendly looking dogs staring back at him, he growled at them and was horrified to see 1000 little dogs growling back at him. As he left, he thought to himself, "That is a horrible place, and I will never go back there again."

All the faces in the world are mirrors. What kind of reflections do you see in the faces of the people you meet? - Author Unknown

XVI Tempo Ordinario

18 luglio 2021



~ Maria si è scelta la parte migliore

I DONI CHE NON COSTANO NIENTE...

Sulla via principale della città c'era un negozio originale.

Un insegna luminosa diceva:

DONI DI DIO.

L'elfo entrò e vide un angelo dietro al banco.

Sugli scaffali c'erano grandi contenitori di tutti i colori.

Cosa si vende ? chiese l'Elfo incuriosito.

Ogni ben di Dio!...

Vedi il giallo è pieno di sincerità,

quello verde è pieno di speranza,

in quello rosso c'è l'amore, in quello azzurro la fede,

l'arancione contiene il perdono,

il bianco la pace, il violetto il sacrificio,

l'indaco la salvezza.

Quanto costa questa merce ?

Sono doni di DIO e i doni non costano niente!

Che bello!

Allora dammi: dieci quintali di fede,
una tonnellata di amore, un quintale di speranza,
un barattolo di perdono e tutto il negozio di pace...

L'angelo si mise a servire l'elfo.

In un attimo confezionò un pacchetto

piccolo, piccolo come il suo cuore.

Eccoti servito...disse l'angelo porgendo il

pacchettino. Ma come? Così poco?

Certo, nella bottega di Dio non si vendono i frutti maturi,

ma i piccoli semi da coltivare ...

Vai nel mondo e fai germogliare

i doni che DIO ti ha dato.

Ciao Fr. Stephen

Il fine settimana del 7/8 agosto è L'ultimo fine settimana di Padre Stephen qui a St. Alfred prima di trasferirsi nella parrocchia di Our Lady of Scapular a Niagara Falls. Sfortunatamente, in questo periodo con tutte le restrizioni del Covid 19, non siamo in grado di dargli un'accoglienza di arrivederci. Se vuoi ringraziare Padre Stephen per tutto il meraviglioso lavoro che ha svolto durante il suo soggiorno qui puoi dare un biglietto di auguri. Ci mancherà ma gli auguriamo buona fortuna e tanti auguri!

PUBBLICAZIONI PER L'ORDINAZIONE

Il Sig. Daniel Anthony Corso sarà ordinato Diaconato per la Diocesi di St. Catharines il 14 agosto 2021 nella Cattedrale di Santa Caterina d'Alessandria, St. Catharines, Ontario. Per favore, ricordalo nelle tue preghiere.