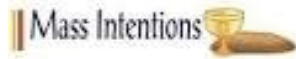


## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - August 13, 2017



Monday, August 14th	9:00 a.m.	Eric Vautour
Tuesday, August 15th	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention (MBM)
Wednesday, August 16th	7:00 p.m.	Marie-Louise Deforche
Thursday, August 17th	7:00 p.m.	Mary & Jerry McLaughlin
Friday, August 18th	12:00 p.m.	Deborah Morrison
Saturday August 19th	4:00 p.m.	James Butler
Sunday, August 20th	9:00 a.m.	LeRoy Hughson
Sunday, August 20th	11:00 a.m.	Gerry LeBlanc

### Weekly Thoughts

<p>My Friends,</p> <p>The Gospel this weekend recalls the reaction of the Apostles to Jesus walking on water, “Truly, you are the Son of God.” Jesus on many occasions showed His power over nature. The Apostles were so convinced that they not only left their occupations behind, but they also faced martyrdom. Christianity requires us to reflect on how we lay down our lives for others, what we are willing to sacrifice for the good of another. And how we daily proclaim to Jesus, “Truly, you are the Son of God.”</p> <p>Well, folks, this is my second last weekend with you. My final Mass will be next Sunday August 20 at 11:00 AM. OMG, where have the last five years gone? It literally feels like yesterday that I came to this vibrant Parish, St. Rose of Lima. I knew on my arrival that 2017 would be my retirement from full-time ministry, after almost 40 years.</p> <p>There are so many people that I wish to acknowledge and thank, so for these last two Weekly Thoughts columns, please allow me to express appreciation to many who have made my life easier.</p> <p>The heart of every Parish is the Church Office so I begin by expressing my sincerest thanks, love and support to our Parish Secretaries, Cynthia Page and</p>	<p>Marijke Blok. Both these women love our faith community and are so supportive of the Parish Priest. I could not even begin to accomplish what I have if it were not for these two incredible ladies.</p> <p>When Father Brian and Father John were in residence our home was always kept immaculately clean by Gerri Sampson, who has cleaned at St. Rose forever.</p> <p>Our meals were carefully prepared for me and the other priests by Jeannine Legere who retired a couple of years ago. She is a marvellous cook.</p> <p>I have surrounded myself with wonderful Parish Councillors and Finance Councillors. During my tenure I have been blessed by the leadership of Moira Wilson and Marijke Blok, for Pastoral Council, and Gord O’Neill, Marilyn Upton, and Bob Gaudet for Finance Council. They have been tremendous advisers and friends. All those people who serve on these committees have certainly enhanced my ministry at St. Rose of Lima.</p> <p>There are so many people I am grateful for and I will try to recognize them in my next column. What I need you to appreciate is that it takes so many people to make this wonderful Parish alive and vibrant.</p> <p>Blessings, Father G.</p>
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### Something to Think About

- 1) **May your weekend be filled with: ... Good Food, Good Times ... and Good Company.**
- 2) **The only things you can take with you when you leave this world are things you pack inside your heart.**
- 3) **Life is about balance. Be “kind,” but don’t let people abuse you. “Trust,” but don’t be deceived. Be “CONTENT” but never stop improving yourself.**
- 4) **Dance before the music is over. Live before your life is over.**
- 5) **You’re never too important to be nice to people.**
- 6) **Do everything with a good heart and expect nothing in return and you will never be disappointed.**

**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER: Marion Lord, Josephine Melanson**

**Stewardship for the week ending August 6, 2017**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>2492.75</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>248.80</b>
<b>Food Bank</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	<b>448.65</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3210.20</b>

**Farewell To Father Gerry:  
August 20 following 11:00 AM Mass  
12:00 Presentations in Church  
Musical Tributes  
Reception at the Rectory**

***Upcoming Events***

Please consider enrolling in **Pre-Authorized Debit** for your Offertory donation. Forms are available at the back of the Church.

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**.Rosary Rally in Commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima:** In commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, a local group is meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month from May through October 2017 for a Rosary Rally and a special Prayer Program in King Square. Anyone interested in sharing in this special prayer time is invited to join us. There is no need to sign up; just show up at 6:30 pm at King Square on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month if available. Please bring a candle; a Rosary (a spare to share!); and a chair if you prefer to sit. Extra rosaries and a Prayer Program handout will be available at each Rosary Rally. There will be a delightful group of youngsters singing after the prayers; and a time of fellowship and refreshment to follow. Each Rosary Rally lasts for about one hour. **The next Rosary Rally will be held on Sunday, August 13 at 6:30 pm, King Square.**

May all Our Lady's 'children' come out to honour her that day!

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**.Sunday Exposition/Adoration:** August 20, at Villa Madonna from 2:00 - 4:00.

**Attention, Bakers!** Please bring a dozen sweets - cookies, squares, fudge, etc - to Father Gerry's Farewell Party. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided.

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**Christian Meditation** - Come join us for Christian Meditation! Tuesdays, 10 a.m, Villa Madonna. Everyone welcome!

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The annual **Skiff Lake Shrine Sunday** will take place this year on Sunday, August 13, at Skiff Lake. Chapel available for prayer at 10:00 a.m. Mass is outside at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Harris presiding. Lunch available at the Kiosk. Afternoon Service starts at 1:00 pm with the Rosary. The Healing Service is at 2:00 pm. Fr. Aaron Knox will preside.

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**FATHER HENRY RAMAGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL BINGO** each Friday in Stella Maris, Saint John, Church Hall; Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. Early Bird Games at 6:30 p.m. Regular Games begin at 7 p.m. Bingo Packets are \$20 at the door. Hope to see you there!

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**Sunday Exposition/Adoration:** August 13 at St. Rose of Lima Parish from 1 - 2 pm.

***Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of Marion Lord***

We are now taking reservations for the Sanctuary Lamp for 2017. If you would like to have the Lamp lit in honour of your loved ones, please check at the office for an available date.