



Our Lady of Grace Parish

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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, 9 am to Noon.

Parish Office Tel: 250-537-2150 **Secretary:** Daniela Madrid

Regular Mass Times: Open to **pre-registered** people.

Saturday: 5 pm, Our Lady of Grace.

Sunday: 10 am, Our Lady of Grace.

Tuesday-Saturday: 9 am, OLG. **Celebrated privately.**

Confession Schedule: Saturdays, 3:30 to 4:15 pm, in the church parking lot. Otherwise, by appointment.

20th and 21st Sundays in Ordinary Time. August 16 & 23, 2020.



Registration for Mass

Please make your inquiries to the parish office. Thank you!

Our Parish Finance Committee

Please welcome and thank Elizabeth Hengstler for volunteering to be the interim Chair of our Finance Committee. She already was a member of the Committee. Under Church canon law, all parishes must have such a committee. I am very grateful to Marshall Heinekey, who took on that position for something like 10 years. God bless him for such generosity of self.

We have the best FC I have seen, with Susan Eide, Noella Fraser, Joanne Oliver, and Janita McHugh. All of them bring enormous experience and competence to our Committee. Please pray for each and everyone of them.

Prayer for the People of Beirut

God of refuge,
hear our prayer
as we hold the people of Beirut
in our hearts at this time.
Fill us with compassion
and move us to reach out in love.
In your mercy,
bring comfort to those who mourn,
healing to those who are injured,
shelter to those who are homeless
sustenance to those who hunger.
Give strength to those who are working
to rebuild shattered lives,
and protect those who are vulnerable
especially in a time of coronavirus.
Lead us in your ways
so that together we may bring
the light of new hope
wherever there is destruction and despair.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Total Regular Offering

Donations for July, 2020

Sunday Envelopes:	\$4,695
E-transfers:	300
Pre-Authorized Debits:	2,325

Total: \$7,320

Thank you for all your donations and support!

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Silent adoration of the infant Jesus by the Magi is one the purest prayers in the New Testament. These men put aside everything, to travel across the desert to kneel down and pay homage to Jesus. They bring him gifts and ask nothing for themselves.

In contrast stands the disruptive Canaanite woman in today's Gospel who comes to Jesus shouting and demanding that he cast out the demon which oppresses her daughter. Jesus says nothing.

The woman's tune changes upon hearing Jesus say that he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.

She kneels before him and says a prayer of abandonment: "Lord, help me. Now she no longer demands favours from a wonder-worker Jesus, but places herself at his feet. It is a moment of vulnerability and conversion.

What does this mean for us? Like the foreign woman and the foreign wise men, we can come to Jesus, not to make him hop to our agenda, but rather to bow before him. We are puny; Jesus is awesome. Praise and worship are the stance of faith. Our right relationship with Jesus is to pay him homage and to humbly beg, "Jesus, help me."

Glen Arqan, Edmonton AB

Living with Christ Sunday Missal 2019-2020



Prayer List

Nelson Kennedy, Jeni Evanik,
Raymond Currie, Rita Dods, Jacquie Severn.

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

My attention is riveted by today's Gospel and Jesus' poignant questions to his disciples: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" and "Who do you say that I am?" Peter's quick reply to the latter was, "You are the Christ." Did he know what he was saying? I'm not sure.

In the same situation, I would have been at a loss for an answer. Now, 2000 years later, I ponder that second question and I can come up with varied answers. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd... I am the gate... I am the light... I am the true vine."

A retreat I attended some months ago was based on this scripture passage and provided me with a new perspective. We spent our time for meditation and prayer focusing on reverse questioning: Who am I? How do I see myself? How does Jesus see me? How do I want Jesus to see me?

Reflecting on my relationship with Jesus offered me new insights and a heartfelt desire to follow him more closely. I often take for granted the fact that he is a constant in my life—always present to me, whether or not I acknowledge him.

Today's Psalm proclaims, "I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart... your steadfast love endures forever."

How blessed are we!

*Barbara K. d'Artois
Ste-Genevieve, QC.*

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Donations to Support Beirut

Following the deadly explosions that devastated Beirut, thousands of people have been affected as 159 people have died, more than 6,000 have been injured, and over 300,000 people have been left



homeless. Development and Peace, the

official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, is working with Caritas

Lebanon to provide food, water, medical aid, and psychological and social support to those impacted by this crisis. **You may donate DIRECTLY to Development and Peace** at: <https://bit.ly/2DRwfviv> or by calling 1 888 664-3387. **Any donations made to Development and Peace before August 24, will be matched by the Canadian government.**

Good for Some Smiles

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

The teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'.

The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?'

The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.



Country Grocer Save-Tape Program

Parishioners are encouraged to place their Country Grocer receipts in **Box 85** at the store or **in the box at the entrance of OLG Church**. CWL will receive 1% of the total of all receipts submitted and funds will be distributed within our community.



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