Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's,

Before the divine Saviour ascended into heaven He promised His disciples that they should receive the power of the Holy Ghost and then He said: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Well, the summer months are at hand with happy holidays in prospect. Most of us will not go as far afield as "unto the uttermost part of the earth" but we shall be fairly well scattered. The point is, shall we be witnesses unto Jesus?

We shall be His witnesses if each Lord's Day we seek out an altar at which to worship at the Lord's own service, the Holy Mass. We shall be witnesses too if we seek out an altar where weekday Masses are celebrated. We shall further witness if we maintain our regular rule for making our confessions. We shall bear witness also as we visit Jesus enthroned in the Reserved Sacrament on His altar throne wherever we can find Him.

Should we fail to find these spiritual privileges available we shall witness if we express to some responsible priest or even bishop our heartfelt disappointment in not finding them. We shall witness too if we request that our souls be fed with the Body and Blood of Christ and that they be shriven by the saving pardon offered in the Sacrament of Holy Penance.

As practicing Anglican Catholics the more we acquire pleasure with our spiritual joys and the more we act naturally chagrined when these joys are withheld, the more we shall witness to Jesus.

Have you ever thought of what a wonderful opportunity you have during the summer holiday to "stand up and be counted" for the honor of our blessed Lord? If you accept such an opportunity, you will become a missionary indeed; and who can tell how many souls you may cause to yearn for spiritual privileges?

Now those of us who stay at home will witness to Jesus by our faithfulness right here at Saint Mary's where the Masses and Con-
fessions are only slightly curtailed in number during the summer months.

In any event, may God grant to each and every one of you a happy holiday — happy because you will witness to Jesus in the refusal to take a vacation from God.

Affectionately,

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CHRISTIAN, COME ALIVE!

By Following

When the much revered Thomas à Kempis entitled his great spiritual masterpiece "The Imitation of Christ" he was really giving a title to all genuine Christian living. And then blessed Augustine has so wisely written, "Jesus Christ came upon earth there to be an example of a perfect life."

Does this perfection make you want to shrink from taking Christ as your model for imitation and from following Him? If it does, just ask yourself the question, "But where shall I find a better example?" If you study the Son of Man carefully you will find that He was ever ready to submit to what you might call the "painful" while at the same time He promised grace whereby His followers might raise their inherent weakness up to His strength. Then again He gave us a model within our reach. We should quickly become discouraged were we asked to follow the austere John the Baptist, but Jesus Christ "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." What is more, He lived on earth our quite ordinary life; that is, He ate and slept and labored and suffered and wept and died. Therefore it is not without modest confidence that we can model our religion on His and so fill it with charity and meekness and reflection and love to the point of sacrifice. Too, we can with confidence and at various times during the day say, "Is this way in which I am acting and speaking and thinking the way in which Jesus acted and spoke and thought?"

Blessed Francis of Assisi was in the habit of identifying the coming of the Kingdom of God with the imitation of Christ. Now the reason why we do not find the Kingdom of God within us is that we imitate Christ only sporadically and for short periods whereas we must, as His followers, imitate Him all the days of our life. So often we get discouraged because of our failures. We find ourselves lying down by the roadside instead of pressing on the King's highway, in the sacred footsteps of the King, but Christ accepts us in spite of our failures and re-admits us to His discipleship and gives us the spiritual strength to follow Him more closely and more happily.

It sometimes happens that we give up following because we lose sight of our Leader. We lose sight of Him because we lack personal knowledge of Him. We neglect our meditations on the Gospels. Once we begin again to grow in personal knowledge of our
divine Leader, then we shall have the happy experience of discovering ourselves to be His fellow-fighters against all that is wrong and His fellow-workers for all that is right. And in our fighting and our working our knowledge increases until we cannot imagine ourselves as taking our places with those disciples who went back and walked no more with Jesus, but rather with blessed Peter who exclaimed, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life."

Perhaps we give up following Christ because we try to follow Him in every particular of His perfect human nature rather than by imitating one particular virtue at a time! Think what would happen to us as dear followers of Christ if we concentrated our attention for the next year, shall we say, on imitating Christ's kindness. How kindly He dealt with all and sundry! The penitent adulteress heard Him say, "Hath no man condemned thee? Neither do I condemn thee. Go and sin no more." The apostles asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane heard the music of their Lord's kind voice: "Sleep on now and take your rest. The spirit truly is willing but the flesh is weak." And when the kindly Son of Man would give His followers an all-important lesson in humility He said to them, "Whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat or he that serveth. But I am among you as He that serveth." The whole world of sinners still catches the echo of that kind prayer, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Oh, may we followers of Christ reflect the kindness of our Leader! Just as Jesus picked up many a thoughtless sinner by kindness who later entered the Heavenly City as a conqueror, so by a kindly look we may set many a soul going forward to God's glory who otherwise might have remained bound to this earth. You see, if we are kind we shall never be occupied with self. We shall rather be outgoing, genial and sympathetic even to the point of bravery. If we are kind, we shall never find ourselves on the defensive, for we shall have no self-importance to thrust forward and we shall not be forever holding out for our rights. What is more, as kind followers of Christ we shall so speak as to calmly destroy prejudices in others so that they will not even offer explanations (quite without reason) for these prejudices. Instead, they will recognize explanations as unnecessary since such explanations would only re-open old sores and these have no place in the aura of kindness.

Remember then the words of our blessed Lord, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be my disciples." Shall we glorify our heavenly Father by following Jesus? If we do, we shall then come to life as we bear the fruit of kindness and all those many other fruits that our blessed Model, the Son of Man, has made so attractive.

THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST (14)

AND then, St John records that our Lord warned us to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. This night is the darkness of Purgatory, the Church Suffering, when the season of earthly merit has passed. Many in the Church Militant served faithfully but not perfectly — some rested on their weapons when they could have fought more heroically; some were timid; some loved with a broken but recovered loyalty; others kept faith but fell short of perfect service in various ways. These (and this will include most of us) were not ready at the moment of death to be ushered immediately before the judgment throne of Christ the King as are those who fall on the field of battle as Martyrs, or those who burn themselves out with love as Confessors. And so our Lord in his justice and mercy permits them a period of purgation in which to wash the stains from their baptismal robes and the rust from their Confirmation armor.

The members of the Church Suffering in Purgatory are incapable of meriting for themselves — their work is done — but are still capable of sharing the merits of others. We may not think of Purgatory as a place of mere punishment like hell, but rather a place of "urgent love, glad hope and sure expectation" with a sacred rhythm of pain and joy — the pain of sin and the joy of blessed hope; for the Church in Purgatory is on the sure road to becoming the Church Triumphant in Heaven. A time will come (for Purgatory is a temporal state) when Purgatory will be no more and will give way to the blessedness of Heaven, for Purgatory is only a thoroughfare.

And finally there is the Church Triumphant where the soldiers of earth who have fought the good fight and kept the faith and have loved God, receive the reward of eternal happiness which is their due. Here is the company of martyrs, apostles, virgins, holy women, confessors and the angels of God; and above them all is the Mother of the King, the Mother of warriors, Mary, the Queen of the angels.
and of the Saints. Here the Mystical Body of Christ grows until it embraces that "great multitude which no man can number of all nations and tribes and peoples, and tongues standing before the throne and before the Lamb." (Rev. 7.10)

These three divisions of the Mystical Body of Christ are not independent but are a real Communion of Saints. There is a constant flow between them and each part is bound up with every other in a vital and intimate way, animated by the same charity and united by the Holy Ghost. First, a vital stream flows between the Church Triumphant and the Church Militant, for those in heaven in answer to our prayers can intercede for us at the throne of God. God has willed that His creatures shall be co-operators with Him in the work of Redemption. This is our greatest glory. The Body of Christ by its very nature implies the communion of member with member, as the human body implies relation of cell with cell, of head with foot. This does not mean that God could not have helped us without the blessed in heaven, but He has willed to help us through our co-operative effort for each other.

The second vital stream flows between the Church Militant and the Church Suffering in Purgatory. We can still help our loved ones after their death. Death does not break our bond with them; it does not cancel their membership in the Body of Christ. They can no longer help themselves, but they can be helped by us. They are the wounded soldiers carried from the battlefield who need our tender ministrations. So conscious is the Church Militant of her solidarity, so mindful is she of the Communion of Saints, that in each Mass she prays to the Church Triumphant for the poor souls of the Church Suffering. Any prayer or act of charity done out of love for God and for the intention of the souls in Purgatory will hasten their release. Just as we give physical help to friends on earth, so we may give spiritual help to friends and fellow-members of the Church in Purgatory.

The Communion of Saints is the doctrine of the solidarity of the faithful in the Mystical Body of Christ. The same blood runs through every cell of the Mystical Body whether in heaven, earth or purgatory. The Catholic never stands alone. Everywhere there is communion, traffic, exchange of prayers, merits and sacrifices, for we are all one in the communion of the saints of God.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ."

April 19 — Maria Beth Rosell

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"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers."

April 1 — Helen Kimonides
April 11 — Matilda Flemister Erwin

BURIALS

"Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest and may light perpetual shine upon them."

March 3 — Lucille Dunscombe
April 16 — Hubert M. Todd
April 28 — Arthur B. MacAttammany

THE altar flowers for the months of June, July, August and September are given in memory of the following:

June 7 — The Second Sunday after Trinity. Augusta Emma Dinter.
June 14 — The Third Sunday after Trinity. Lucy Ely Thayer.
June 28 — The Fifth Sunday after Trinity. Anicia Martin.
July 2 — Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Isobel Robinson Harding.
July 5 — The Sixth Sunday after Trinity. Madeline Schiller Bennett.
July 19 — The Eighth Sunday after Trinity. Cathrin Handy.
July 26 — The Ninth Sunday after Trinity. John Bruce Steele.
August 2 — The Tenth Sunday after Trinity. Claire F. Sulzberger and Willard Sulzberger.
August 9 — The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity. Eliphal Beard.
August 16 — The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity. Lilian Tompkins Blackford.
August 30 — The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity. Lucy Bouvé Thayer and William Holbrook Thayer.
September 6 — The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity. Henry and Catherine Coldham.
September 8 — Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Glover Crane Arnold.
September 13 — The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity. Lela Moreland Meadors.
September 27 — The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity. John Michael Root.

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SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAYS

June, July, August and September

Low Masses .......................................................... 7 and 9 a.m.
Morning Prayer ......................................................... 8:40 a.m.
High Mass with Sermon ........................................... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer, address and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (St Francis' Altar) ........................................ 8:00 p.m.

WEEK DAYS

Low Masses, daily .............................................. 7 and 8 a.m.

Also on Wednesdays and greater Holy Days as follows: ........................................ 9:30 a.m.

June 11 — St Barnabas, Apostle
June 13 — SS Peter and Paul, Apostles
July 2 — The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
July 4 — Independence Day
July 25 — St James, Apostle
August 6 — Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ (Mass at 12:10 also on this day.)
August 15 — The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mass at 12:10 also on this day.)
August 24 — St Bartholomew, Apostle
September 8 — The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 21 — St Matthew, Apostle
September 29 — St Michael and All Angels

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Intercessions

Wednesdays ...................................................... 12:10-12:40
Low Mass (Fridays) ........................................ 12:10 p.m.
Morning Prayer ............................................. 9:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer ............................................. 6:00 p.m.
Holy Hour (First Fridays) ................................. 8:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS—Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Fridays, 12-1; Saturdays, 2 to 3, 4 to 5, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.; also by appointment.

The Church is opened daily from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. except on Saturdays, when it remains open until 8:30 p.m. and on Sundays, when it remains open until 9 p.m.

TRANSFIGURATION
The soul in Christ the Vine
Abides engrafted sure;
For in that Stock confining
It feeds on Life most pure.

Raised high in Him, as branches
Above the deep dug ground;
Gently its fruit enhancing
Cluster and abound.

Through Christ that soul is suited,
Its life transfigured, saved;
With confidence is rooted
Beyond the corrupting grave.

F.H.M.

SUMMER MUSIC

JUNE 7 — TRINITY II
Missa — Missa in simplicitate ................................ Jean Langlais
Motet — Cor Jesu Sacratissimum ............................ Michael Campion

JUNE 14 — TRINITY III
Missa — Missa in E ........................................... Otto Rehm
Motet — Ego sum panis vivus ............................... Antonio Caldara

JUNE 21 — TRINITY IV
Missa, Missa secunda ........................................ Hans Leo Hassler
Motet — O mysterium inefabile ............................. Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

JUNE 28 — TRINITY V
Missa, Missa Sanctae Lutgardis ............................. Flor Peeters
Motet — Caro mea ............................................. Antonio Caldara

JULY 5 — TRINITY VI
Missa, Missa in simplicitate ................................ Jean Langlais
Motet — Praise the Lord ..................................... William Child

JULY 12 — TRINITY VII
Missa, Messe Basse ............................................ Gabriel Faure
Motet — O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem ............ Thomas Tomkins

JULY 19 — TRINITY VIII
Missa, Messe breve ............................................ Guy J. Ropartz
Motet — Blessed is the man ................................ William Croft

JULY 26 — TRINITY IX
Missa, Missa in E ............................................. Otto Rehm
Motet — Ave Maria ............................................ F. Verhelst

AUGUST 2 — TRINITY X
Missa, Missa Sanctae Lutgardis ............................. Flor Peeters
Motet — O bone Jesu ......................................... Tomaso Bai

AUGUST 9 — TRINITY XI
Missa, Missa in simplicitate ................................ Jean Langlais
Motet — Tota pulchra es, Maria ............................ Marc de Ranse

AUGUST 16 — TRINITY XII
Missa, Missa secunda ......................................... Hans Leo Hassler
Motet — Ave Maria ............................................. Jacob Arcadelt

AUGUST 23 — TRINITY XIII
Missa, Missa in E ............................................. Otto Rehm
Motet — Give ear unto me .................................... Benedetto Marcello

AUGUST 30 — TRINITY XIV
Missa, Missa Misericordias Domini ........................ Josef Gabriel Rheinberger
Motet — O mysterium inefabile .............................. Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

SEPTEMBER 6 — TRINITY XV
Missa, Missa secunda ......................................... Hans Leo Hassler
Motet — The Lord is my Shepherd ......................... Thomas S. Dupuis

SEPTEMBER 13 — TRINITY XVI
Missa, Missa Misericordias Domini ........................ Josef Gabriel Rheinberger
Motet — Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way...Robert Nares

SEPTEMBER 20 — TRINITY XVII
Missa, Missa Sancti Josephi ................................. Flor Peeters
Motet — Tota pulchra es, Maria ............................ Marc de Ranse

SEPTEMBER 27 — TRINITY XVIII
Missa, Missa Sanctae Clarae Assisiensis ................... Licinio Refice
Motet — Ave Maria ............................................. O. Verhulst
KALENDAR FOR JUNE

1. M. Of the Octave.
2. Tu. Of the Octave.
3. W. Of the Octave.
4. Th. Octave Corpus Christi.
5. F. THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS. Abstinence.

8. M. Of the Octave.
13. Sa. St Anthony of Padua, C.

15. M. SS Vitus and Comp., MM.
17. W. S. Botulpf Ab.
18. Th. St Euphrasius Syrus, D.C.D. Com. SS Mark and Marcellianus, MM.
19. F. St Juliana of Falconieri, V. Com. SS Gervasius and Protasius, MM. Abstinence.

21. Su. TRINITY IV. Com. St Aloysius, C.
22. M. St Alban, M. Com. St Paulinus, B.C.
24. W. NATIVITY OF ST JOHN BAPTIST.


KALENDAR FOR JULY

1. W. THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
2. Th. THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Com. SS Processus and Martinian, MM.

5. Su. TRINITY VI. Com. St Anthony Mary Zaccaria, C., St Vladimír, K.C., Octave.
7. Tu. SS Cyril and Methodius, B.B.CC.
8. W. St Elizabeth, Q.W.
10. F. The Seven Holy Brothers and Comp., MM. Abstinence.

14. Tu. St Bonaventure, B.C.D.
15. W. St Henry, K.C. Com. St Swithun, B.C.
16. Th. Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Com. St Osmund, B.C.
17. F. St Alexius, C. Abstinence.
18. Sa. St Camillus of Lellis, C. Com. St Symphorosa and Sons, MM.

19. Su. TRINITY VIII. Com. St Vincent de Paul, C.
20. M. St Jerome Emiliani, C. Com. St Margaret, V.M.
22. W. St Mary Magdalene, Penitent.
23. Th. St Apollinaris, B.N. Com. St Liborius, B.C.
25. Sa. ST JAMES, APOSTLE. Com. St Christopher, M.

26. Su. TRINITY IX. Com. St Anne, Mother of B.V.M.
27. M. St Pantaleon, M. Requiem 7.
28. Tu. SS Nazarius and Comp.
29. W. St Martha, V. Com. SS Felix and Comp. MM.
30. Th. SS Abdon and Sennen, MM.
31. F. St Ignatius, C. Abstinence.
KALENDAR FOR AUGUST


2. Su. TRINITY X. Com. St Alphonsus Liguori, B.C.D., St Stephen I, B.M.


4. Tu. St Dominic, C.

5. W. Our Lady of the Snows. Com. St Oswald, K.M.

6. Th. TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. Com. SS Xystus and Comp. MM.


9. Su. TRINITY XI. Com. St John Vianney, C., St Romanus, M.

10. M. St Lawrence, D.M.

11. Tu. SS Tiburtius and Susanna, MM. Requiem 7.

12. W. St Clare, V.

13. Th. SS Hippolytus and Cassian, MM.


15. Sa. THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.


23. Su. TRINITY XIII. Com. St Philip Beniti, C.

24. M. ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE.


26. W. St Zephyrinus, B.M.

27. Th. St Joseph of Calasanza, C.


30. Su. TRINITY XIV. Com. St Rose, V., SS Felix and Audactus, MM.

31. M. St Raymund Nonnatus, C. Com. St Aidan, B.C.

KALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER


2. W. St Stephen, K.C.

3. Th. Feria.


5. Sa. St Lawrence Justinian, B.C.

6. Su. TRINITY XV.


8. Tu. THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Com. St Hadrian, M.

9. W. St Peter Claver, C. Com. St Gorgonius, M.

10. Th. St Nicholas of Tolentino, C.

11. F. SS Protus and Hyacinth, MM. Abstinence.

12. Sa. The Most Holy Name of Mary.

13. Su. TRINITY XVI.


15. Tu. THE SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Com. St Nicomeche, M.


17. Th. Stigmata of St Francis, C. Com. St Lambert.


20. Su. TRINITY XVII. Com. SS Eustace and Comp. MM.

21. M. ST MATTHEW, AP. EV.

22. Tu. St Thomas of Villanova, B.C. Com. St Maurice and Comp., MM.


24. Th. Our Lady of Mercy.


27. Su. TRINITY XVIII. Com. SS Cosmas and Damian, MM.


29. Tu. ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

30. W. St Jerome, P.C.D.

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