

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 3, 2011

Matthew 11:28—30

- Jesus said “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest”. These lines have been a consolation to many millions of people over the years. We all know the times of carrying heavy burdens of failure, pain, loss, shame, guilt, depression, hopelessness.
- We can all add to this list. All can be part of our prayer and relationship with God. Only in honestly admitting our big needs can we find the rest of soul which we need. A soul at rest can share with many the peace of God.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4TH

Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Richard Hull by the CWG
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	For the continued good health of Catherine Richards and Family Juliette Paradis by the Richards Family
	11:00 a.m.	Dolly Mainville by Pearl Proulx Des Bolton by Eileen & Bob Hogan

**WEEKEND COLLECTIONS:** \$2,091.63 Thank You!

### The Diagram on the Front Page of the Sunday Bulletin

It is always there on the front page of our Sunday bulletin. And because it is always there, it is something that “you see and don’t see”. It is sort of taken for granted. But it is really a picture of parish life. However central the Sunday Eucharist is for us, parish life is bigger and more comprehensive than what we come together for on Sunday, the Day of the Lord. And that is expressed in the so-called four poles of parish life: **Liturgy, Faith Formation, Fellowship, Service/Outreach**. You find the same expressed on the back page of the bulletin, albeit in a different format; it is where the parish activities and organizations are listed.

A few years ago, our Bishop drew attention to them in a pastoral letter, entitled ***Becoming communities that are Schools of Catechesis***. He referred to ***The Acts of the Apostles 2:42***: “they remained faithful to the teachings of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.” That is the mission, the task of every parish community if it wants to be known as the Church of Jesus Christ. It will proclaim and meditate on its foundational stories (**faith formation**); it will celebrate its essential rites and prayers (**liturgy**); it will live brotherly/sisterly solidarity (**fellowship**); it will engage in justice for the poor (**service/outreach**). When a parish community takes good care of these four areas, then it is bearing witness to the faith it cherishes and it is also handing on that same precious treasure of faith.

These four areas of activities are not neatly separated compartments where each can do its own thing. They are dependent on each other, they feed each other, they interact with each other, they need each other. And this, to such an extent that, if one is neglected then the other three are not in very good shape. The four together make up the life of a parish. In some way, the above mentioned diagram could be described as the parish’s organizational chart.

This is not just a theoretical or bureaucratic issue. It has very practical consequences. An example comes to mind. When we prepare parishioners for Confirmation and First Eucharist, we try to expose them to the various aspects of parish life. That is also part of what our Bishop has captured in the line that we often use: ***move from the narrow preparation for sacraments to formation in the Christian life***. It is quite an undertaking to make that transition, but we realize that sacraments on their own make little sense. They need the proper soil in which they can function properly. Giving our candidates for Confirmation and First Communion a bit of a taste for that broader parish life is, needless to say, a major challenge! However, difficult it is, it is the direction in which we have to move.

Another aspect of the interdependence of the four poles of parish life is that all parishioners are summoned to make sure that each of the four poles is in fairly good shape. In other words, we are all responsible for them and try to make our contribution to the health of each of the four poles. It is all part of a healthy parish.

### **Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30-9:30 P.M. : Diocesan Meeting for the English Zone**

That is the meeting which was originally planned for Saturday June 11, but it had to be cancelled and it is now set for Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 p.m. The document dealing with the five year plan for mission to the age group of 18-35 will be presented and studied. It is still far away, but it would be good to put it on our agenda.

### **57<sup>th</sup> PILGRIMAGE**

#### **OUR LADY OF KNOCK SHRINE, St. Malachy's Church, Mayo, QC**

Sunday, August 14, 2011 - 11:00 AM - Celebration of Holy Eucharist  
3889, rte 315, Mayo, QC [www.info@stmalachyolv.com](mailto:www.info@stmalachyolv.com)

#### **SHRINE OF SAINT-ANNE-DE-BEAUPRÉ**

Novena Theme “**YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES**” July 17-July 26, 2011  
Info: Tele: 418-827-3781 (e) [www.shrinesaintanne.org](http://www.shrinesaintanne.org)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Kindly remember Jean Paul Bourassa, Don Daly, Patrica Drew and their families in your prayers.

### **Upcoming Events & Concerts**

*(More details on [www.chri.ca](http://www.chri.ca))*

#### ***World Gospel Jam at Ottawa Bluesfest – July 9***

Headliner Kirk Franklin & featuring Scott Towaij, Jermaine Cowan, Rev. Ernie Cox, Prosper & GPM & Shawn McDonald at the Hard Rock stage. Special discounted day passes at all Salem Storehouse locations.

#### ***Canadian artist, Dan Bremnes - July 12,***

Eglise Le Chemin (Church), 480 Vernon Road, Gatineau, QC at 7:00 PM  
Tickets on sale at all Salem Storehouse locations and at the door.

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