



SHRINE BULLETIN

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WEEKLY REFLECTION

Ode to the Elders

By Fr. John O'Brien, S.J.

A few days ago, on August 2, we remembered the life of Joseph Chiwatenhwa, who died on that day in the year 1640, in a field not far from Martyrs' Shrine. Who was Joseph? He was a married man who was among the first of the Wendat (Hurons) to ask for baptism. He became an ardent catechist, helping prepare more than 3,000 of his own people to be received into the Church. Admired by all the Jesuits, St. Charles Garnier wrote "after God, all our hope was in him!"

At the end of an 8-day silent retreat, Joseph wrote the following prayer that comes to us today:

"Now I begin to see that the reason you made us is because you want to share your love. Nothing attracts you as much as your people. Thank you for letting me understand you.

*You love us so deeply that all I can do in return is offer myself to you.
I claim you as my elder and chief.*

There is no one else. Ask me for anything you want. Just let me always hold you in my heart. I always want to feel you watching and protecting me."

Joseph travelled to Quebec on the annual fur trade mission, and met the future saint, Mother Marie de l'Incarnation, who seeing his great zeal, referred to him as "the apostle with the apostles".

Joseph was ambushed by enemies near the edge of a forest. St. Jean de Brébeuf had a vision or dream of Joseph being lifted to heaven in a kind of blanket. His widow, Aonetta, became a leader in the young Christian community.

On his visit to Martyrs' Shrine in 1984, Pope John Paul II referred to him by name saying that he and his family "lived and witnessed to their faith in a heroic manner." We remember Joseph Chiwatenhwa for the way in which he identified the Gospel as the fulfillment of his existing spiritual beliefs, and how it transformed his life. We memorialize him at the shrine by his statue at the native prayer garden, and the beautiful stained-glass window of him and his friend Brébeuf. Like Joseph, may we all claim Jesus as our Lord, and know that God is always watching and protecting us.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Holy Mass can be gifted and reserved inside of the Visitor Office.

Sunday, Aug 4

- 09:00 Delos Trino Family, et al.
- 10:30 Germaine & Perpetua †
- 12:00 Anna Choba †, et al.
- 15:00 Bohdan Kiersnowski, et al.
- 19:30 Trisha Bel, et al.

Monday, Aug 5

- 10:30 Hansben Bhat
- 12:00 Oteesha Leonard
- 15:00 Ranos & Dacpano Family
- 19:30 Hardik & Sharon

Tuesday, Aug 6

- 10:30 P.R. Vargese †
- 12:00 Ana Gomes †
- 15:00 Chitra & Nemish Rames
- 19:30 Theresa & Derrick Perera

Wednesday, Aug 7

- 10:30 Xavier D'Souza †
- 12:00 Palitha & Yvonne Hegoda
- 15:00 Hyojung Kim Dason, et al.
- 19:30 Palitha & Yvonne Hegoda

Thursday, Aug 8

- 10:30 Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- 12:00 Daniel Family
- 15:00 Gianna Di Censo-LePage
- 19:30 George, Ann, Santosh, et al.

Friday, Aug 9

- 10:30 Elena Valdez
- 12:00 Peter & Reynalda
- 15:00 Maxine Gates †
- 19:30 Martin Ngo On

Saturday, Aug 10

- 09:00 Antonio Batelho †
- 10:30 Anthony P. Antao †
- 12:00 Thomas Joseph & Family
- 15:00 Sunny Anthony †
- 19:30 Jane Balasubramaniam †

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

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| Guided Tour | 1pm |
| Rosary | 2pm |
| Stations of the Cross | 3pm |



SHRINE EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS

AUG 12

MEMORIAL AT CARAGOUHA
(SITE OF FIRST MASS IN
ONTARIO)
12 PM MASS

SEP 15

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
VISIT OF ST. POPE JOHN
PAUL II
12 PM MASS

SEP 21

FALL GALA NIGHT
5 PM TO 10 PM

SEP 28

FEAST OF THE CANADIAN
MARTYRS (*SHRINE
OBSERVANCE*)
ONE MASS ONLY - 12 PM

SEP 29

HEALING MASS
7:30 PM MASS

OTHER EVENTS

AUG 4, 11, 18, 25

YOUNG ADULT GATHERINGS
4 PM TO 7 PM

**CINEMA DIVINA AT THE
SHRINE (FILM SERIES) - 7 PM**

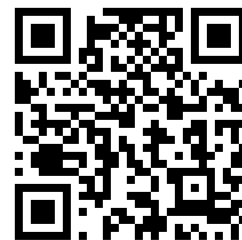
AUG 6 - PERFECT DAYS

AUG 12 - BAKHITA I

AUG 13 - BAKHITA II

AUG 20 - IN A BETTER WORLD

AUG 27 - TBA



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