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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH UPDATES- 2nd AUGUST, 2026

PARISH MINISTRY

Mass Intentions/Activities

01 Aug.	Sat	**6:30pm**	Holy Mass	**05 Aug.**	Wed	**6:00pm**	No Mass
		7:30pm	Syro-Malabar Mass	**06 Aug.**	Thu	**6.00pm**	**+ P R Varghese**
02 Aug.	Sun	**10.00am**		**07 Aug.**	Fri	**6.00pm**	Holy Mass & Adoration
03 Aug.	Mon	**6:00pm**		**08 Aug.**	Sat	**6:30pm**	
04 Aug.	Tue	**6.00pm**					

Syro-Malabar Holy Mass on the 1st and 3rd Saturday at 7:30 PM. Adoration every Friday after Holy Mass.

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Mass Readings for Today:

First Reading: **Isaiah 55:1-3 "**Come, buy and eat!".

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps.145:8-9,15-18 (.16)** "You open your hand to feed us, Lord, and satisfy our needs".

Second Reading: **Romans 8:35,37-39** "Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord".

Gospel: **Mathew 14:13-21 "**All ate and were filled".

SANTA CRUZAN CELEBRATION AND FIESTA – AUGUST 8–9, 2026

The **Canadian-Filipino Association of the Yukon (CFAY)** and **Our Lady of Victory Parish (OLOV)** are delighted to invite all parishioners and friends to participate in this year's **Santa Cruzan**

Celebration and Fiesta, to be held on **Saturday and Sunday, August 8–9, 2026**. The **Santa Cruzan** is a cherished Filipino Catholic tradition that honors the **Blessed Virgin Mary** and commemorates the finding of the **Holy Cross** by **Saint Helena**. More than a cultural celebration, it is a joyful expression of our faith, bringing together families and the entire parish community in prayer, thanksgiving, and fellowship. Everyone is warmly encouraged to take part in this special celebration. Your presence will help make this occasion a meaningful witness to our Catholic faith and a joyful celebration of our rich cultural heritage.

DIOCESE OF VICTORIA PASTORAL CARE OUTREACH TRAINING

Registration is now open for the free online Pastoral Care Outreach Training offered by the Diocese of Victoria. The nine-session program will be held on Saturday mornings from **September 26 to November 28, 2026** (no session on October 10). It is open to anyone interested in learning how to accompany and care for those who are sick, elderly, lonely, or in palliative care. To register by **Wednesday, September 16, 2026**, please contact the Diocese of Whitehorse at **contact@rcdw.ca** or **867-667-2052**. For more information, please visit the diocesan website or contact the office.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

Parents who wish to prepare their children for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the coming year are kindly requested to register their names with the parish. This will assist us in planning the program and arranging the necessary materials and books. Application forms are available at the entrance of the Church.

NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

As we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15, we will begin a novena in honour of Our Blessed Mother on August 6, followed by Holy Mass. Let us join together in prayer and devotion as we seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, prepare our hearts to celebrate this beautiful feast of our faith, and entrust our families to her loving care.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

01 Aug. - *Memorial:* **St. John Mary Vianney –** known as Curé of Ars, and a patron of parish priests.

Aug. 05 - *Ferial:* **Blessed Frédéric Jansoone -** helped developed Notre-Dame-du-Cap at Cap-de-la Madeleine.

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major – this Basilica, built in the fourth century under Pope Liberius, was first called the Liberian Basilica.

Aug. 06 – *Feast:* **Transfiguration of the Lord –** has been observed on this day by the universal Church since the 15th century.

Aug. 07- *Ferial*: **St. Sixtus II and Companion Deacons –** were put to death in catacomb where they celebrated Mass.

St. Cajetan – in 1524, formed a society of clerks regular called the Theatines.

Aug. 08 – *Memorial:* **St. Dominic –** founder the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) in 1216.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST:

For evangelization in the city – Let us pray that in the large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

POPE LEO XIV

ANGELUS

Liberty Square - Piazza della Libertà (Castel Gandolfo)
Sunday, 26 July 2026

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

At the heart of Jesus' teachings lies the mystery of the Kingdom of God, which today's Gospel likens to treasure and a pearl (cf. *Mt* 13:44–52). The parables convey the surprise of those who find something far beyond what they could have hoped for, so much so that selling or leaving everything behind no longer seems a sacrifice, but a gain. Indeed, from the very beginning, the evangelists portray Jesus' call to follow him as irresistible. It is a free choice, yet also urgent and capable of eliciting a ready and wholehearted response. This is a first important aspect of how God is near and makes himself known: encountering his Kingdom marks a turning point that does not limit life but enlarges it. If anything must change on our part, it is only so that our lives may be opened to greater possibilities, not fewer.

There is a second aspect that Jesus seems to attach great importance to: the one who finds the treasure hidden in the field is likely a peasant, while the pearl is recognized as precious by a merchant, perhaps a traveler. Two more parables follow, in which the protagonists are fishermen and a scribe well-versed in both the old and the new. Other parables compare the Kingdom to a woman kneading dough or tidying her house, to a king planning for war, a man designing a tower, administrators managing payments or investments, and to shepherds and farmers. In short, the Kingdom of God reveals its inestimable beauty in different ways, but calls everyone — men and women, young and old, rich and poor — to a profound renewal. Everyone is capable of understanding it and is drawn to it.

Today, too, the Church is a communion of people who differ in origin, culture, abilities and responsibilities. Yet all are called to recognize themselves as "one" in Jesus Christ: he is the hidden treasure, the pearl of great price, the net that gathers those who are scattered. From the beginning, Jesus called and gathered around himself people who would otherwise never have come to know one another. In this way, he demonstrated that God has no favorites, but instead offers his love freely, especially to the little ones or those cast aside.

Brothers and sisters, all we have to do is ask for this gift, the very same one sought by the young King Solomon (cf. 1 *Kings* 3:5, 7–12). It is the gift of recognizing the pearl of great price, of discerning the treasure for which it is worth selling everything. While the consumer culture influences our tastes, constantly creating new needs only to sell us solutions that never satisfy,

and that sometimes even poison the heart, we must learn to grasp what truly matters: the treasure of a relationship with God that opens us to joy and helps us to live our relationships with one another more fully.

May the intercession of Mary, Seat of Wisdom, direct our desire for life toward Jesus, so that in him it may find its complete fulfilment.

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