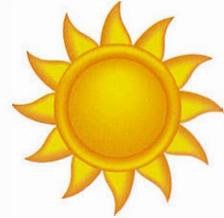


LIVING FAITH

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY Matthew 10:37-42

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.' Newfoundlanders have always been known as hospitable people. We have welcomed strangers from other communities, as well as from other countries. We have taken very seriously Jesus' words, "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me."

Today, when millions of people in our world are on the move, as migrants or refugees displaced by war and violence, famine, and climate change, dispossessed of their land by greed and terror, we are faced with an unprecedented opportunity to welcome Jesus. Jesus bears the face of each and every one. When they cry, it is Jesus who cries. We cannot reach out to every one, but we can make our voices heard in support of our sisters and brothers who are migrants and refugees. We can welcome some of them into our communities, our homes and our hearts. So long as we do it for one of these, the little ones, we do it to Him.

BLESSINGS FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

TAKE TIME...

Take time to claim your strength; this is a gift from God.

Take time to have fun; it is God's way of teaching you your strengths.

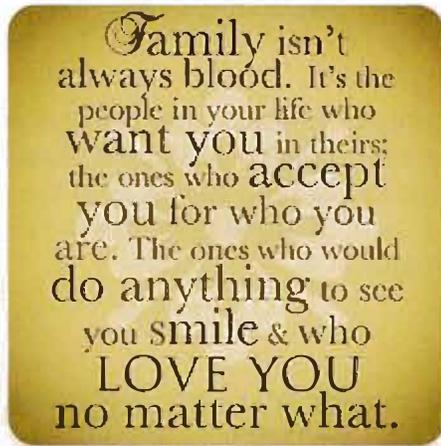
Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.

Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.

Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent.

Take time to share with others; they will bless you and you will bless them.

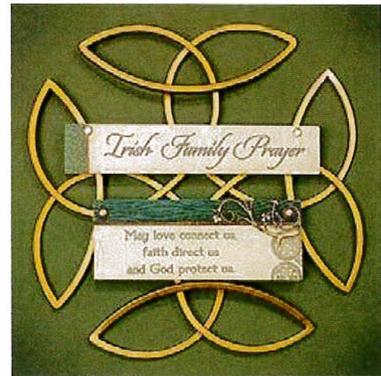
Take time to have hope; you are a child of God.



May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go. May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. May you talk with God every day. Amen.



Lord God, We put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen



Lord, what about you and me? I don't want to forget you just because I'm away from my normal routine. Keep close to me, Lord, and remind me that my relationship with you should never take a break. Amen.



I Believe...

THE MYSTERY OF CREATION (part 1)

Reflections by Fr. Gregory Carruthers, SJ

The One God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit has no beginning or end. At a "time" of God's own choosing, he freely decides to create outside himself. Creation is God's first and foundational revelation of himself. It is God's first invitation to us to get to know him and to enter into communion with him.

In and through his Creation, God makes visible to us his glory, that is, his beauty, goodness, power and wisdom. God also creates for his glory the angels who are invisible.

Creation did not just happen. God creates everything 'out of nothing'. He did not need any help or anything to work with. God does not create and then sit back to see what happens. God remains in an on-going, caring relationship with his beloved Creation. The scientific principle of evolution does not contradict God as Creator. As Pope St. John-Paul 2 said: "Evolution is part of God's plan for Creation."



JULY 1

A DAY WITH TWO MEANINGS FOR NEWFOUNDLANDERS

A DAY OF MOURNING AND REMEMBRANCE

A DAY OF CELEBRATION



JULY 1—THE BATTLE OF BEAUMONT HAMEL

Of all the battles that the Newfoundland Regiment fought during the First World War, none has been seared into the memories of Newfoundlanders like the Battle of Beaumont Hamel, fought on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. The men of the Regiment left their trenches at 9:15 a.m. By 9:45 a.m. it was obvious that the attack had failed, because, as their commander said, “Dead men can advance no further.”



The Newfoundland Regiment had been almost wiped out. When roll call was taken on July 1, over 800 answered. Next morning, only 68 men answered their names - 324 were killed, or missing and presumed dead, and 386 were wounded. For a Dominion with a population of 240,000, Newfoundland had paid a high price, and the events of that day would shape the heart, minds and soul of Newfoundland and Labrador forever.

Today, a beautiful and sombre Memorial Park at Beaumont Hamel invites all to stand “where once they stood,” to remember, to give thanks, and to commit ourselves to ensuring that never again will war take the terrible toll it took that day.

JULY 1—CANADA DAY

Canada Day celebrates the anniversary of the July 1, 1867, enactment of the Constitution Act, 1867 (then called the British North America Act, 1867), which united the three separate colonies of Canada (Upper and Lower Canada), Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick into a single Dominion within the British Empire called *Canada*. Originally called *Dominion Day* (French: *Le Jour de la Confédération*), the holiday was renamed in 1982, the year the Canada Act was passed. The day is marked by celebrations in the nation’s capital, Ottawa, and in towns, cities and communities in all ten provinces and three territories.

