



Connections

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If any serve me, the Father will honour them. John 12: 26

COMING SOON

On July 9 the Christ Church/St Bede softball team will play Holy Trinity at North Bridlewood Park. That's at 11 Adencliff Road, near Finch and Pharmacy. On July 16 our champs will play Agincourt Baptist at the same diamond. Looking ahead to July 23, they will face Scarborough



Baptist, and on July 30 the opponents will be St. Andrew at Corvette Park #2. This field is at 40 Corvette Road between Midland and Kennedy north of St Clair. Cheering spectators are welcome at all these games!

July 14 marks the annual celebration of Bastille Day in France, which you



probably know from reading *A Tale of Two Cities* in high school. This is France's national day, marking the

beginning of republican democracy in that country.

Storming the Bastille on July 14, 1789 became the flashpoint for a revolution, leading to the overthrow of the Bourbon monarchy, the execution of the king and queen, and the rise of *la Republique française*.

To celebrate Bastille Day, people in France wave a tricolor flag and sing "La Marseillaise," because both originated with the revolution.

They mark Bastille Day with fireworks, family parties, and a grand parade down the Champs-Élysée.

BY BIRTH OR BY CHOICE, WE ARE ALL CANADIANS

July the first is Canada Day, but it nearly wasn't. Way back in 1535 two Aboriginal boys told explorer Jacques Cartier he was on the route to Kanata, meaning a settlement where Quebec City is now, not the whole country. "Canada" comes from the Huron-Iroquois word "kanata", which means "a village".

There were other alternatives. How would you like to live in Albionora or Cabotia? These are only two of a dozen names suggested in 1865, when talks were held about what to call the new union of Upper and Lower Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.



Here are some notable dates in Canadian history:

- 1867** The British North America Act creates Canada.
- 1868** Governor General Lord Monck requests all Her Majesty's subjects in Canada to celebrate July 1.
- 1879** A federal law makes July 1 a statutory holiday as the anniversary of Confederation, called Dominion Day.
- 1917** The 50th anniversary of Confederation. The Parliament buildings under construction are dedicated to the Fathers of Confederation and to the courage of Canadians who fought in the First World War
- 1927** The Peace Tower Carillon is inaugurated.
- 1967** The 100th anniversary of Confederation. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II cuts a giant birthday cake on Parliament Hill as part of the celebration.
- 1982** Dominion Day officially becomes Canada Day.
- 2017** Activities are held across Canada to mark the 150th anniversary of Confederation. Charles, Prince of Wales, and his wife Camilla attend the celebration for the first time to mark this milestone in our country's history.
- 2019** In every city and town, at cottages on thousands of lakes, from the most northern settlement to the southern border, Canadians will celebrate our country on July 1 with parades and barbeques and family gatherings in freedom.



The original French version of our national anthem contains these words "she knows how to carry a sword, but she also knows how to carry the cross" and "she will defend our homes and our rights". Noble sentiments. In a time of turmoil our Canada is an example to the world of caring and diverse people living together in peace.



Scripture readings July 7 2 Kings 5: 1 to 14; Psalm 30;

Galatians 6: 7 to 16; Luke 10: 1 to 11 and 16 to 20

Readings July 14 Psalm 25: 1 to 10; Colossians 1: 1 to 14;

Luke 10: 25 to 37

Where has the choir gone?

When our 14-voice choir follows the cross in procession, we are lifted into worship and we leave the outside world behind. The music in the service is an important part of our praise experience, encouraging the whole congregation to sing with whole hearts.



Our choir, under the gifted leadership of Dennis Thompson, works faithfully to bring us beautiful anthems and soaring descants. We are fortunate in having excellent soloists as well as good choristers. Their contribution to the joy of feast day services adds an extra dimension to these already wonderful seasons.

So, where has the choir gone? You'll find them sitting beside you in the congregation during July and August, still singing but now enjoying a few weeks of rest after a busy season.

Hindus celebrate Puri Rath Yatra

The Puri Rath Yatra festival is based around the worship of Lord Jagannath, a reincarnation of Lords Vishnu and Krishna. It commemorates his annual visit to his birthplace from the Jagannath Temple in Puri, Odisha, along with his brother Balabhadra and sister Subhadra.

Since the idols of these gods are made from wood, they're subject to decay over time and need to be replaced. The creation of new idols and destruction of the old ones symbolizes reincarnation.



The Rath Yatra festival begins with the idols being taken out of the Jagannath Temple. The three gods travel to the birthplace in three huge, elaborate chariots.

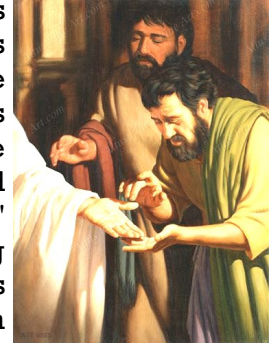
When the gods return from their journey, they' are adorned with ornaments of pure gold, before being placed back inside the Jagannath Temple facing the new idols.

Once a sacred and secret ritual is complete, the new idols are seated on their throne. The old idols are taken away and buried. Flowers and new garments are given to the new deities, food is offered, and *pujas* (worship) are performed.

This festival is celebrated in many cities around the world, including such diverse places as San Francisco and Venice.

THE MAN WHO DEMANDED PROOF

On July 3 the church honours Saint Thomas, also known as Didymus, meaning "Twin" He was the apostle of Jesus who is best known for doubting the resurrection of Jesus and demanding to feel Jesus' wounds before being convinced (*John 20:24-29*). This story is the origin of the term "Doubting Thomas." After seeing Jesus alive, Thomas professed his faith in Jesus, exclaiming "My Lord and my God!" presenting one of the first clear declarations of Christ's divinity.



Thomas was called to spread Jesus' teachings throughout the nations. While Peter and Paul brought the gospel to Greece and Rome, Thomas took it eastwards as far as India. Near Chennai (formerly Madras) in India stands a small hillock called St. Thomas Mount, where the Apostle is said to have been killed in the year 72 .

MILESTONES

On July 5, 1865, William Booth held his first "rescue mission" at his new Christian Mission. In 1878 he changed the name of the organization to the Salvation Army.

In July 1908, three travelling businessmen formed the Christian Commercial Men's Association and put bibles in hotel rooms. Known today as the Gideons, the organization has grown to spread the Gospel in many other ways, but their successors continue the original practice wherever it is permitted.

Your prayers are asked for these members of our faith community:

Viggy, Annet, Carol, Cathy, Barb, Dushy, Anne, Joan, John, Corinne, Bill, Myrna, Bishop Peter Fenty, Anna Roth and her family

