

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

DOING GOOD TO OURSELVES

But Paul shouted out in a loud voice, "Do no harm to yourself." Acts 16:28

The jailer, assuming all his prisoners had escaped, drew his sword to kill himself. Paul's shout stops the man from taking his own life. Eventually, the jailer and his family are even converted to the faith. I wonder if we need to hear St. Paul's word today. We may not be drawing our swords, but maybe we are doing harm to ourselves in other ways. What ways?

Perhaps we are overworking or not getting enough sleep. Or maybe we are eating unhealthy foods or drinking too much. Or we might be neglecting daily prayer, wallowing in guilt or constantly putting ourselves down. The truth is, sometimes we are more considerate of others and gentler than we are with ourselves. When this happens, we must recall the old maxim, "Charity begins at home." Charity begins by loving and respecting ourselves.

Do something good for yourself today.

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.

From: **LIVING FAITH**

Personal Prayer

Sun. July 4 **14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

UPDATE ON PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS

Please note this new information, following the Ontario Government's announcement: "**Reopening Road Map**" issued on **May 27th**.

- A. There will be **3 Steps** to this process:
 1. June 14th – July 4th
 2. July 5th – July 25th
 3. July 26th – TBA
- B. What this means for the parish:
 1. There will be no public Masses celebrated, on weekends or weekdays, at **St. Margaret's** or **St. Eugene's Chapel** until **Step #2** begins on **July 5th**.
 2. Starting on **Thurs. June 3rd**, St. Margaret's will be open for **Private Prayer, Monday – Friday, 9:30am – 3:00pm**. This is for all parishioners, from St. Margaret's & St. Eugene's.
- C. Please know that the elderly, those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions should be strongly encouraged to remain home. The dispensation from the Sunday Eucharist remains. A full list of livestream services can be accessed at: www.archtoronto.org

LOOKING AHEAD

* Please refer to special notice: "**Update on Pandemic Restrictions**"

Sun. June 6 **FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**

Tues. June 8 **Congratulations to our Deacon Robert Kinghorn, on the 36th Anniversary** of his ordination to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese.

Fri. June 11 **FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Sun. June 13 **11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sun. June 20 **12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** to all our Fathers!
- **2nd INSTALMENT FOR OUR SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN**

Sun. June 27 **13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Thurs. July 1 **154th CANADA DAY!**

- **Parish Office is closed** for the holiday
- **St. Margaret's Church closed:** Not open for

ONGOING DIRECTIVES

1. The **parish office is closed to the public**. Please contact us by phone only on: Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9:00am – 12noon, 1:00pm – 4:00pm or any day by e-mail at stmargaretofscotland@archtoronto.org
2. **UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION**
Obviously due to the present restrictions, it becomes even more important to have the e-mail addresses of as many parishioners as possible. If you or you know anyone who may not have already informed the parish office of your e-mail address, we strongly encourage you to contact the parish office during the above scheduled times!
3. **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) by appointment only**
4. **The Church dispensation** from attending Sunday Eucharist, for all the faithful, who are unable to attend Sunday Mass, continues throughout the covid-19 pandemic.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!

We will continue to update you as the situation

evolves, via our website and parish blast. We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. May God continue to bless you now and always!

GREAT APPRECIATION FOR GENEROUS PLANNING

Recently we have had two former parishioners leave a gift to the parish through their estates.

We recognize and thank:

MARGARET ANNE STINSON

and

HELEN LORRAINE McALLISTER

For including the needs of our parish in their estate planning. These two recent generous gifts are especially helpful, since we are experiencing such a desperate shortage in our parish revenue, due to this ongoing pandemic crisis.

We thank these two ladies, who made many contributions to the parish over the years, and now, through their estate planning. Like many who have gone before them, Margaret Anne and Helen, now join in, as Benefactors, who we will continue to remember in our prayers, as the faith community of St. Margaret of Scotland.

IN LOVING MEMORY

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of **Carmel Moore**. Carmel and her family have been members of the parish for almost 50 years. She has been an active member of the St. Margaret's Seniors Social Club for many years, serving as their well-received "Bingo Caller" during the last few years before moving to a retirement home close to her daughters.



As an active parishioner, Carmel served as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist (Communion Minister) and a member of our ShareLife Committee. Carmel will always be fondly remembered as a proud "Newfoundlander," who left her mark and made such a contribution to the parish family of St. Margaret's. The family has yet to make their arrangements.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2021

Living the Gospel by providing for those in need

We have all been affected in many ways by the Covid-19 pandemic. Many communities, as we know, have been severely impacted.

Did you know that, at most, only 40 per cent of families with a signing Deaf family member use sign language in their homes? That has left Deaf people at home during the pandemic particularly isolated.

Silent Voice is one of ShareLife-funded agencies that you support. Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, staffs there have continued to work hard for all of their clients, working remotely as mentors, and providing access to critical government health and education information.

As we emerge from the pandemic, let's not leave those in the Deaf community behind. When you give to ShareLife, you support more than 40 agencies doing vital work that is truly living the Gospel message.

Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife campaign. If you have not contributed to date, please consider doing so. **2nd Installment June 19th & 20th**

[Click here Video](#): **Debra McGraw** shares how Providence Healthcare has been keeping seniors in long-term care safe and engaged during the pandemic.

Please make your sacrificial gift through the parish office or at sharelife.org please give generously.

2021 YTD \$19,189 Goal \$150,000

Previous Results	Amount	Donors
2020	138,138	395
2019	148,555	821
2018	140,836	814
2017	146,628	802

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A GIFT TO YOUR PARISH

Our Parish is where we are married and bring our children to be baptized. It is where we come to be fed in the Holy Eucharist, be reconciled with God and the world, and hope to leave this world on our final journey to meet the God that we love.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 30, 2021

Offertory	\$1,271	PAG	\$925
Budget	\$8,300		(\$6,104)

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NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS & WEBSITE

We encourage you to visit and explore our new website.

stmargaretofscotland.archtoronto.org

NEW E-MAIL

stmargaretofscotland@archtoronto.org

Our new website, aside from being aesthetically pleasing, is more interactive, AODA compliant and is easier to navigate. We are excited of the new experience, but we know there's still work to do. In the coming months, we hope to continue improving the site that it best serves how we communicate with you.



CONFÉRENCE DES ÉVÊQUES CATHOLIQUES DU CANADA
CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Statement from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops following the recent discovery at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation

On behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCBC), I express our deepest sorrow for the heartrending loss of the children at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation.

The news of the recent discovery is shocking. It rekindles trauma in numerous communities across this land. Honouring the dignity of the lost little ones demands that the truth be brought to light.

This tragedy profoundly impacts Indigenous communities, with whom many people across this land and throughout the world now stand in solidarity.

As we see ever more clearly the pain and suffering of the past, the Bishops of Canada pledge to continue walking side by side with Indigenous Peoples in the present, seeking greater healing and reconciliation for the future.

We lift up prayers to the Lord for the children who have lost their lives and pledge our close accompaniment of Indigenous families and communities.

May our Creator God bless all of us with consolation and hope.

+ Richard Gagnon
Archbishop of Winnipeg and
President of the Canadian Conference
of Catholic Bishops

31 May 2021

attended a residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia. We pray for the children who died in Kamloops and in residential schools throughout the country – they must not be forgotten. We must also recognize the betrayal of trust by many Catholic leaders who were responsible for operating residential schools, abandoning their obligation to care for young and innocent children.

We all seek the truth and this tragic discovery provides yet another opportunity for us to learn more about this dark chapter in our history and the painful journey experienced by so many of our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

There is much more work to be done. Since the 1990's, many of the Catholic entities responsible for the operation of residential schools have apologized publicly for their actions and have journeyed together with victims on the path to truth and reconciliation. This includes the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the religious order that operated the residential school in Kamloops, which over the weekend again apologized for its role in the residential school system. Pope Benedict XVI also had the chance to meet with Indigenous leaders in 2009 to personally express his sorrow and anguish.

These actions do not erase our history; they acknowledge our past, force us to face the consequences of our behaviour and compel us to ensure that our sins are not repeated.

While the Archdiocese of Toronto did not operate residential schools, we join with the Indigenous peoples, the Catholic community and Canadians from coast to coast to coast in a period of collective grief for those who are physically, emotionally and spiritually wounded. This Sunday, I will offer Mass for those who died or were abused at residential schools and for all those who deal with the intergenerational trauma caused by this system. We must also continue to build on the tangible initiatives present throughout the country, like the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle, where bishops and priests, women religious, laity and Indigenous peoples are committed to walking together on a path to reconciliation.

As I have stated previously when speaking of abuse in the Church, the real scandal is when evil festers in the darkness. Once in the open, evil can be rooted out. That must happen. Then new life can begin. Let us journey

STATEMENT FROM CARDINAL COLLINS, ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO re DISCOVERY OF CHILDREN'S REMAINS AT FORMER KAMLOOPS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

June 3, 2021

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it."

(1 Cor 12:26)

In recent days, the country has been shocked, saddened and angered by the discovery of the remains of 215 children in unmarked graves who



together to find light through the darkness once again.
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.

† Thomas Card. Collins

Thomas Collins

Archbishop of Toronto

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS – JUNE 2021

There has been considerable media coverage and discussion in recent days following the discovery of children's remains at the former residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia. The discovery has reopened a painful wound for many in our country and has identified the need for all Canadians to learn more about our history, the role of residential schools as part of that journey and to seek the truth regarding all those who suffered and continue to do so to this day.



Archdiocese
of Toronto

The abuse of Indigenous peoples is a dark chapter in the history of Canada and the Catholic Church. While the Church has cared for and served Indigenous people in many ways, it is undeniable that some members of the Church undermined the dignity of First Nations people. There is evidence that much of this abuse occurred at residential schools, which were largely operated by Christian denominations.

This communication is intended to provide some context and address some frequently asked questions about this important issue. We must all join in the collective efforts on the path to healing and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

1. I am deeply troubled by the discovery of children's remains in Kamloops on the site of a former residential school. Who operated the school?

The discovery of 215 unmarked graves in late May 2021 will require further investigation to help seek the truth of who these children were, how they died and how they were buried so far from home. The school was built and initially operated by the federal government, opening in 1890. In 1892, the federal government asked a Catholic order, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, to take over operations, which they did until 1969. The federal government resumed operations of the school from 1969 until its closure in 1979.

The religious order issued a formal apology in 1991 in addition to paying settlements to residential school survivors.

An excerpt of the apology reads as follows:

"We wish to apologize in a very particular way for the instances of physical and sexual abuse that occurred in those schools...Far from attempting to defend or rationalize these cases of abuse in any way, we wish to state publicly that

we acknowledge they were inexcusable, intolerable and a betrayal of trust in one of its most serious forms. We deeply and very specifically, apologize to every victim of such abuse and we seek help in searching for means to bring about healing."

2. Is the Catholic Church assisting with the efforts to seek the truth in Kamloops and elsewhere?

Father Ken Thorson, current Superior of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, has reached out to the Tk'emlups te Secwépemc Chief Rosanne Casimir to offer assistance and to express sympathies following the discovery of the remains of 215 children on the grounds of the former school. Father Thorson has communicated that records from the Kamloops Indian Residential School are with the Royal British Columbia Museum and has indicated the order will assist in sharing any information regarding records at this and other locations where the order operated schools.

Among the groups of dioceses and religious communities that operated residential schools, there is a spirit of cooperation with Indigenous peoples with regards to personal records and information relating to the former schools. At the same time, there are also privacy rights, including those of Indigenous peoples who attended these schools, which need to be taken into consideration on a case by case basis.

3. Why aren't we hearing an apology from the Catholic Church in Canada?

There is no such entity as the Catholic Church of Canada. Each Catholic diocese and religious order is an independent legal entity. Despite this reality, in 1991, Canadian Catholic Bishops, along with leaders of men and women religious communities, issued a statement that "We are sorry and deeply regret the pain, suffering and alienation that so many experienced" at residential schools.

Approximately 16 out of 70 Roman Catholic dioceses in Canada were associated with the former residential schools, in addition to about three dozen out of over one hundred Catholic institutes (commonly referred to as religious orders). Each diocese and institute is corporately and legally responsible for its own actions.

Many of the dioceses or orders operating schools have offered apologies, dating back to the early 1990s. In recent days, many bishops throughout Canada have offered statements and introduced other initiatives to continue our ongoing path to truth and reconciliation.

A listing of some of the numerous apologies and other resources can be found at:

www.cccb.ca/indigenouspeoples/indian-residential-schools-andtrc/

4. Did the Archdiocese of Toronto operate residential schools?

The Archdiocese of Toronto did not operate residential

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schools yet we share the collective grief and sorrow as the result of any representative of the Catholic Church inflicting pain or abuse on an individual, especially vulnerable children.

5. Have Indigenous leaders met with the Pope?

Yes, in 2009, the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Phil Fontaine, along with other Indigenous representatives, had a moving encounter with Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican. In describing the meeting, Chief Fontaine told the media he hoped the expression of regret would “close the book” on the issue of apologies for residential school survivors.

Another attendee at the meeting with Pope Benedict, Edward John, Grand Chief of the First Nations Summit in British Columbia, said the Pope acknowledged the suffering of those who are still living with the effects of their experiences at the schools. In comments to the media he said, “I think in that sense, there was that apology that we were certainly looking for.”

The Catholic Church continues to work alongside and with Indigenous communities in order to foster an ongoing culture of reconciliation. There have been, and continue to be, numerous initiatives by Catholic dioceses, institutes and organizations throughout Canada to assist with support the ongoing healing and reconciliation journey.

6. I understand there was a formal request in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report for the Pope to personally apologize in Canada?

The Holy Father has already been invited to Canada by the present and previous Prime Minister. The Catholic Bishops of Canada, including the current and past Presidents of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, have assured the Pope they would joyfully and gratefully welcome him in a visit to Canada. Likewise, in a number of instances, Canadian Bishops, individually and collectively, have formally invited Pope Francis to visit, including with specific reference to Call to Action #58 (a recommendation of the 2015 Truth & Reconciliation Commission asking the Holy Father to apologize on Canadian soil within one year of the report being issued).

Pope Francis has encouraged the Bishops to continue taking leadership and assuming their proper role in pursuing their pastoral engagement and reconciliation efforts with Indigenous peoples, including ongoing conversations among the Bishops and Elders. This work builds on past apologies, dialogue and the desire to move forward together.

A formal papal visit involves a number of steps from both government and church leadership as well as significant

logistical, financial commitments and other considerations. No papal visit has been publicly announced at this time.

7. Will the Catholic Church pay financial reparations to those harmed by residential schools?

The Catholic entities that operated residential schools were part of the 2006 Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement (IRSSA).

The Holy See and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops were never involved in running the former schools. The “Roman Catholic Entities” named as parties in the IRSSA were legally deemed to have fulfilled the requirements of the settlement agreement by a judicial review. Following this review, the former Conservative government released the entities from further obligations – a decision which the present Liberal government did not appeal.

The 50 or so individual entities which signed the IRSSA paid:

- i. **\$29 million in cash** (less legal costs);
- ii. **more than the required \$25 million of “in-kind” contributions**; and
- iii. an additional **\$3.7 million** from a “best efforts” campaign.

Those same entities, together with other dioceses, institutes and national Catholic organizations, continue to be involved in efforts across the country to provide in-kind contributions, which go well beyond the scope of the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement.

8. Where can I find additional resources?

Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle is a Catholic coalition of Indigenous people, bishops, lay movements, clergy and institutes of consecrated life, engaged in renewing and fostering relationships between the Catholic Church and Indigenous Peoples in Canada. For more information visit: www.ourladyofguadalupecircle.ca

SACRED HEART OF JESUS – PASTORAL LETTER & RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are encouraged to read Cardinal Collins’ latest Pastoral Letter, “Heart Speaks to Heart”, a deep reflection on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Visit

www.archtoronto.org/sacredheart to read the letter and to access numerous resources that can be used in the home, school or parish setting. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is observed in 2021 on Friday, June 11 and you are encouraged to offer a special focus on the Sacred Heart in the month of June. The theme of the Sacred Heart, however, is pertinent throughout the year and the resources, prayers and reflections are helpful tools to utilize year round.

Heart to Heart – Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Thomas Collins – Resources for Church, School & Home

Cardinal Collins' Pastoral Letter on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, "Heart Speaks to Heart", offers thoughtful reflections on how our faith can help sustain and guide us in a challenging world. Visit

www.archtoronto.org/sacredheart to read the letter and access resources that can be used at home, school or in your own local parish.

Prayers of the Faithful – Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

(June 11, 2021 or for use throughout the year)

May our devotion to the Sacred Heart help us, day by day, to see, love, and follow Jesus. *We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.*

May we continue to focus on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to lead us to the very heart of who Jesus is, the divine person who took on our humanity, who journeys with us, who meets us on the road, as he did with the discouraged disciples on the road to Emmaus. May He guide us on a path to love and peace. *We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.*

May we nurture relationships of generous love, modelled on the Trinity, and made present in our world in the life of Jesus, especially in his generous love symbolized by the Sacred Heart. *We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray that we may be called to a sacrificial and generous love for others, represented in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. *We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.*

May the symbol of the Sacred Heart, the compassionate love of Jesus, remind us of our need to have a thoughtful and humane personal warmth at the center of who we are, a sensitivity which shapes how we relate to ourselves, and to God, and to those around us. That we may foster a culture of compassion each day, *we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.*

PRAYERS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

"The prayers of the Sacred Heart take us deep into the heart of our self, and lead us to God. We do not find confusing and over-complex intellectuality, but a simple 'heart to heart' with the Lord, in the silence of our hearts." - Cardinal Thomas Collins

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

Collect prayer of the Mass of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son and recall the wonders of his love for us, may be made worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace from the fount of heavenly gifts.

Morning Offering Prayer

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all of the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in thanksgiving for your favours, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father, Amen.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO'S ONLINE SESSIONS

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering online quick access single sessions. The single-session consultation is a quick and effective way for individuals, couples or families to address a mental health or relationship concern.

Clients who are interested in pursuing other or additional services in the agency have the option to access our ongoing counselling, wellness or group programs. Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of his/her inability to pay fees.



Online Quick Access Single Session Counselling For Individuals, Couples & Families

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering Online Quick Access Single Sessions.

To arrange for a session, please email info@cfstoronto.com or call 416 921-1163 or 416 222-0048. Leave us a message with your name, email and phone number, and a staff person will contact you.

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is a Catholic Charities member agency supported by ShareLife.



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW THE CATHOLIC FAITH COULD HELP YOU LIVE BETTER?

How it could help you find more *joy* at work, *manage* your personal finances, *improve* your marriage, or make you a *better* parent?

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THERE IS GENIUS IN CATHOLICISM.

When *Catholicism* is lived it is intended to be, it elevates every part of our lives. It may sound simple, but they say *genius is taking something complex and making it simple.*

Dynamic Catholic started with a dream: to help ordinary people discover the *genius of Catholicism.*

Whenever you are in your journey, we want to meet you there and walk with you, step by step, helping you to discover God and become the-best-version-of-yourself.

To find more helpful resources, visit us online at dynamiccatholic.com

Summary

Jesus' death on the cross is what defeated Satan and opened wide the gates of Heaven so that we who seek to follow Him can enter into that eternal rest. St. Thomas Aquinas says that "the celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross." Therefore, we as stewards should run to Mass as often as we can because Jesus is waiting to pour out the same love, mercy and grace that he showed on the cross.

From: **Stewardship**

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1st Reading: Exodus 24.3-8

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9.11-15

Gospel: Mark 14.12-16, 22-26 – *The Last Supper*

You Are What You Eat

We celebrate today the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi. The Eucharist is the center of the Mass and of our entire Catholic faith. St. Padre Pio said that "it would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass." Let us spend some time reflecting on the Eucharist so that we can echo St. Padre Pio and come to a greater understanding of the beauty of the Mass.

Let us first contemplate what took place 2000 years ago on Good Friday. Jesus' death on the cross is what won for us our salvation. It was the event that defeated Satan and opened wide the gates of Heaven so that we who seek to follow Him can enter into that eternal rest. St. Thomas Aquinas says that "the celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross." If we are able to understand just how extraordinary Jesus' crucifixion was, so too, each and every Mass opens us up to abundant grace and healing.

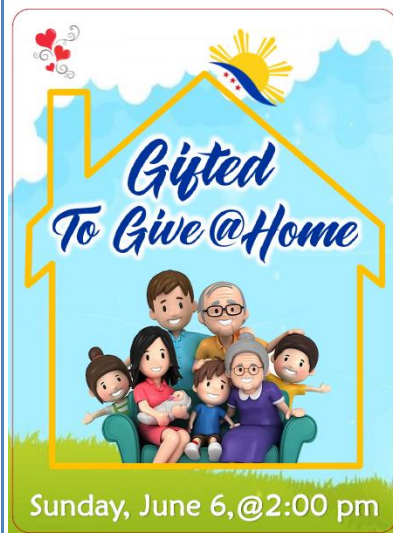
Moreover, the Mass allows us to receive the very body of Jesus and in doing so, become who we consume. We become another Christ in this world. As stewards, our goal is to imitate Jesus as closely as possible so that we can more fully share of our time and talents with our parish community. Therefore, let us run to Mass as often as we can for Jesus is waiting for us on the altar, waiting to transform us into better stewards for His Kingdom.

PHILIPPINES 500 YOC

GIFTED TO GIVE @HOME - A Virtual Talk for Families by Fr. Jerry Orbos, SVD

On Corpus Christi Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 2:00 pm ET on www.ph500toronto.com or on Facebook @500yocTO and YouTube

We bring back the well-loved Fr. Jerry Orbos, SVD as he delivers a special talk for the faithful in Canada. Fr. Jerry will tackle topics that impact the Catholic Filipino family. One of the great challenges in recent years is the attempt in secularized societies to attack the plan of God for marriage and family. *How do we raise a family during these modern times? How do you build a family of strong faith? How can we bring our loved ones back to the faith?* If you wish to have a family that's gifted to give, learn the 3 P's! As Fr. Jerry says, "**Make the rest of your life, be the best of your life!**" Don't miss this! Always check their website for other upcoming events! <https://www.ph500toronto.com/events.html>



A Virtual Talk for Families by **Fr. Jerry Orbos, SVD**



Specially recorded for the faithful in Canada, Fr. Jerry invites you to build a family of strong faith & **make the rest of your life, be the best of your life!**



JUNE 6, 2021

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF – India's COVID-19 Outbreak

India is reeling from a devastating COVID-19 outbreak. In recent days, the country has been reporting more than 400,000 of new cases and 4,000 deaths every 24 hours. International observers expect that the actual numbers are significantly higher. The medical system, funeral services and other social supports are unable to meet the country's needs at this time.

In response to numerous inquiries from parishioners and clergy, we are providing information for those who may wish to contribute to relief efforts to assist the people of India.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through **Development and Peace to Caritas Internationalis**, an international confederation of Catholic humanitarian organizations that is already in India helping those who are suffering during this COVID-19 outbreak.

Since the pandemic began, India's Catholic Church, acting principally through Caritas India, has been supporting some of the most disadvantaged groups, such as those with inadequate housing, migrant labourers, persons with special needs and widows. Relief services and materials provided by the Church, or with its support, include:

- ❖ **Food at kitchens and distribution centres in slums, at migration transit points, etc.**
- ❖ **Masks, sanitizers and hygiene kits to vulnerable communities**
- ❖ **Psychosocial support and hotline services to traumatized and grieving people**
- ❖ **Public education campaigns on infection prevention and vaccination**
- ❖ **Supporting the public healthcare system, including donating expertise, facilities and equipment from Church-run clinics and hospitals**

To learn more about Caritas' work in India, please watch this video: <http://bit.ly/CaritasIndiaRelief>

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- **Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org**
- **By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411**
- **Through the parish, making cheques payable to:**
Name of Parish – India's COVID-19 Outbreak – Disaster Relief

Please continue to pray for the people of India and all

*those who are suffering from COVID-19 worldwide.
Thank you for your continued assistance.*

POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS "YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH" December 8, 2000 – December 8, 2021

Message of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the occasion of the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker 1 May 2021

The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955 to celebrate Joseph, the patron saint of workers on 1 May each year. We learn from the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 13:55-56) that St. Joseph was a carpenter. As a worker, St. Joseph would have been gifted in his craft but dependent on others for work that would help him meet the basic needs of his family.

Since 1891, when Pope Leo XIII issued the Encyclical Letter *Rerum Novarum* in response to injustices to workers that arose during the industrial revolution, the Church has stated that the right to work, and the rights of workers, must be maintained and strengthened no matter the nature of the work or the stature of the worker. *The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* identifies work as a human right that enhances dignity, sustains families, and contributes to the common good of society. Work allows the individual to share his or her gifts, cooperate with others for the building up of society, and participate in God's work of Creation.

Of late, amid the Covid-19 pandemic, Canadians have become acutely aware that despite labour laws that protect workers, there remain many inequities and indeed numerous difficult working conditions for many of our brothers and sisters. We find this particularly prevalent among those deemed "essential workers," such as grocery store clerks, restaurant workers, factory employees, distribution centre workers, gas station operators, health care workers, educators, and migrants who labour in the farming industry – to name only a few. "Essential workers" do not have the option of working from home. Many of these workers do not have access to paid sick leave. Some who need to stay home face consequences such as loss of pay, a lay-off, or even dismissal. Many do not have adequate health benefits that would assist them in purchasing medicine and other supplies. This, combined with the fear of contracting Covid-19 at work and spreading it to their families, makes the situation untenable. Even if "essential workers" are not sick, when schools are

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closed, and children must learn virtually, access to affordable day-care is not always available. The parent is left to choose between care and supervision of their children and their jobs. This is a choice that no one should have to make. Furthermore, it must not be lost on us that many of our brothers and sisters here in Canada do not have equitable access to just remuneration, to living wages, paid sick leave and adequate child care. Collectively, we must heed Pope Francis' call to "review our priorities" and advocate for justice for all workers, especially those identified as essential. Work is essential for the life of an individual and of the community.

Another sobering effect of the Covid-19 pandemic has been the reality of increased unemployment in Canada. This is particularly true for women and youth. Many youths rely on the money they make during the summer and throughout the school year to offset the costs associated with post-secondary education. This lack of income has left many in a state of uncertainty and created mounting obstacles to continue post-secondary education. Those who graduated from college or university in 2020 find themselves without work in their field of study, stalling their life plans.

As we continue to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph, we are reminded of the words of Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, where he writes:

Saint Joseph's work reminds us that God himself, in becoming man, did not disdain work. The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters, and has increased as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities. Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!

St. Joseph, patron saint of workers, pray for us!

St. Joseph, patron saint of Canada, pray for us!

intimate union with Jesus that is the source of the vitality of the church. It conveys well St. Paul's central idea of the church as the body of Christ, a living communion of the baptized with one another and with the crucified and risen Christ in the world. The metaphor covers many aspects of the Christian life as something cultivated, pruned to maximize productivity, open to ecumenical grafting and, in the end, directed to joy, the new wine of love in the vineyard of the Lord.

One verb repeated often in the fourth Gospel is "to remain." The first disciples who followed Jesus home remained with him. Their growth and maturity required that they follow him and know him from the exuberant first days of discipleship in Galilee, then through the confusion and suffering of his journey to Jerusalem and apparent failure, and finally through the mystery of his death and resurrection. Just as the branch may take years to produce grapes, so the disciple must remain on the vine through seasons of growth to show results.

The author of 1 John anticipated the challenges of remaining faithful, especially from loss of confidence or even self-rejection for failing to live the ideals of union with Christ. Even if our conscience condemns us, God is greater than our conscience and sustains us in mercy and unconditional love. How discouraged the early missionaries, including St. Paul, must have been by the controversies and attacks they suffered from within and without. Yet they pressed on, remained in the love Jesus had poured out on them even when they were sinners. The history of the church is a miracle of mercy and a message of mercy to an obstinate and sinful world.

Dorothy Day often said that the goal of the Catholic Worker was not success but remaining faithful. God alone can produce abundant fruit through us if we stay on the vine, even if we do not feel successful or see progress on our own terms. How many reformers endured rejection and silencing in the decades before the Second Vatican Council, only to emerge as its architects? How many modern-day martyrs, both physical and spiritual, saw their lives and work cut short, only to bear fruit in God's time?

Intimacy with Christ is the one thing necessary, the contemplative source of all genuine results that build up the body of Christ. A single mature Christian positioned within a faithful community of disciples can inspire everyone in the full use of their gifts to produce

REMAIN IN MY LOVE BY PAT MARRIN

"Remain in me, as I remain in you"
(John 15:4).

1 John 3:19-24: John 15:1-8

The image of the vine and the branches provides multiple references to the organic growth and



astonishing results. God is the patient gardener who finds and nourishes such holiness. We can all experience it if we remain on the vine of God's love in Christ Jesus.

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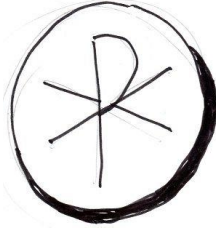
"As you sent me into the world, so I send them into the world" (John 12:19).

John 17:11b-19

In his second letter to the church at Corinth (2 Cor 11:16-33), Paul recounts his many sufferings for the sake of the Gospel. The list is long and brutal. He has been flogged, beaten with rods, stoned, imprisoned, shipwrecked, gone hungry, labored to exhaustion, faced every kind of danger on the roads, from the weather, from bandits, his rivals and enemies. Yet he counts his greatest suffering his anxiety over the churches. In today's passage from Acts, Paul predicts that in his absence, charlatans will attack the community like wolves within the flock, distorting the Gospel and advancing their own agendas for personal gain.

Paul has tried to strengthen them by being a good model for discipline and fidelity to the truth. He faces an uncertain future as he continues his missionary journey, knowing he has done his best, run the race and kept the faith. His story prepares us for Pentecost. Human effort, even from a steadfast and brilliant Apostle like Paul, has never been enough to establish and sustain the mystery of the church. Only the Holy Spirit can shape the culture and inspire all the influences that converge to proclaim core Christian ideals and values within world civilization.

The story continues in us. We can find both the problems Paul faced and the ideals he remained faithful to. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that he has consecrated them for the mission he is handing on to them. Consecration implies a personal call to holiness and the power to accomplish whatever is asked of us. Jesus begins his prayer for them, and for us, by lifting his eyes to heaven. This same gesture is part of the consecration of the bread and wine at Eucharist. Ordinary things, the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, are lifted up as the Spirit is called down upon them to make them holy. No longer ordinary bread and wine, they become the body and blood of



Christ, the Real Presence of God on the altar and in those who consume them.

So, God consecrates our ordinary lives, our best efforts, but also our weaknesses, frustrations and failures. Holiness does not remove us from the world or its problems. Jesus promises to protect and guide his disciples, but then prays to his Father, "I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the Evil One." The Our Father ends with this promise, that with the strength of our daily bread and the practice of forgiveness, we will not be led into temptation or handed over to evil. Holiness will prevail. We are daily consecrated in truth by reading and praying the Scriptures. The Spirit confides in us, and the Word makes a home in our hearts, prompting our thoughts and stirring our motives to live holy lives. This is the Good News.

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POINTS TO PONDER

If people in the year 2020 were on the Titanic, would they be saying "You can't make me wear a lifejacket."

Common sense is not a gift – it's a punishment because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it.

I swear we're fighting two pandemics:
Coronavirus & Stupidity

In a world where you can be anything – **BE KIND**

Kindness is the language that the blind can see and the deaf can hear.

Aspire to inspire before you expire.

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

Lockdown Truths (Part 2)

- ☺ I think I'm finally being grounded for everything I didn't get caught for, when I was a teenager.
- ☺ I'm so excited to take the garbage out. I wonder what should I wear?
- ☺ Remember all these times when you wished the weekend would last forever? Well, wish granted. Happy now?
- ☺ It may take a village to raise a child but it's going to take a whole vineyard to homeschool one.
- ☺ Anyone else getting a tan, from the light in the fridge?
- ☺ Silly you! You thought dogs were hard to train. Just look at all the humans who can't sit and stay.

Stay Safe and God bless