

## THOUGHTS FOR SOWING

### CROOKED LINES

*Even though you meant harm to me, God meant it for good... Genesis 50:20*

After Jacob dies, his sons fear that Joseph will seek revenge against them for selling him into slavery. But Joseph tells them not to fear. We might wonder, how could Joseph forgive his brothers so completely? The answer lies in his words quoted above. He does not deny the wrong they did, but he sees the bigger picture now. God used their wicked deed to bring about a greater good: the saving of God's people from famine.

The old Portuguese proverb expresses this belief well: "God writes straight with crooked lines." Even the imperfections, failings and evil of human beings can aid to bring about God's beautiful designs. Let us recall this when life does not go the way we want or plan. From ugliness, God can bring forth beauty; from failure, success; from death, life; from evil, good.

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.  
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, September 6<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am**

† MR. STANLEY LEON TAYLOR

*Requested by Emma & Vito Wong*

**Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm**

† JULIE TELLIS

*Requested by the Family*

**Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am**

† NEILUS McDONNELL

*Requested by the Eileen Murray*

**Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – 8:20am**

† BILL DAVIS

*Requested by the Wren family*

### LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Sept. 5 **23<sup>RD</sup> 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 **24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn

Mon. Sept. 13 **Parish Office – Evening Receptionist**

Resumes Monday & Wednesday 5:00 – 8:30pm

Sun. Sept. 19 **25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

- **41<sup>st</sup> Annual Terry Fox Run** across Canada!

Mon. Sept. 20 **FEDERAL ELECTION**

- "Time to get out and vote!"

- **71<sup>st</sup> Parish Anniversary**

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish established 1950

Thur. Sept. 23 **7:00pm FINANCE COUNCIL** meet for planning session

Sun. Sept. 26 **26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

- **Annual Collection for the Canadian Church**

Thur. Sept. 30 **NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**

*Day for prayers, reflection and education*

### 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 29, 2021

Offertory	\$4,094	PAG \$963.75
Budget	\$8,300.00	(\$3,242.25)

### 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.

### SPECIAL HOLY LAND COLLECTION

This Annual Collection which is usually taken up on Good Friday will be taken up this year on **Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>**.

The collection is taken for the support of Christian communities, the upkeep of the Holy Sites, and the formation of priests in the Holy Land. In solidarity with Christians throughout the Holy Land, please give generously to help this Church in its need.

*Please note that **ALL DONATIONS** to this collection go to the **HOLY LAND** and not the parish.*

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

**"WORKING TOGETHER TO OUTRUN 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 who 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](mailto:Ontario@terryfoxrun.org)

🌐 [Terryfoxrun.org](http://Terryfoxrun.org)

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION BEFORE YOU VOTE ON September 20, 2021

- How can we collectively work toward a practical plan to reduce carbon emissions by the amount recommended by the scientific community and within the timeline they call for?
- Besides fighting climate change, in what other ways should government be protecting Canada's environment?

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

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## **THE ENVIRONMENT CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME**

When it comes to the environment, Pope Francis calls us to have a personal change of heart and a collective transformation that responds to "both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, On Care for Our Common home, he issues an urgent challenge to all of us "to protect our common home... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change."

While Earth is our common home, we continue to act in a way that damages our relationship with it by harming the environment. This also damages our relationship with those around us, especially the most vulnerable in our society.

To bring about positive change, individuals, families and communities can make a difference in small yet significant ways. This includes making sustainable choices, reducing waste and changing our lifestyle when needed. In this way we take steps towards a deeper spiritual ecological conversion.

### **FACTS**

- Canada's average annual temperature increased 1.7°C over the past 70 years. Scientists believe human activity caused more than half of this change.
- If carbon emissions aren't reduced, Canada's average temperature could rise up to 6°C by the end of the century, causing more extreme weather.
- Canada produces 1.6% of global carbon emissions. We have the highest carbon emissions per capita among wealthy, industrialized countries. Canada is the 9<sup>th</sup> highest carbon emitter by country.

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## **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

### ***Ephphata!***

In the Gospel today, Jesus encounters a deaf man who is brought to Jesus to be healed of his impairment. The deaf man didn't come on his own initiative, but rather was brought by the people who begged Jesus to lay his hands on this man and heal him. This selfless action of the people, who didn't seek healing for themselves or for some favour to be granted to them, but instead sought the healing of the deaf man is beautiful example of the power of intercessory prayer. The deaf man was healed not because of his faith or desire, but of the faith and desire of those who brought him to Jesus.

As the prophet Isaiah declared in the first reading, "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you." Christ came to bring healing, comfort, and forgiveness. Jesus desires to speak those healings words we hear in today's Gospel to everyone, 'be opened!', yet many people, including ourselves are not able to hear it because of our spiritual deafness. We may not even realize that we need the healing, after being so caught up in our own spiritual deafness. When people are unable to come to Jesus because they feel unworthy, or maybe don't know what Jesus loves them, our intercessory prayer becomes crucial as we bring before the Lord the people who need Jesus' healing touch and love.

As stewards, we are responsible for bringing people to Christ through our prayers and work of evangelization. Stewards understand that they have received many gifts from the Lord and wish to share that with others so that those around them can also partake in God's blessings. In what ways do we bring people to Christ so that Christ can bestow his blessings. Do we participate in the missionary action of the

Church? Do we welcome new parishioners? Do we pray often for the needs of the people around us? Even if we are unable to bring people physically to church, let us make a greater effort to spend more time in prayer, praying for those we know in our lives who require Christ's healing.

### **Summary**

The healing of the deaf man in today's Gospel was a result of the people bringing the deaf man to Jesus, a beautiful example of the power and necessity of intercessory prayer. Christ came to bring healing, but many times people we know, or even ourselves don't go to Christ because we feel unworthy and stop ourselves from going to Him. Through our prayers, we do what the people in the Gospel did, bringing to Jesus those who need healing and allowing Christ to heal them through us.

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## **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](http://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

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

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## **CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING**

**Liturgical Publications** will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in September 2021 and supports the bulletin service.

Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call **Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422**.

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## **CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS**

