



## Вітаємо Всіх до Нашої Парафії! Welcome Everyone to Our Parish! A Place of Prayer, Family and Community for More than 50 Years

Epistle ~ Romans 6: 18-23

Gospel ~ Matthew 8: 5-13

Troparia and special texts are found on the insert included in this bulletin

### Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Dr. Larry Watral  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Susan Soldan

### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Linda Douglas  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Stanley Myslicki

**L**n today's Gospel, it was in the person of Jesus that the centurion saw the answer to his prayers. In Jesus was the power of life over death, and it is because the centurion was a soldier that he knew and believed by faith that just a word from Jesus would make all the difference between life and death. Jesus marvelled at such a faith. Here a Roman Soldier put his life and the life of his slave in Jesus' hands. If exposed, it would mean his death, but he was willing to risk it. He was willing to risk everything. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. That is sometimes the way Jesus works; only when we are willing to risk surrendering everything in life do we come close to experiencing the miracle that is God's love in Jesus Christ. We must be willing to abandon all other authority in our lives if we are to see God move in a miraculous way.



~ condensed from a sermon by Mark Aarssen

## Your Return Gift to God

Let us strive to live as Christian stewards, receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them generously and lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

### Collection for June 9/10

Envelopes: \$2,555.<sup>00</sup> Mission Collection: \$95.<sup>25</sup>  
Vigil Lights: \$239.<sup>00</sup> Special Projects: \$130.<sup>00</sup>

*Thank you for your generosity! Щупо Вам дякуємо!*

June's Mission Collection is designated for **Isthmus** (formerly *Blessings in a Backpack*), connecting hungry children with food to eat on weekends when they would otherwise go hungry. Visit [www.isthmus.ca](http://www.isthmus.ca) for more information.

## Parish News & Events



We wish all fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, and godfathers a very happy **Father's Day**, and thank them for their time, care, and love. Many more happy years to all of you — Многая і благая літа!

We welcome **Walter Christopher Rea Strehlow**, who received the Holy Sacrament of Baptism in the Byzantine Rite on **June 16**, into our Christian family. May the light of Christ shine over him all the days of his life and grant him and his family many happy & blessed years ~ Многая і благая літа!

On Sunday, after the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy, we will proceed outside for the dedication of the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legacy Project**. This will be followed by the annual **Parish Picnic** on our parish grounds to which everyone is welcome!

Funeral services for the departed servant of God **†Annie Gacuk** will take place in our church at 10 a.m. on **Friday, June 22** followed by a memorial luncheon in our parish hall. The family cordially invites all parishioners to be attend.



We are in **urgent** need of envelope counters for the months of July, October and December. If you can volunteer your services, even on one or two Sundays, or are willing to be a 'floater' to fill in at various times, it would be of great assistance. Please call Susan Soldan (475-4550) or speak to her at church as soon as possible. New counters will be paired with others with previous experience; help will always be provided if necessary.

We are still taking orders for cabbage rolls (frozen only), which will be made on **Tuesday, June 26**. Please sign the list posted in the narthex. Deadline for all orders is **Sunday, June 24**. Preparation of onions and shkvarky will take place on **Monday, June 18 at 11:00 a.m.** (new time!) with cabbage cleaning/deribbing the following Monday (time TBA). *Thank you!* ☺



### Sunday, June 17, 2018

(following the Legacy Project Dedication)

12 noon (rain or shine)  
Family, food, friends, & fun!  
*Everyone is invited!*

## THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL SERVICES

### MONDAY, JUNE 18

10:00 a.m. ~ Panakhyda for **†Peter Petryna** followed by Divine Liturgy for health & God's blessings for Michael Petryna (Sr.)  
*Offered by Julia Dniprenko*

### FRIDAY, JUNE 22

10:00 a.m. ~ Funeral services for **†Annie Gacuk** followed by a memorial luncheon in our hall

### SATURDAY, JUNE 23

4:40 p.m. ~ Praying of the Holy Rosary  
5:00 p.m. ~ **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost and Nativity of St. John the Baptist**  
Epistle Reader: Linda Douglas

### SUNDAY, JUNE 24

9:40 a.m. ~ Praying of the Holy Rosary  
10:00 a.m. ~ **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost and Nativity of St. John the Baptist**  
Epistle Reader: Walter Warywoda



## ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Attention members (and parishioners)! Training and retraining of bingo volunteers in the summer will now be combined, and the next date will be **Sunday, July 15**. All sessions take place from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue (beside the Super 8 Hotel).

This is your **last chance** to purchase tickets (\$20/member) for the annual dinner meeting on June 21. We must give the final count to the Columbus Centre no later than Monday, June 18.

Fishermen: time to get out those rods and reels and start filling up the slots on the Tournament Board. Please submit your weigh-in slips on a regular basis to the following Committee members: Maurice Zakrewski, Morris Tarnawsky, Myron Warywoda and Eugene Zdebiak. Good luck to all anglers, and remember to be safe on the lakes.

*Tight lines and keep your tip up!*

## HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

**SUMMER BREAK** Thursday afternoon activities are now cancelled until **September 6**. We wish all members a safe, healthy and pleasant summer — enjoy it while it lasts!

The next bus to Grand Portage is on **Wednesday, June 20**, leaving the parking lot @ 3:45 p.m. and returning @ 10 p.m. To book a seat, please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) at your earliest convenience. This is a **free** service for everyone including non-members 18 yrs. and up with a valid passport. And just to let you know...there **will** be a bus on July 18 and another on August 15 tentatively — departing to and returning from at the same time and place.

Though it's still over three months away, our next pyrohy making is set for **Tuesday, September 25**. If you would like to place a 'standing order' before the summer break, please speak with Ann Kozlowski or Ann Opaski to do so (their contact numbers are above) to avoid any disappointment in the fall. *Thank you very much!*



Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual bus trip to Winnipeg this **September 10 to 13** is a reality. At the present time, the bus is filled to capacity; however, we have created a 'waiting list' just in case those who have signed up cannot, for any reason whatsoever, fulfill their commitment. If you wish to be placed on that list, please contact George Rusnick (577-3361) ASAP. He will call you if a spot (or spots) open up between now and September. It's sure to be another wonderful experience!

*"Do not regret growing older.  
It is a privilege denied to many."*

**Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)



**Epistle: Romans 10: 1-10**  
**Gospel: Matthew 8: 28 - 9: 1**

As you read each passage, ask yourself these questions, "What thoughts, ideas, words or images come to mind?" and "What are the connections between them?" This will help make them easier to follow and understand.

## Faith of Our Fathers: A Reflection on Father's Day

**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN JUNE** is observed each year in the United States and Canada as "Father's Day." The origins of this national event are not clear. Some records suggest that it was first celebrated as a church service some 100 years ago in Fairmont, West Virginia. Whether this is true or not, the impulse to honour fathers is a worthy one and it comes with the biblical admonition to honour our fathers and mothers.

In the Bible, it is Abraham who is counted as the father of faith and he is revered in Judaism, Islam and Christianity. The word "faith" is an important component to remember because it means trust in God -- being able to rely on that which is dependable. Abraham trusted God's assurance that his children would become a great nation. The promise came at a point when he and his wife, Sarah, were elderly and childless. And yet Abraham believed that God could do what was foretold to him. He went forward in confidence that God could accomplish, through him, a benefit for all of the world.

Joseph of Galilee is an exemplary father in the Bible. He married Mary, despite the unusual circumstances of her pregnancy. He dared to be unconventional because he trusted that God was working through her and him. He was a righteous man who dared to take on the roles of husband and foster father. And as refugees from danger, after the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, it is clear that he protected his family by going beyond what was familiar to find a safe haven. We can learn much about fatherhood from Joseph.

Another father that captures the imagination is a man called Jairus. We read about him in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke. He was a man of importance whose daughter was dying and he came to Jesus, fell at his feet and begged Jesus to help his child. The actions of Jairus revealed his character. He trusted that God could help and it didn't matter that he had wealth and prestige. He humbled himself for the sake of his daughter's life.

A final father from the Bible that is impressive is the one who had two sons, one of whom went astray. This is, of course, the story told by Jesus of the Prodigal Son. The father in the parable teaches his two sons powerful lessons of love: the one who went astray who discovered that his father's care came to him even when he had run away from it and the other who struggled to understand such extravagant love in the face of his brother's failures and his own fidelity. The father in the story, like God, *never* gave up on either of his children.

On Father's Day, let us remember that we have been given a heritage of dedication and faithfulness from the fathers we encounter in the Bible and from those fathers who exemplify the best qualities of parenting.

*A Statement from the American Bible Society*

## What, Where and When? Community Events of Interest

**Canada Day on the Waterfront** - Celebrate July 1<sup>st</sup> at Thunder Bay's biggest annual one-day event! Programming runs from 5 - 11 p.m., culminating in the area's biggest fireworks display. Contact [volunteer@thunderbay.ca](mailto:volunteer@thunderbay.ca) for information on volunteer opportunities.



**Staal Foundation Open** - It all happens from July 9 -15 at Whitewater Golf Club. Admission: \$10 daily or \$30 for the week; children 14 and under FREE. For ticket sale locations, go to [www.staalopen.ca](http://www.staalopen.ca). Volunteer and caddie registrations are still being accepted as well.



# The Top Ten Sayings of A Wise Father

**T**oday (Sunday) is a very special day. It is **Father's Day**. This is the day when we tell our father that we love him and say, "Thank you" for all of the things he does for us each day.

How many of you listen to the wise things that your father says to you? After all, your father is older, has far more experience, and is much wiser than you are. Here is a list of the top ten sayings of a wise father. You have probably heard many of these wise sayings from the lips of your very own dad (and some from your mom as well—LOL). ☺

10. Why? Because I said so, that's why!
9. Just wait 'till you have kids of your own.
8. What did I just get finished telling you?
7. This is going to hurt me more than it does you.
6. Do I look like I'm made out of money?
5. Not now, I'm watching the game.
4. When you break your leg, don't come running to me!
3. No! We are NOT lost.
2. Be quiet! Can't you see I'm trying to think?

And number one on the list of the top ten sayings of a wise father is...

1. How should I know? Ask your mother!

Well, maybe your dad doesn't always have all the right answers, but God has blessed most of you with a Godly father, and He has commanded you to show Him honour and respect. You should also remember to pray for your earthly father and ask God to give him the wisdom he needs to train you in the way that God wants you to grow.

It would also be a good thing to say a word of thanks to your father. Thank him for providing for your physical needs -- the house you live in, the food you eat, the clothes you wear. Thank him for the wisdom he shares -- even though he may not always have all the answers. Finally, thank him for living a Godly life and setting a good example for you to follow.

Dear Jesus, we thank You for our fathers and we pray that You will bless them with the wisdom needed to be good fathers.

Source: [www.sermons4kids.com](http://www.sermons4kids.com)



## The Fatherhood of God: Shedding New Light on a Familiar Theme

**T**hough it is not, strictly speaking a religious holiday, Father's Day gives us the opportunity to reflect upon a familiar theme in our tradition. In fact, Jesus never spoke about the fatherhood of God. He addressed God personally as Abba, father; He chose the Aramaic word which implies something deeper, more direct than is implied in our abstraction, "fatherhood." In calling God His father, Jesus signified that we are created individually in God's image. Our relationship with God is as close and as direct as that between any parent and child. Just as most fathers know their own children personally, so Jesus gave new meaning to the idea that God is our Father. In this regard we can believe that Jesus was speaking from the depths of His personal experience. He was speaking as the first-born son of a carpenter from Nazareth, and from the depth of that relationship. In order to see the true meaning of what Jesus was saying, we need to explore his relationship to Joseph, for it lies at the root and source of all that we believe.

In fact, we know very little about Joseph. The early church took pains to suppress the memory of Christ's biological father. We must read between the lines of the Gospel and reconstruct one of history's most important and interesting relationships. Though he is depicted in early Christian art simply as the carpenter, we remember that Scriptures identify Joseph as a descendant of the great kings David and Solomon. With this tradition of royalty in his blood, Joseph may have responded with real hope to Mary's dream that their first-born son would one day be the king of kings.



Because it was not safe to return to their own land, Joseph may have kept his family in Egypt for several years, raising the young boy in what amounted to a refugee camp in a foreign land. According to custom, it was Joseph's role to teach Jesus the mysteries of the Scriptures and tell him the legends of Israel's past. And this he accomplished during their long sojourn in Egypt. Most importantly Joseph spoke to his son about the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. As a child, Jesus would have learned about God from his parents and he would have worked out his own understanding of God in the context of their family relationships. Once they returned to Nazareth, Joseph taught his son the profession of a carpenter. In those days a carpenter was a professional of high standing in the community. He was the chief supplier of fuel for cooking and heating; he supplied parts for farm equipment, hardwood for chests, softwood for baskets. The carpenter was a planter of trees, responsible for maintaining the forests so that people would have all the wood and lumber they needed in future generations. And in that era, the carpenter was a builder and an architect.

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Joseph knew how to lay a foundation, design and erect walls and ceilings for a one family house, or a larger public building. The popular paintings of Joseph working with Jesus in the solitude of the carpenter's shop are somewhat misleading, for as we have seen, carpentry involved a great deal more: cutting and trimming of trees in the forests, building measuring or making the calculations as a modern engineer would do, managing the forests. And Joseph introduced Jesus to this active and demanding profession at an early age. Without doubt the lessons which Jesus learned as his father's right hand influenced the young man's thinking.

With all this in view, it is remarkable that Joseph's name is not even mentioned in the main narratives of the New Testament. In the tradition of Christian piety, we hear a great deal about Mary, but Joseph remains a shadowy figure, at one remove from the real drama. However, when Jesus wanted to express Himself, He drew from His experience at the right hand of Joseph. Jesus knew how to use His observations of the world to interpret the mysteries of God. And it is at this theological level that the father-son relationship made its deepest impression. If Joseph had not provided such a strong example, it is doubtful that Jesus could have imagined God as "Abba," father, and if Joseph had not loved him so well, it is unlikely that Jesus could have preached so powerfully about the love of God. ■