

THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

WHAT GOD USES FOR HIS GLORY

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1

The line from Psalm 23 sounds comforting, but I sometimes wonder if I really believe it. Do I truly trust that I want for nothing if God is guiding my life as carefully as a shepherd tends the flock? On some days, yes, when everything goes smoothly and my day feels like a happy sailboat on the lake of life. But then, there are the times when I do not even consider for a moment that I have a divine shepherd. I'm too busy wanting things – not particularly materials items. Most of what I want has to do with getting life to go the way I think it ought to go. When it doesn't proceed accordingly, I feel disappointed and out of sorts. This tells me I have not yet fully accepted this shepherding of God. Abiding faith is about believing every day, no matter what happens, that God has my back, leading and guiding me even when things don't turn out to my satisfaction.

Sr. Joyce Rupp, O.S.M.
From: Living Faith

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we come to the end of the summer schedule, we are happy to remind you of our **Parish Office Business Hours**:

Monday – Friday 9:00am – 12noon, 1:00 – 5:00pm

Evening Receptionist

Monday & Wednesday 5:00 – 8:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 30th – 8:20am

† JOSEPHINE LIU

Requested by Emma & Vito Wong

Wednesday, September 1st – 7:00pm

† JOHN MOLLOY

Requested by the Family

Thursday, September 2nd – 8:20am

† MARY JO MacLELLAN

Requested by the Estate

Friday, September 3rd – 8:20am

For the DEPARTED SOULS

Requested by Tellis family

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Aug. 29 **22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB

Fri. Sept. 3 **3:00pm Parish Office Closed** for the holiday

Sun. Sept. 5 **23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

Mon. Sept. 6 **LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY**

8:20am Mass; Parish office CLOSED

Thur. Sept. 9 Schools resumes after holidays

Sun. Sept. 12 **24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn

Mon. Sept. 13 Parish Office – Evening Receptionist

Resumes Monday & Friday 5:00 – 8:30pm

Sun. Sept. 19 **25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- "**Stewardship Sunday**" in Archdiocese, message from Cardinal Collins

- **41st Annual Terry Fox Run** across Canada!

Mon. Sept. 20 **FEDERAL ELECTION**

- "**Time to get out and vote!**"

- 71st Parish Anniversary

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish established 1950

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 AUGUST 22, 2021

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| Offertory | \$6,219.00 | PAG | \$963.75 |
| Budget | \$8,300.00 | | (\$1,117.25) |
| Canadian Mission | | | \$2,008.00 |

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF – NATURAL DISASTERS IN HAITI

The Archdiocese of Toronto has opened a humanitarian relief fund to assist Haiti, which in recent days has been stricken by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake and a tropical storm.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Caritas Internationalis, an international confederation of Catholic humanitarian organizations with a long history of disaster relief. Caritas is already on the ground assisting Haitians, as it has been when other disasters have struck that country. Donations to Caritas will be used for food, water, shelter, clothing and medical supplies.

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 – Natural Disasters in Haiti – Disaster Relief

Relief

Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti and all those who suffer after natural disasters. Thank you for your continued assistance.

RE-SCHEDULING CELEBRATIONS OF SACRAMENTS FROM 2020 & 2021

For all families, whose children were to celebrate sacraments in 2020 or 2021, this is to let you know that, we are starting to make plans for the **Fall of 2021** and the **Spring of 2022**.

It is **very important**, for all families concerned, to have completed a **Registration Form** for each particular sacrament, **including your email address!** Beginning in late August, we will be forwarding information to all registered families, via your email address.

NB If your child, has not already completed the necessary registration forms for: **Confirmation in 2020, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation in 2021, you need to contact the parish office, as soon as possible**, to have your email on our list, for the upcoming information.

TERRY FOX RUN FOR CANCER RESEARCH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

"WORKING TOGETHER TO OUTFRAN CANCER"



Unfortunately, after many years Fr. Andy will not be participating in the Terry Fox Run. So he will not be asking for any sponsor. Once again Fr. Andy wants to thank all those sponsored him over these past years! However, The **TERRY FOX RUN** continues and you can still share in Terry's Dream to find a cure for cancer.

There are number of RUNS throughout the Toronto area and there are pledge forms available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to participate. **For info or to donate:**

☎ (416) 924-8252

@ Ontario@terryfoxrun.org

🌐 Terryfoxrun.org

FEDERAL ELECTION RESOURCES FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

With a federal election scheduled for September 20, Catholics are encouraged to learn more about the parties and candidates seeking our vote. Catholic Conscience is Canada's non-partisan Catholic civic and political engagement organization. They have prepared a number of resources that will assist Catholics in voter education and engagement in the days leading up to the federal election. These resources can be accessed at:

www.catholicconscience.org/Canada-federal-current. All those eligible to vote are encouraged to do so on, or before, **September 20, 2021**.

BLESSING AT COMMUNION TIME

We would like to remind our parishioners about receiving a blessing at the Communion time of our Sunday liturgies. To indicate to the Priest, Deacon or Communion minister that you wish to receive a blessing and not the Eucharist you are instructed to cross your arms over your chest.

This is for:

- a) Children who have not received First Eucharist.
- b) Non-Catholics
- c) Catholics who cannot receive due to an irregular marriage or other spiritual impediments.

In this case of very young children we ask that a parent hold them up before the minister.

If all who wish to receive a blessing follow this guideline it will greatly assist our Communion Ministers.

REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTIONS

When requesting Mass Intentions at the parish office, there are two types:

Announced Mass – a date is chosen due to availability and the name of the individual for whom the Mass is being said, along with the name of the person/family requesting the Mass is posted in the bulletin during the week of requested Mass. (*Donation \$20*)

Unannounced Mass – there is no specific date given for when this Mass would be celebrated and the intention does not appear in the bulletin. (*Donation \$10*)

It is important to note that when requesting any Announced Mass, it is recommended that you contact the parish office as early as possible, as sometimes we have Masses scheduled two months in advance. For both kinds of requests, Mass cards are provided at the office for those making arrangements for these special Masses.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-8

2nd Reading: James 1.17-18, 21b-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23 – ***The Tradition of the Elders***

The Law of Love

The Pharisees were devout Jewish men. They diligently followed the laws of Moses and the traditions of the elders which were passed on to them, and yet in the Gospel we see them being rebuked for being the hypocrites that Isaiah prophesized about. Although the Pharisees followed the law, Jesus sees their heart and saw that their actions did not come from a place of loving God and his law, but of pride and self-reliance. He tells the crowd "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

In our desire for holiness, it can be easy to be caught up with the externals. As we participate more fully in the work of stewardship, it can be a temptation to share our time and talent because of the praise that we receive from the parishioners or pastor, and feel dejected when that praise does not come. Yet as Jesus reminds us in the gospel, our actions alone aren't what makes us holy, but it is what comes from within. As St Paul says in the second reading, "be

doers of the word and not hearers only." When we truly listen and allow God's word to take root in our hearts, we undergo conversion and our actions that come from this conversion will be out of love and gratitude for God.

As we listen to God's word, let us pray that we can allow it to take root in our hearts and transform us, producing within us fruits which we can share with those around us. Let us remember the words of St. Paul in the second reading, that every perfect gift comes from God. The gifts that we have come from the Lord, and we should share them out of gratitude for Him. Let us take time this week to evaluate the work that we do towards building up the kingdom of God, and ensure that all that we do is a labour of love, responding to the generous gifts of God has given us and not out of selfish desires to be noticed.

Summary

To follow the law means nothing if not done out of love, for as Jesus says in the Gospel, that the things that come out from within are what defile the person. It can be easy for us in the work of stewardship to no longer share our time and talent out of love, but selfish motives as the Pharisees were doing in the Gospel. Let us always keep in mind that the gifts that we have are the Lord, and that we share them out of gratitude for God who blesses us.

WHO BELONGS

When we talk about who belongs to a parish there are a number of criteria to consider. As you know the whole world is divided into dioceses just as we have countries, provinces and states. Each diocese is divided into parishes. Just as each diocese has boundaries to determine membership and responsibilities so do parishes.

Now a person can be a member of a particular parish in **two** ways:

1. It is your 'PROPER' parish where you live within the geographical boundaries.
2. It is your 'LEGITIMATE' parish where you live outside the geographical boundaries but however are registered and are attending on a regular basis.

Thus knowing the geographical boundaries of your parish is very important when it comes to such things as Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Funeral and Letters of Reference. To assist you, please refer to the official boundaries of St. Margaret's Parish as outlined by the Chancery Office of the archdiocese of Toronto. St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, Toronto.

Established: 20/09/1950 **Region:** CENTRAL Zone 3 – N Toronto
222 Ridley Blvd., Toronto, ON M5M 3M6

N: Sheppard Avenue West

E: Don River West, Yonge Street

S: Lawrence Avenue West, Avenue Road, Brooke Avenue

W: Allen Expressway, Wilson Ave., King High Ave., Invermay Ave., Bathurst Street

N.B. Are YOU registered in YOUR parish?

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

BRITISH HUMOR IS DIFFERENT

These are classified ads, which were actually place in UK newspapers:

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER

8 years old, Hateful little Bugger. Bites!

FREE PUPPIES

1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 sneaky neighbour's dog.

FREE PUPPIES

Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd. Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE

Worn once by mistake. Call Stephanie
