

## **THOUGHTS FOR SOWING**



### **AFRAID NOT**

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

John 14:27

This command may be harder than it looks for some of us. I am familiar with the problem of a "troubled heart" and being "afraid," sometimes for very little cause. I have felt guilty at times for the weakness of my faith, for not placing more trust in God.

But Jesus knows the human heart well enough to realize that it can be troubled and afraid; he experienced it himself in the Garden of Gethsemane. Rather, he emphasizes the word "let": Do not simply surrender to fear, allowing it to dominate your life. Take steps toward greater freedom.

How? Through prayer, certainly. Ask God to take away your useless fear. Turn to others whose faith is strong and learn from them. Seek professional help of necessary; there is no shame in that.

Most of all, open your heart to receive the peace that the world cannot give.

Mark Neilsen

From: Living Faith

#### **<b>¿**MASS INTENTIONS ❖

<u>Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – 8:20am</u> For The Parish Family of St. Margaret's & St. Eugene's

Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00pm SPECIAL MASS: For ALL OUR DECEASED PARISH BENEFACTORS

Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00pm
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ADDUN FAMILY

<u>Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am</u> For **DEPARTED SOULS** *Requested by Pia Gambin* 

<u>Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am</u> For **DEPARTED SOULS** Requested by Facunda Patricio

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Sun. Oct. 31 31 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn

- Third & Last Instalment of our ShareLife Campaign

Mon. Nov. 1 FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

- 8:20am Mass
- 7:30pm Information/Registration Meeting in church for parents of children who wish to celebrate First Reconciliation (Confession) in 2022
- Tues. Nov. 2 <u>COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL</u> <u>DEPARTED (ALL SOUL'S DAY)</u>
  - 7:00pm Special Mass at St. Margaret's
- Sat. Nov. 6 10:00 11:30am PARISH HOME

  CATECHISM PROGRAM meets in parish hall for review lesson #2
  - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS cl®cks

fall back 1 hour Sun. Nov. 7 32ND SUDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB Thurs. Nov. 11 **REMEMBRANCE DAY** 

- 11:00am "Let Us Not Forget"

8:20am Mass

Sun. Nov. 14 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn

Annual Shepherds' Trust Collection

Tues. Nov. 16 FEAST DAY OF OUR PARISH PATRON:

ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

Sun. Nov. 21 FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Guest homilist: Fr. Ray Douziech, C.Ss.R.

Thurs. Nov. 25 7:30pm CATECHETICAL SESSION in

parish hall for parents of children preparing for **First Reconciliation** in 2022

(Resource book available for purchase \$10)

Sun. Nov. 28 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

## 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 OCTOBER 24, 2021**

Offertory \$4,382.75 PAG \$963.75 Budget \$8,300.00 (\$2,953.50)

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS 2021-2020**

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Information/Registration Meeting (For parents or guardians of all candidates)

Mon. Nov. 1st at 7:30pm in church

Catechetical Session: (Fr. Andy) - For parents or guardians of all candidates
Thurs. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall

(Parents' resource book for purchase \$10)

## **BOOK OF LIFE**

The month of *November* is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Souls, having at its beginning the two great feasts – All Saints and All Souls. To commemorate your faithful departed family and friends you are invited to submit a page for the "Book of Life". This page should be 8½ x 11" and fit into a standard three ring binder. On it you may type or print the names of whomever you would like to have remembered in a special way at all of our parish Masses during November. You may decorate your "Family Page" in whatever way you wish as long as it fits the above requirements.

The "Book of Life" will be left in the sanctuary during November to remind us to pray, at church and at home for our loved ones.

"Let Us Not Forget"

## **SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN**

## "Live the Gospel" on ShareLife Sunday

This weekend is our last special collection for ShareLife this year.

Cardinal Collins reminds us that, "Our faith community has always responded heroically to the needs around us, particularly through our enthusiastic support of ShareLife.

We can help alleviate the suffering of those whose lives have been upended by the pandemic. Let us say yes to Jesus' call to live that Gospel by providing for those in need."

If you have donated to our ShareLife parish campaign, thank you! If you would still like to make a gift, please do so via our parish website or at sharelife.org. We're grateful for your generous support.

#### **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!**

Your gift will be matched

Here's how: for every dollar you give to the Parish Campaign, they will do the same. **That's doubling your investment!**From today through November 15, your gift will be matched up to a total of \$750,000. That would mean \$1.5 million in support of those in greatest need, thanks to your combined efforts.

Donations to date \$94,452

Goal for 2021 \$150,000

## **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**

Today, as we honour the saints, the holy people of God, let us keep in mind that each one of us shares in the communion of saints.

We are all called to holiness.

We are all called to sainthood.

We are all called to God's service.

No one is missing. No one is left out.

As we meditate on the saints, we see that they have one thing in common: they all strive to love and serve the Lord in their everyday lives.

We, God's chosen people, both know and make know God's promises when we live as a family of faith.

During times of loneliness and sorrow, we reach out to others for comfort. When we help others in their struggles, God's blessings flow back to us.

When we strive to love and serve the Lord in our everyday lives, we continue the work of the saints in our world. We are one family of God.

Let us thank God for all the holy men, women and children who have prepared the way to Jesus for us. They show us that God is in our-midst!

Josephine Furlong

# FEAST OF ALL SOULS' Becoming The True Self God Wants

## Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me. *Psalm 27:7*

There are souls who depart this life unfinished and unprepared for the next. They may be despairing or deeply confused ones who take their own lives, ones who died performing acts of violent hatred and greed, or any human being who still has more loving to do. The Church teaches that these souls need to continue their process of becoming the true self that God longs for them to be. These souls we call to mind and pray for on *All Souls Day*. We bring them to the Holy One as we cry out for mercy and for their deliverance from an unfinished state of transformation.

All Souls Day is also a call to each of us to look and see whether we are being the kind of person God yearns for us to become. It is time to look around at the closest people in our lives and see if we have loved them well enough. It is

sobering time to remember that we, too, will one day leave this life and travel on the next.

God of Mercy, complete the unfinishedness of all those souls who have died and who await full transformation and union with you. Have mercy on them.

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

# STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS A Steward's Way of Loving

"You shall love The Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Love – that is what is at the core of our Christian stewardship. In response to God's love and goodness for us, we are inspired to love Him and our neighbour.

Jesus isn't vague in his explanation on how we ought to love. Instead, he specifies in great detail that we are to love with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In essence, we are called to love with our entire lives. In order to love in this manner, it is essential to embrace a spirituality of stewardship. An authentic steward is called to offer the gifts of their time and talent to God and the Church.

One way in which we can love through the gift of our time is through our dedication to prayer. We are woven out of time, so what we spend our time on greatly reflects what is most important to us. As stewards, we should set aside a portion of each day that is reserved solely for prayer. In regards to our talents, we can love others by sharing these gifts with our parish community through various ministries. For example, if we have an ability to sing, perhaps we can look to join a parish choir. Let us take some time to reflect on how we can better use our time and talents to love God and our neighbour with our entire lives.

### Summary

Jesus teaches us that we are to love God and our neighbour with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In essence, we are called to love with our entire lives, which requires us to embrace a spirituality of stewardship. Let us take some time to reflect on how we can better use our time and talents to authentically and generously love Christ and the Church.

## **CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS**

#### **Traffic Camera**

A man was driving when he saw the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for exceeding the limit, even though he knew that he was not speeding...

Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed.

Now he began to think that this was quite funny, so he drove even slower as he passed the area again, but the traffic camera again flashed.

He tried a fourth time with the same result. He did this a fifth time and was now laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past, this time at a snail's pace...

Two weeks later, he got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt.