

September 13, 2015



## ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	TIME	MASS FOR
Saturday, September 12 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	+Mary Healy
Sunday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+Mary Healy
Sunday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m.	+Marie & Desmond Rose
Monday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Mary Barbour
Tuesday, September 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Maria & Carlos Sousa
Wednesday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Dorothy Harrington
Thursday, September 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Richard Maurice
Friday, September 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Mary Ryan
Saturday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	+Mr. & Mrs. Foley
Saturday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	+Lois Hughson
Sunday, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Parishioners
Sunday, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners
Monday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Marie de Grosbois
Tuesday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Tony di Mambro
Wednesday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Basil Harrington
Thursday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	+Christa Saul
Friday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Saturday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Parishioners

Masses offered for the deceased (+)

**Rosary:** 20 minutes prior to weekday and Saturday morning Masses

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:30 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Daily from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Note:** All weekday Masses in September will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. except for Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please Pray For: Angela Gonsalves, Maria Sousa, Maria Dias, Antonia Pickarz, Dawn Jeffrey, Maureen McGarrity, Ethan-Nicholas Galdick, Pamela Murray, Mary Dunham, Ivor (Buster) Johnston, Aaron David Martin, Kathleen Scott

Kindly let us know when the sick are blessed with healing.

#### **Parish Council**

Kathy O'Donnell 705-484-5742

#### **Liturgy Committee Choir:**

Joan Dunbar 705-484-5287

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Diane Conway 705-484-5925

#### **Catholic Women's League**

Donna Page 705-484-0057

#### **Finance Committee**

Herb Phillipps 705-484-0547

#### **Cemetery Board**

Ruth Windatt 705-426-7117

#### **Maintenance Committee**

Dave McCarthy 705-426-7868

#### **Fundraising Committee**

Mary Jane Whalen 705-484-0063

#### **Foley Catholic School**

705-484-5940

Pat Shannon Principal

## **UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Prayer Group Meeting:** Every Tuesday 9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Bible Study:** Every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Raffle:** Great prizes! Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 & can be purchased at the back of the Church, from a CWL member or from a Fundraising Committee member. Winners to be drawn on Oct. 18, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

*Should you have any upcoming events you would like to have published in the bulletin, please contact Cathy White 705-484-0058*

## **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Date	Offertory Envelopes	Offertory PAG	Restoration Regular	Restoration PAG
August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$1404.50		\$2069.30	
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	\$1574.75		\$1308.25	
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	\$1394.75		\$ 745.00	
August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	\$1609.75		\$ 400.00	
August 25 <sup>th</sup>		\$ 847.00		\$ 100.00
August 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$1544.75		\$1200.00	

THANK YOU to all parishioners for your generous contributions!

## **BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

On Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the birthday of our Blessed Mother Mary. We rejoice in the birth of Mary and thank God for her who is a beautiful gift to the human race. It is a happy anniversary in which the faithful offer Mother Mary their homage and implore her protection. She was born of the royal race of David, and through her the salvation of the world was made manifest. From her rose up the Sun of Justice, Jesus the Lord. The feast of the Blessed Virgin's birth is linked to the Basilica of St. Ann in Jerusalem, built in the 5<sup>th</sup> century at the place where the pool called Bethzatha (John 5:2) used to be. According to tradition, Saints Joachim and Ann lived near the temple, on its northern side. Archaeological discoveries support this tradition. In the 6<sup>th</sup> century, the feast spread to the whole of the East and was later introduced in Rome by Pope Sergius 1. This feast inaugurates the liturgical year in the Byzantine Church.

## **SPIRITUAL MATTERS**

Mary is our Mother, and her birthday is important to all her children. Her birth brightened the prospect of the entire human race that dwelt in the shadow of death. She is the hope and the dawn of salvation for the whole world. Her birth is a salvific event because she was inseparably associated with the birth of the Saviour – Emmanuel, God with us. On the day of Mary's birth, a shrine was built for the Creator of the Universe. From all eternity, God chose Mary to be the Virgin mother of the Saviour, and by a special dispensation preserved her from the stain of original sin. Already at conception, she was immaculate, full of grace. She had the unique privilege of the Immaculate Conception; even as a child, she was adorned with exceptional graces. She was born a great saint! Mary's soul was the most beautiful soul that God ever created. The disobedient Eve was the mother of sinful humanity. Obedient Mary, the new Eve, is the Mother of the redeemed.

## **SPIRITUAL WISDOM**

From time immemorial, purity has been considered all over the world as essential to sacrifice. When God the Son came into the world to offer to the Father the Supreme and infinitely meritorious Sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins, He chose a sinless mother. If Christ is the Sun of Justice, Mary is the morning star that signals daybreak. Mary was a living miracle of God. She said yes to Him at the Annunciation, and lived that yes till the last. She is not only Mother of Jesus; she is also our Mother. What a great Mother we have in heaven! She is honoured all over the world; all generations call her blessed. And God has glorified her in heaven. Let us remember that Mary reached this glory by passing through trusting obedience and humble, silent service. She gives us a shining example of how to become great and glorious. In His saving plan for humanity, God was pleased with the humility of Mary. Humility is an indispensable condition for receiving divine gifts. On the birthday of our Blessed Mother, let us try to take a leaf out of her book in accepting God's plan, in listening to His word, and in humble service.

*Truly in Christ,*

*Fr. Anthony Goncalves*