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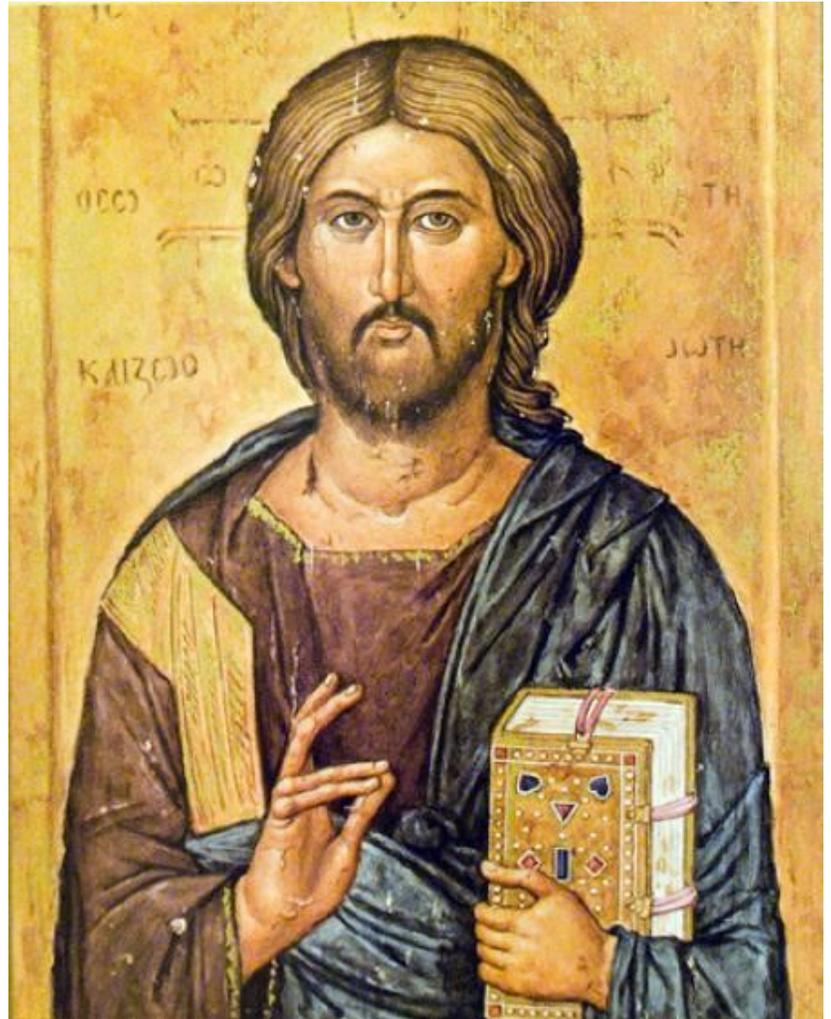
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“Do you think that I am come to bring peace on earth?” Quite honestly, we would hope so. We’ve come to equate Jesus with peace; is he not the Prince of Peace? Yet, when he answers his own question, he confuses us. “No. I tell you, but rather division.” Each time Jesus decides to follow the Father’s will, that has two effects. It divides him off from those who won’t take the step with him, and it moves him deeper into the peace that comes from being true to who you are. Jesus parted company with his critics, not because *he* wished to but because *they* did. The cross that was meant to silence him for good it gave him instead his supreme victory. It completed his life of service and self-sacrifice — showing us the price to be paid if we are to reach the ultimate peace.

FAITH AND THE IMAGINATION

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While doing graduate studies in Belgium, I was privileged to have as one of my professors, Jan Walgrave, a Dominican scholar, now deceased, who was a rare, precious combination of childlike simplicity, warmhearted holiness, and daunting scholarship. One day he asked me: “Do you ever sit on a park-bench and ask yourself: Why is there something instead of nothing?” I was young at the time, not much given to metaphysics, and answered honestly: “No! I don’t spontaneously ask myself that question. I’ve asked it sometimes studying or praying, but it’s not something that comes to me all by itself on park-benches.” He looked at me and said: “Then you aren’t a real philosopher.” Then, smiling, he added: “I ask myself that question every day!” Indeed, why is there something instead of nothing? I didn’t ask myself that question much when I was younger but now, in mid-life, I have begun more and more to spontaneously ask it (though not because I want to be seen as a philosopher). No. I ask it now because whenever I try to imagine the existence of God, something that’s natural for a believer to want to do, I eventually run into this question: Why is there something instead of nothing?

It emerges this way: If we try to imagine that God exists, immediately a bevy of questions will leap to the fore: How can someone always have been? Where did God come from? How can an all-good, all-loving, all-powerful, personal Being of this kind have come into existence? How can such a Being exist? But the imagination is pretty powerless in the face of these questions. For it to grasp something, it has to make a certain picture of it and it cannot do so in this case. Faced with these questions, it runs dry, draws a blank, has nothing within its bag of tricks with which to make a satisfying picture. And so the danger is this: Because the imagination cannot give us a satisfying picture as to how God can exist, we easily confuse this with doubt. Our failure to picture the existence of God, to imagine it, can give the impression that God in fact does not exist. How can God exist, we feel, if we are unable “picture” this existence?

That’s a valid logic, to a point, but we must be careful not to identify a weak imagination with a weak faith; or, worse still, decide (as many have done) that since we cannot satisfactorily know God in our imaginations, by that token God does not exist. God’s existence does not depend upon the power of the human imagination, or on anything else.

The human imagination, for all its marvels, is quite limited and is not, in the end, the primary tool through which we know the deeper things. We know many of the truths that are most dear to us – truths about love, trust, and faith – in darker, more inchoate, ways. And this isn’t just true in terms of our sense of whether or not God exists.

The limits of human imagination are manifest even when contemplating finite things. For example, it is not easy to imagine the magnitude of our universe. Scientists today offer the educated guess that there exist about five billion universes for every person who is now alive on this planet. That makes for about twenty-five billion universes! Trying to picture this tests the limits of the mind and imagination, though, being finite, this is still imaginable.

What isn't imaginable is what ultimately lies at our origins and posits the question: Why is there something instead of nothing? Because even if we bracket the question of God and simply try to imagine the origins of ourselves and our universe, we find that, just as in the case of trying to picture God's existence, the imagination runs out of room: What lies at the origins of everything?

Where did things start from? From where did the primordial atom which was the source of the big bang itself originate? How did reality first come into existence? How can it always have been? In the face of these questions too the imagination cannot make any satisfying constructs. When contemplating ultimate origins, it draws a blank. Where did things start from? From where did the primordial atom which was the source of the big bang itself originate? How did reality first come into existence? How can it always have been? In the face of these questions too the imagination cannot make any satisfying constructs. When contemplating ultimate origins, it draws a blank.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI

Dear Parishioners,

As Oblate missionaries, you can say we are pilgrims, who need to be ready, at any time, to go and serve whenever we are sent. One of the important ministries we, as Assumption Province hold is hospital ministry which right now is in great need of chaplains. Fr. Greg generously responded to that need and agreed to become the chaplain of a few hospitals in Mississauga. He will assume a new ministry at the end of August. Farewell Sunday will be on August 28th after each Mass there will be an opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to Fr. Greg.

Our new priest, Fr. Tomasz Jarosz will begin his ministry at St. Therese on September 1st.

PLANNED GIVING AND BEQUESTS

One of the most common ways people choose to leave legacy gifts to their Parish is through a bequest made in their last will and testament. Please consider St. Therese in your estate planning. We thank you for your support and generosity.



MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Please note that Mass on Monday August 15th is at 9am and NOT at 7pm

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory collection for July 31st and August 7th was: \$6,449.40. Thanks for your kind contributions.

NEXT STEPS FOR DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING

The Synodal Process Synthesis from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough details a summary of "what we heard" and can be accessed through this link:

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/resourcesGeneral/Pastoral-Planning/Synthesis-RC-Diocese-of-Peterborough-06-17-2022.pdf>

Reading through the Synthesis, you may see issues and priorities to address in the Diocese and in your parish. Once again, we are seeking your input which will inform the next steps for Pastoral Planning.

NEXT STEPS ~ Now what? On Saturday, July 30, 2022, a survey inviting input and suggestions about the issues and priorities to address in the Diocese and in your parish and the next steps to take will be launched. The survey will be open from July 30 until September 16, 2022. Here is the survey link:

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NOW WHAT? Reflections and Input Inspired by the Synodal Process Synthesis

You have read the Synodal Process Synthesis for the Diocese of Peterborough (What We Heard). Here is the link to the Synthesis: <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/resourcesGeneral/Pastoral-Planning/Synthesis-RC-Diocese-of-Peterborough-06-17-2022.pdf>

You are invited to continue the diocesan pastoral planning process and we are asking for your input through this survey about the next steps or "Now what?" This survey is open until September 16, 2022.

BUS TRIP TO HARRY POTTER & THE CURSED CHILD Sept. 21/22

St. Mary's Parish, Campbellford has 56 tickets to Mirvish Theatre in Toronto On **Wednesday, September 21st** to see this outstanding play. Sixteen have been spoken for. The remaining 40 are on a first come first served basis. The price is \$125 per person. This includes your ticket for mezzanine seating, the bus, as well as a \$25.00 tax receipt.

Departure from Newcastle: 10:15am (approx.). Showtime 1:30pm. Newcastle return 7:00pm (approx.). Lunch will be your responsibility. Our arrival allows sufficient time to find a restaurant near the theatre for those so inclined.

Interested parties should call Fr. Bill Moloney at 705-768-0844 ASAP

Our parish is reciting this prayer for vocations at every Mass. The copies below can be printed and stored in a wallet or purse for use during Mass.

Priest: Let us pray for vocations

All: Gracious Father, who seek to save all of humanity, grant, we implore you, through the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, to bless Your Church with many priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters, who will love you with their whole strength, and who will gladly spend their entire lives making you known and loved by all.

Amen

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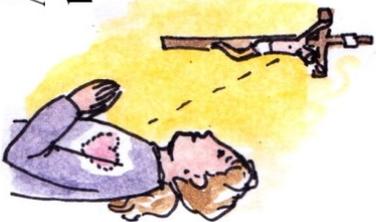
Amen

Fire in Our Hearts



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that He has come to set the earth on fire. Of course He didn't mean that He wanted everything to burn up. He meant that He wanted the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of people all over the world.

What do you think happens when the Holy Spirit is in someone's soul? The Holy Spirit pulls us closer to Himself and God the Father and Jesus. When we are closer to God that means we love Him more, and the more we love God the more we will love other people too. We were made to love God and be happy with Him, so we want the Holy Spirit to live in us and bring us close to Him!



How does the Holy Spirit come into our souls? When we are baptized the Holy Spirit comes into us for the first time. He will stay with us unless we sin and close our hearts to Him. But when we go to Confession He comes back, and in Holy Communion and the other Sacraments He becomes even stronger in us. He comes in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation, when He gives us grace and strength to live as grown-up Christians and soldiers for God. Pray to the Holy Spirit to live in your heart and make you love God more every day!

The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 14th, 2022

Luke 12:49-53

"I have come to set the earth on fire.

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized.

and a son against his father.

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?

and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

From now on a household of five will be divided.

No, I tell you, but rather division.

a father will be divided against his son

and a daughter against her mother.

a mother against her daughter

and how I wish it were already blazing!

a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

three against two and two against three.

Answers to Assumption Cross-Word: 4. be 5. He 6. Mary 7. sing 9. Assumption 13. out 15. raise 17. love 19. womb 20. total 21. go Down: 1. Jesus 2. sin 3. saint 4. by 8. Son 10. soul 11. pure 12. imitate 14. tomb 16. evil 18. now 20. to

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**What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading?
Match the parts to find out!**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY August 13, 2022

8:30AM Intentions of the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca
4:30PM 90th birthday intentions of Bernice Parker: Req by Noel &
Jean Rodrigues

SUNDAY August 14, 2022

9AM † Antonio & Conceicao DeSousa: Req by the DeSousa family
11AM † Phelanda Hall: Req by Margaret Egan
7PM Mass for the People of our Parish

MONDAY August 15, 2022 at 9AM

Intentions of Castrense, Maria, Teresa & Winston Veloso: Req by the
Veloso family

TUESDAY August 16, 2022 at 7PM

Birthday intentions of Bennett Wortelboer: Req by his parents

WEDNESDAY August 17, 630PM Devotion & 7PM Mass

Intentions of Cas Veloso: Req by Jean and Noel Rodrigues

THURSDAY August 18, 2022 at 7PM

† Mr. & Mrs. Murtagh: Req by Margaret Ralston Egan

FRIDAY August 19, 2022

9:30AM † Andrew and Morris Chang: Req by the Chang family
7PM † Msgr. John Wannamaker: Req by Antonio and Flora Scanga

SATURDAY August 20, 2022

4:30PM † Diego de Jesus: Req by Annabelle de Jesus

SUNDAY August 21, 2022

9AM † Antonio and Teresa Da Rocha: Req by the DeSousa family
11AM † Fern Lemire: Req by Pat and Vivian Valiquette
7PM Mass for the People of of our Parish

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for those who are sick, and those who love and minister to them:

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Anne Taylor
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