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JULY 11, 2021

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sundays

9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Mondays through Fridays

11:40 am and 1:15 pm

CONFESSIONS

Lower Level of the Church

Mondays through Fridays

10:30 am until 3:00 pm

Saturdays

12 noon until 4:30 pm

DEVOTIONS

St. Anthony Devotions on Tuesdays

After the 11:40 am and

1:15 pm Masses.

OFFICE HOURS

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9:00 am until 6:00 pm

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10:30 am until 4:30 pm

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN

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Saturdays

12 noon until 6:00 pm

Sundays

8:30 am until 12:30 pm



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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- www.vatican.va
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Saints' Days and Observances

- Sun., July 11:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon., July 12:** Ordinary Time
- Tues., July 13:** Ordinary Time
- Wed., July 14:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- Thurs., July 15:** St. Bonaventure
- Fri., July 16:** Ordinary Time
- Sat., July 17:** Ordinary Time

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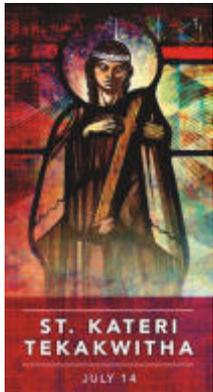
Weekly Goal	\$ 12,000
June 20-26 Total	\$ 3,822
Difference	\$ - 8,178

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



On Wednesday, July 14 we celebrate the Feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, the “*Lily of the Mohawks*.” As a young boy I was introduced to this 17th century holy woman through the deep devotion of my maternal

grandparents. My grandfather was raised in the area of Trois-Rivieres, Québec and as a young boy he learned about this young Indian maiden who had lived an exemplary Christian life. Though not officially considered a saint until 2012, she was a source of inspiration to not only Native people but many others in Canada and the USA. My grandparents had a statue of Kateri outside their kitchen window and prayed the rosary every evening as they knelt at the window and gazed at the statue. Living and working with my grandparents for many summers I learned at an early age of this remarkable young woman.



Kateri was born in 1656 near Auriesville, New York. Kateri suffered poor eyesight due to being afflicted with smallpox as a young child. Both her parents and young brother died due to smallpox. Kateri was adopted by relatives but her life was difficult due to her health and when she was baptized at 20 years of age she was persecuted due to her faith. She and some other natives narrowly escaped from the area around Auriesville on a

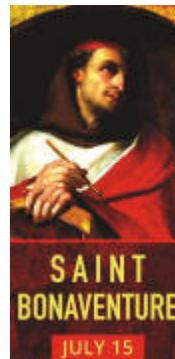
hazardous journey to a Catholic community at Kahnawake, on the St. Lawrence River, near Montréal. Living a life of prayer and devotion to the Eucharist she died in 1680, only 24 years old. She was beatified in 1980 by Pope John Paul II. Pope John Paul II had a great devotion to Kateri. He said, “*My brothers and sisters, may you be inspired and encouraged by the life of Blessed Kateri. Look to her for an example of fidelity; see in her a model of purity and love; turn to her in prayer for assistance. May God bless you as God blessed her.*”

On October 21, 2012 at the Vatican during the canonization Mass, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI declared Kateri as the First Native American Saint of the Church. In his homily at the canonization Pope Benedict said, “*Kateri Tekakwitha was born in today’s New York state in 1656 to a Mohawk father and a Christian Algonquin mother who gave to her a sense of the living God. She was baptized at twenty years of age and, to escape persecution, she took refuge in Saint Francis Xavier Mission near Montreal. There she*

worked, faithful to the traditions of her people, although renouncing their religious convictions until her death at the age of twenty-four. Leading a simple life, Kateri remained faithful to her love for Jesus, to prayer and to daily Mass. Her greatest wish was to know and to do what pleased God. She lived a life radiant with faith and purity.

Kateri impresses us by the action of grace in her life in spite of the absence of external help and by the courage of her vocation, so unusual in her culture. In her, faith and culture enrich each other! May her example help us to live where we are, loving Jesus without denying who we are. Saint Kateri, Protectress of Canada and the first native American saint, we entrust to you the renewal of the faith in the first nations and in all of North America! May God bless the first nations!”

I encourage you to learn more about this extraordinary woman who endured tremendous hardships in order to practice the Catholic faith. And I encourage you to seek Kateri’s intercession with God for the many Catholics throughout the world who today are also experiencing persecution, ridicule and sometimes death because of their faith in Jesus Christ.



Thursday, July 15 is the feast day of St. Bonaventure, one of the great Franciscan saints. St. Bonaventure was born in 1218 in the small town of Bagnoregio, Italy. A brilliant mind and great scholar, Bonaventure was also a humble and influential Franciscan Friar. Bonaventure assumed the leadership of the young Franciscan Order at a time of great turmoil in society and with the Franciscans and other Mendicant Orders.

Though often maligned as the destroyer of the ideals of St. Francis (especially by some in the First Order) in his policies Bonaventure favored a moderate position.... attempting to be faithful to the ideals of St. Francis (whom he had tremendous love and devotion for even though he had never met him.... For it was through his mother’s prayers to St. Francis that it appeared God healed Bonaventure as a very sick boy. Bonaventure while faithful to St. Francis also sought to preserve the developing Order as the Church urged. In following poverty he allowed for adaptation and evolution as the Order grew.

During his time as Minister General he wrote numerous spiritual works, biographies of St. Francis, lecture series and numerous sermons.

The last words of St. Bonaventure’s book, **The Soul’s Journey to God (Itinerarium)**, responds to the



question of how it is possible to reach a mystical communion with God.

"...if you wish to know how these things come about, ask grace not instruction, desire not intellect, the cry of prayer not pursuit of study, the spouse not the teacher, God not man, darkness not clarity, not light, but the fire that inflames all and transports us to God by fullest unction and burning affection... This fire is God.... and Christ enkindles it in the heat of his burning passion... Let us then pass over into darkness; let us impose silence upon our cares, our desires and our imaginings... let us pass over from this world with the Crucified Christ to the Father so that when the father is shown to us, we may say with Philip, 'It is enough for me.'"

Such a religious man would not go unnoticed by the Pope and in May 1273 he was made Cardinal-Archbishop of Albano by Pope Gregory X. It is said that as Minister General he was visiting the friars near Florence. He was washing dishes at one of the friaries when Papal delegates arrived with the official notice from the Pope with his Cardinal's hat. Bonaventure, wishing to complete his dishwashing chores, asked that the delegates hang the hat outside on a tree and he would get the hat when the dishes were finished!

An able theologian and administrator, he was asked by the Pope to participate in the Ecumenical Council at Lyons in 1274 in which church reform and reconciliation between the Greek and Latin churches was to take place. Upon becoming Cardinal Bishop, Bonaventure resigned as Minister General of the Order. It appears he worked tirelessly in helping prepare for the Council. He was influential in bringing the two factions of Greek & Latin rite Churches closer together during the Council. Having been in frail health most of his life he died on July 15, 1274.

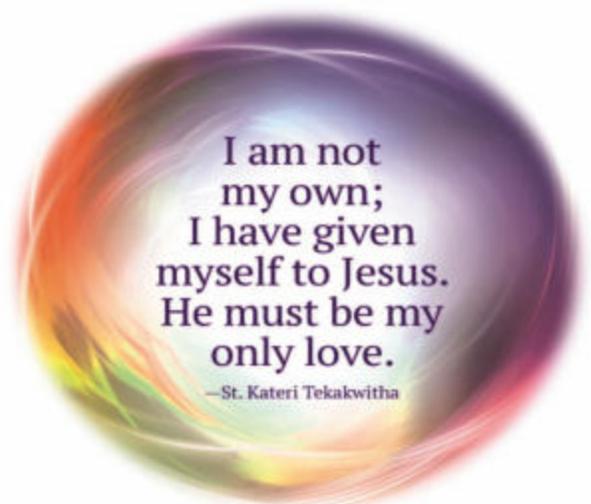
At his funeral, all the Council Fathers participated and it appeared all mourned his sudden death. He was canonized on April 14, 1482 by Pope Sixtus IV and declared on March 14, 1587 by Pope Sixtus V, Doctor Seraphicus. [Doctor of the Church]

Bonaventure was teacher, mystic, and able administrator. He was a devoted follower of the ideals of St. Francis and profound scripture scholar and preacher. Though walking the halls with the intellectual elite of the 13th century, directing and guiding the lives of the Franciscan Friars for many years, confidant and counselor to the nobility and ecclesial leaders of his time... Bonaventure at heart was a mystic who studied God in his creatures, in the scriptures, on the Cross, in the life of St. Francis of Assisi and in his own; he did this not for love of knowledge, but to put into practice in his own life, his motto:

"I do not wish to know you[God], except to love you and I shall study you solely to love you."

If you want to learn more about St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Bonaventure or other saints of the Church, ask our workers in our Book Store for some suggestions or ask any of the friars for some suggestions. As we journey in this summer season, I encourage you to learn more about some of the fascinating people who have sought to follow the teachings of Christ and give us an example for our day of the many ways to follow Jesus.

Fr. Michael



A Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.



O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

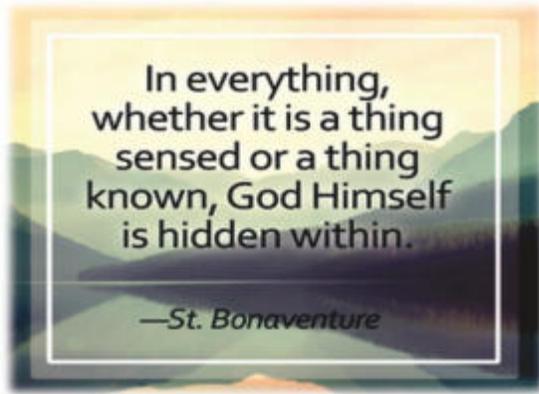
To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

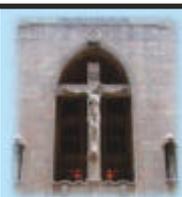


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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Amos 7:12-15; Eph. 1:3-14; Mk. 6:7-13

They say that “life is what happens while we’re busy making other plans.” In the movie “*It’s a Wonderful Life*” Jimmy Stewart plays a man named George Bailey.



From the time he was a little boy George had plans. He wanted to do great things, to travel to faraway places. But life gets in the way. A childhood injury keeps him out of the military. His dreams of going to college fly out the window when his father’s unexpected death requires him to take over the family savings and loan. He even gives up his honeymoon trip to save his community when a run on the bank almost destroys the town. Years later George finds himself still running his father’s business, and even a loving wife and children don’t seem like enough. George had plans. Now he wishes he had never been born.

Then an angel (well, not quite an angel) named Clarence appears on the scene and gives George a rare gift. George sees what life would be like – for his mother, his wife, his friends and neighbors – if he had never been born. It seems that God had plans for George – not George’s plans, but *better!*

“Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I was no prophet...I was a shepherd...the Lord took me...and said to me, ‘Go...’.” Amos was very happy tending sheep and dressing sycamores. But God had plans for Amos... and Amos went.

“Life is what happens while we’re busy making other plans.” God had plans for George Bailey. And God has plans for us, too. God “...chose us...before the foundation of the world...”. Clarence showed George all the good that had come from George’s willingness to do what he knew was right, even when it meant giving up his own plans. Are we as willing to give up our plans as George Bailey was? Or Amos? Or do we insist on having things our own way? Are we willing to go where God sends us, even when it takes us where we’d rather not go? Or do we prefer to just stay home and tend sheep?

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Aug. 9: SELF-CONTEMPT vs. SELF-ACCEPTANCE

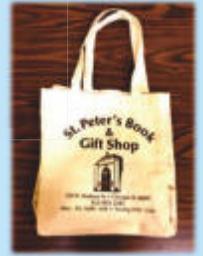
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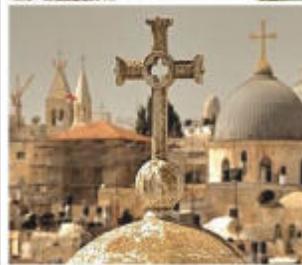
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