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As sons and daughters, we want to walk in the ways of our heavenly Father, to “be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” Grateful for His mercy, we’re called to forgive others their trespasses because God has forgiven ours. In the context of today’s liturgy, we’re all “Sauls”—by our sinfulness and pride we make ourselves enemies of God. But we’ve been spared a death we surely deserved to die because God has loved and shown mercy to His enemies, “the ungrateful and the wicked,” as Jesus says. Jesus showed us this love in His Passion, forgiving His enemies as they stripped Him of cloak and tunic, cursed Him and struck Him on the cheek, condemned Him to death on a cross (see Luke 22:63–65; 23:34). “He redeems your life from destruction,” David reminds us in today’s Psalm. That’s the promise, too, of today’s Epistle: that we who believe in the “last Adam,” Jesus, will rise from the dead in His image, as today we bear the image of the “first Adam,” who by his sin made God an enemy and brought death into the world (see [1 Corinthians 15:21–22](#)).

Yours in Christ, Scott Hahn, PhD More information at www.stpaulcenter.com

Crusade Prayer (163) Rescue me from Persecution

O Jesus, preserve me from the pain of persecution in Your Name. Endear me to Your Heart. Rid me of pride, greed, malice, ego and hatred in my soul. Help me to truly surrender to Your Mercy. Take my fears away. Help me to unburden my pain and take all persecution away from me, so that I can follow You like a little child, in the knowledge that all things are within Your Control. Free me from the hatred shown by all those who proclaim to be Yours, but who really deny You. Let not their cutting tongues scourge me or their evil acts divert me from the Path of Truth. Help me to focus only on Your Kingdom to come and to persevere, with dignity against any insults, which I may endure on Your behalf. Bring me peace of mind, peace of heart, peace of soul...Amen



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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY	11:00 am
Rosary	10:30 am
Monday	9:00 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	9:00 am
Thursday	9:00 am
Friday	7:00 pm
Saturday	7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Friday 7:30 – 8:15 pm
and by appointment

ADORATION

Friday 7:30–8:15 pm

Sunday Mass Readings

1 st Reading	1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25
2 nd Reading	1 Corinthians 15, 45-49
Responsorial	Psalm 103
Gospel	Luke 6.27-28

Submissions for the Sunday Bulletin
before 5:00 pm Thurs to
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Sunday Bulletin 7th Sunday Ordinary

Parish Priest: Father Jeyapaul Packiasamy



Dauids and Sauls

The story of David and Saul in today’s First Reading functions almost like a parable. Showing mercy to his deadly foe, David gives a concrete example of what Jesus expects to become a way of life for His disciples. The new law Jesus gives in today’s Gospel would have us all become “Dauids”—loving our enemies, doing good to those who would harm us, extending a line of credit to those who won’t ever repay us. The Old Law required only that the Israelites love their fellow countrymen (see [Leviticus 19:18](#)). The new law Jesus brings makes us kin to every man and woman (see also [Luke 10:29–36](#)). His kingdom isn’t one of tribe or nationality. It’s a family. As followers of Jesus, we’re to live as He lived among us—as “children of the Most High”...cont’d on reverse.

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Love of One’s Enemy. 27 “To you who hear me, I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you; 28 bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you. 29 When someone slaps you on one cheek, turn and give him the other; 30 when someone takes your coat, let him have your shirt as well. 31 Give to all who beg from you. When a man takes what is yours, do not demand it back. 32 Do to others what you would have them do to you. 33 If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. 34 If you do good to those who do good to you, how can you claim any credit? Sinners do as much. 35 If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what merit is there in it for you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. 36

7th Sunday Ordinary
02-20-2022

Parish Pastoral Council meets 1st Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August
Parish Financial Council meets 2nd Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August
CWL meets 4th Tues after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August

Sunday Collection 02-13-2022 = \$ 1,225.00
\$1,200.00 NEEDED...Thank you so much
Collection Count February 2022

Date	Lector/Reader 1	Lector/Reader 2	Gift Bearer	Alter Servers/Cross Bearer	Music
02-20-2022	Barb London	Joe Raskauskas	TBA	TBA	Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pal
02-27-2022	Karen Leslie	Janelle Durda	TBA	TBA	Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pal
03-06-2022	Cecile Gregory	Sharon Lagace	TBA	TBA	TBA
03-13-2022	Ron Major	Frank Wasowicz	TBA	TBA	TBA

Ash Wednesday Collection 2022

This year the collection will go to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund for the reconciliation programs for Indigenous communities within our archdiocese, especially for healing and reconciliation for communities, families, culture and language revitalization; education and community building and dialogue promoting Indigenous spirituality. See the Archbishop's letter on this CCCB initiative at <https://archgm.ca>

Feasts and Saints of the Week

Monday 02-21-2022 St. Peter Damian
Tuesday 02-22-2022 The Chair of Peter
Wednesday 02-23-2022 St. Polycarp

Quote of the Week

"Do not be disheartened by your imperfections, but always rise up with fresh courage"
St. Francis de Sales

Synod Listening Gathering

Final Listening Gathering

February 23rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm
in Parish Meeting Room

Mass Intentions for February 13-19, 2022

	Offered By	Offered For
Sun		
Mon		
Tue		
Wed		
Thu	Parishioner	Intention of Parishioner
Fri		
Sat		



Call Cecile Gregory with prayer requests urgent or emergency
587-202-8887

Wade Kaczkielo, Karen Leslie, Don Lozeron, infant Parker Nellis, Brooklynne Russell and for all the sick and needy in our community.

Old Palms... If you have blessed palms from the previous years, you may bring them to the church. Thank you

'Ask the Archbishop' Video Series

In our most recent Ask the Archbishop videos, Archbishop Pettipas addresses the way the COVID-19 pandemic has affected our archdiocese and way of life over the past two years. He also addresses two questions on the Synod of Synodality, with our local response to this synod now underway across the archdiocese. View the most recent episodes of Ask the Archbishop on YouTube under Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan channel Facebook link at www.archgm.ca

Our Archdiocese needs a Youth Minister!

The Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan is seeking a Youth Minister to direct and coordinate a strong, faith-filled youth ministry aimed at helping youth grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. The position is Full Time and is based in Grande Prairie and requires travel across the Archdiocese. We are looking to that unique person who has the spirit and heart to organize and run an engaging youth ministry. Send your resume and cover letter to exec.agm@live.ca See all the details on the website <https://archgm.ca/job-opportunities>

Do you have an announcement? What's going on? Get the word out and have your announcement posted here in the Sunday Bulletin as well as being seen on Facebook and on our parish website. Email your details to icccparish@gmail.com or call Father Jeyapaul at 780-805-0423
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