

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~Sunday, July 2nd, 2023~

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Saint John Paul II

Lessons on Suffering

Each day presents us with the reality that there is much suffering in the world. From natural disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, famines, to family accidents, sickness and deaths, humanity is faced with all these tragedies and often we are at a loss as to the question: Why does a loving God permit this to happen? Fortunately, for us we need look no further than the life of Saint John Paul II to unravel the great mystery of suffering. Through our acceptance of suffering as an eventuality in everyone's life we can unite ourselves to the suffering of Jesus' passion on the cross. His Mother Mary was also not spared of the reality of human suffering. At Jesus' "Presentation in the Temple", Simeon proclaimed to Mary, "And a sword will pierce your very soul."

As a young man Karol Wojtyla witnessed first-hand the immeasurable sufferings of World War II in his native Poland. This experience would shape his entire future and also his Papacy.

In the early days of his papacy Pope John Paul was the picture of health. In his athletic younger days he was a skilled soccer player as well as many other sports. For many years he was a vibrant energetic leader of the Church but, after the assassination attempt on his life in 1981 things began to change.

In the 1990's numerous physical ailments clearly showed that his life was now taking on the form of declining health and suffering. By the late 1990's his athletic stamina was gone, he had difficulty walking, his speech often slurred and his hands trembled. Yet, he refused to hide from his duties. Instead he embraced his suffering for the world to see right up to the day he died. In Pope John Paul II's Apostolic letter "Salvici Doloris" he concluded, **"This is the meaning of suffering, which is truly supernatural and at the same time human. It is supernatural because it is rooted in the divine mystery of the Redemption of the world, and it is likewise deeply human, because in it the person discovers himself, his own humanity, his own dignity, his own mission."**

Sources: *The Holy See, EWTN*



His Final Words
*"Let me go to the
House of the Father"*

Mass Schedule & Intentions – July 1st to July 9th, 2023

SATURDAY, July 1st - Canada Day

1st Saturday Mass in honour of our Blessed Mother - 9:30am
5:00 PM

Frank Garel by Anita Garel

Kevin Kiss by John & Kay Kiss

Margit Sztanko by Carla Bianco

Nemesia Malangis by Willie & Susie Due.

SUNDAY July 2nd - 9.00am

(13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

Dr. Joseph Leon by Meg & John Belcastro

Flora "Bernice" Pearson by Carl Pearson

Gordon Young by Don & Mary Ann Major

Luis & Theresa Sopczic by Family

11.00am - for all your intentions



TUESDAY, July 4th - 5.00pm - MASS & ADORATION

Carmine Colisimo by Franca Sdao

WEDNESDAY July 5th - 9.00am

Mr. KM & Mrs. SJ Pang by G. Pang

THURSDAY, July 6th - 5.00pm - MASS & ADORATION

For All Our Priests by G Pang

FRIDAY, July 7th Mass begins at 9:00am

Fr. J. Mulligan by Franca Sdao

SATURDAY, July 8th

5.00pm

Maria Grazia Chiochio by Maria Lostracco

Dino Lostracco by Carmela & Maria Mazzei

Lucia Bernardi by Joe & Lidia Labricciosa

For the well-being of Adele Cespite by Rosemary & Steve Lastovic

SUNDAY, July 9th - 9.00am

(14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

Deceased members of the Zsolnai Family by Magda Visi

Nardina Inneo by Rita Lowry

Carlo Nero by Olga Nero & Family

Dino Lostracco by Jimmy & Luisa Fazzalari

11.00am - for all your intentions

