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August 21, 2022 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Monday - CLOSED
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9AM - 1PM
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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 8:30AM and 4:30PM
Sunday - 9AM, 11AM and 7PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Thursday 7PM
Friday - 9:30AM and 7PM

CONFESSION

30 minutes before every weekday and weekend Mass

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The invitation to 'enter by the narrow door' can be read in light of another saying of Jesus: *'I am the door; the one who enters through me, will be saved'* (John 10:9). Entering by the narrow door is 'following Jesus'; learning to live as he did; taking up his cross and trusting the Father who has raised him from the dead. His call is a source of demand, but not of anxiety. Jesus Christ is a door that is always open. No one can close it, only ourselves if we close ourselves to his forgiveness.

CAN YOU EVER REALLY LEAVE HOME?

AUGUST 1, 1988

Several years ago, Carlo Carretto, one of the great spiritual writers of our time, returned to Italy from the Sahara desert after many years as a monk among the Bedouin. He then wrote a spiritual testimony entitled, "I Sought and I Found," within which he chronicles his journey towards, and struggles with, God. He ends the book with a letter, a love letter, addressed to the church, the visible institutional church. A paraphrase of the opening lines reads like this:

"How much I must criticize you, my church and yet how much I love you!

"You have made me suffer more than anyone and yet I owe you more than I owe anyone. "I should like to see you destroyed and yet I need your presence.

"You have given me much scandal and yet you alone have made me understand holiness. "Never in the world have I seen anything more obscurantist, more compromised, more false, yet never have I touched anything more pure, more generous or more beautiful. "Countless times I have felt like slamming the door of my soul in your face – and yet, every night, I have prayed that I might die in your sure arms!

"No, I cannot be free of you, for I am one with you, even if not completely you.

"Then too – where should I go? "To build another church? "But I cannot build another church without the same defects, for they are my own defects. And again, if I were to build another church, it would be my church, not Christ's church.

"No. I am old enough. I know better!" What a magnificent description of the church – flawed yet divine, mediating God's presence even as it obstructs it! I have found myself drawing upon this description more and more as I deal with complaints about the institutional church. What's to be said in the face of the fact that the institutional church is flawed, compromised, corrupted by power, fraught with human weakness and pettiness? What's to be said in the face of the fact that the church has never lived radically and fully the Gospel it preaches? What's to be said in the face of the fact that, in its darker moments, the church has hurt, and continues to hurt, countless persons? How can it claim credibility and how can it claim to mediate God's presence in the light of this? These are frequently voiced complaints and often one hears the added comment: "I can deal with God, I can't deal with the church!" Such complaints are often sincere, though they can also be a rationalization. In either case, however, the facts they point to are true. We cannot deny history and reality. The church has always had, and still has, a dark side. It does not mediate God's presence purely. That is simply a fact.

However, with that having been admitted, something else must be added: The church, just as humanity itself, is not something abstract. It exists only in real people. We meet the church only in a very particular, historical, concrete enfleshment, that is, in real people with real names, real problems, and real blemishes. What we meet is never the church, but only this or that particular church. The church is a family, a very concrete and historical one.

This can be, I feel, a very helpful perspective to keep in mind. When we are born into a family, we bear its birthmark. We can dislike it, we can get angry with it, we can stay away from family celebrations for long periods of time, we can rage against its faults, and we can fill with bitterness and protest that it should be more loving, more understanding, less quick to judge and assign guilt...but, in the end, it's our family and we want to die reconciled with it. Ultimately, one of life's non-negotiable imperatives is that one tries to come to peace with one's family. Nobody ever really leaves one's family, even if they die outside of it. It is the same with the institutional church. It isn't God. The institutional church is no more identifiable with God than my historical father is identifiable with God the Father. But, like our historical parents, it is real. It is what we actually meet on earth. As with our real family, we can dislike it, rage at its faults, and be bitter about its imperfections. We can wish for another family. We can fight with it and stay away for long periods of time (and, sometimes, this can be healthy), but, in the end, we bear its mark on our skin, it's ours, it's the actual and only place in history where we contact the historical Christ. It's because of this, its inexorable reality, that, precisely, we have such strong feelings about it. Like Carretto, there are the times when we feel like slamming the door of our soul into its face, and yet, daily, we pray to somehow die in its arms. It's because of this that, like Carretto, we too ultimately realize that we can never really leave the church.

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

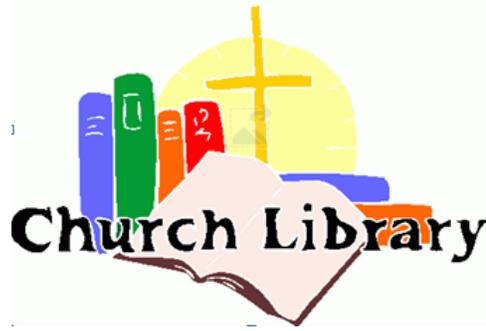
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STEWARDSHIP

Preauthorized donations from August 1st to 15th was: \$3,717.00 Thanks for your kind contributions.





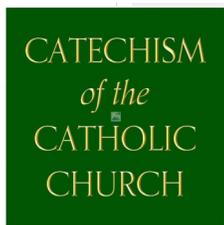
NEW PARISH LIBRARY IN CHURCH FOYER

St. Therese parish has a new borrowing library in the church foyer. The library has a selection of religious books available. Please feel free to take a book at any time. The church foyers is open for prayer and reflection every day beginning at 9am. The library is a source of spiritual reading and contemplation while visiting the church to pray. Borrow a book to read while in the church or take it home! We welcome religious book donations at any time.



PARISH BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a parish breakfast on September 18th, 2022 after the 9 and 11am Masses. Sign up sheets will be at the church entrance and will help to provide approximate attendance numbers. There will also be a volunteer sign up sheet for anyone interested in helping with the breakfast. Thank you in advance for your consideration to assist with this event!



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

From what evil did God bring the greatest of goods to men? (CCC 312): From the greatest of evils, the murder of His only Son, God brought the greatest of goods to men.

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Prayer with Mary, Mother of Jesus the Price of Peace, for the end of the war in Ukraine.

St. Therese would like our parish families to begin continual prayers for the end of the war in Ukraine. The statue of Mary will accompany one family for a period of one week. After one week another family will be able to pick up the statue at the end of Mass on Sunday. To schedule the pickup of the statue, please contact the parish office. Families who take the statue of Mary home are asked to say the following prayers and one decade of rosary for peace in Ukraine.

God of peace, God of mercy
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
We lament the violence that has come to their country
We ask for comfort for those who mourn, hope for those who despair and compassion for all who suffer.
We plead for an end to violence and aggression in their land
We pray for the people of Russia,
We give thanks for those who protest for peace and pray for ongoing courage
We ask for a change of heart in those who commit acts of aggression and war against their fellow citizens and neighbours
We pray for Russians who will suffer because of sanctions and war
We pray for leaders around the world
We pray that world leaders might work for an end to war and for establishing of peace
We seek wisdom for those who are making life and death decisions about how to respond to violence and threats of violence
We ask for courage for those who campaign for peace.
We pray for aid workers and journalists
We give thanks for the willingness of aid workers to work in situations of war and unrest in order to meet the needs of others
We ask for safety, wisdom and compassion for all working to alleviate suffering and heal the wounded
We pray for journalist and media organisations reporting the situation in Ukraine and Russia, may they report truthfully and compassionately.
We pray for peace
We lament violence around the world
We plead for the ceasing of violence and the establishment of peace
We pray that you might give us a desire for peace and a willingness to work and hope and pray for peace each day. Amen

Oldest Ukrainian Prayer to the Blessed Mother (1037 A.D.)

We fly to Your patronage, O Virgin Mother of God. Despise not our prayers in our needs, but deliver us from all dangers, since you alone are pure and blessed.
O most glorious Ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers and present them to Your Son and our God, that for the sake of You, He enlighten and save our souls.

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:

<https://forms.gle/U7dHHxg9mVVWpbPx5>

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

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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

Being Punished...

In today's second reading, Saint Paul wrote to the Hebrews about being disciplined by God. When we are young God wants our parents to make sure we behave well. When we don't behave He wants them to discipline us so that we will learn to be good.



Our parents don't punish us just because they are angry at us; they do it because they really love us and want us to learn to be better. Saint Paul says that the Lord disciplines the people that He loves.



Being punished is a painful thing, but we will be happy once we have learned our lesson and become a better person. Saint Paul says, "make a straight path for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed." He means that when you are punished, you should stop doing the wrong thing so that you won't be hurt worse from the punishment, but will get better instead. So the next time you are disciplined or punished, remember that God is allowing it to help you become a better person. If you can, even thank God for giving you the chance to make up for your sin and learn a good lesson!

Inside: Some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.
Picture on front: the narrow door



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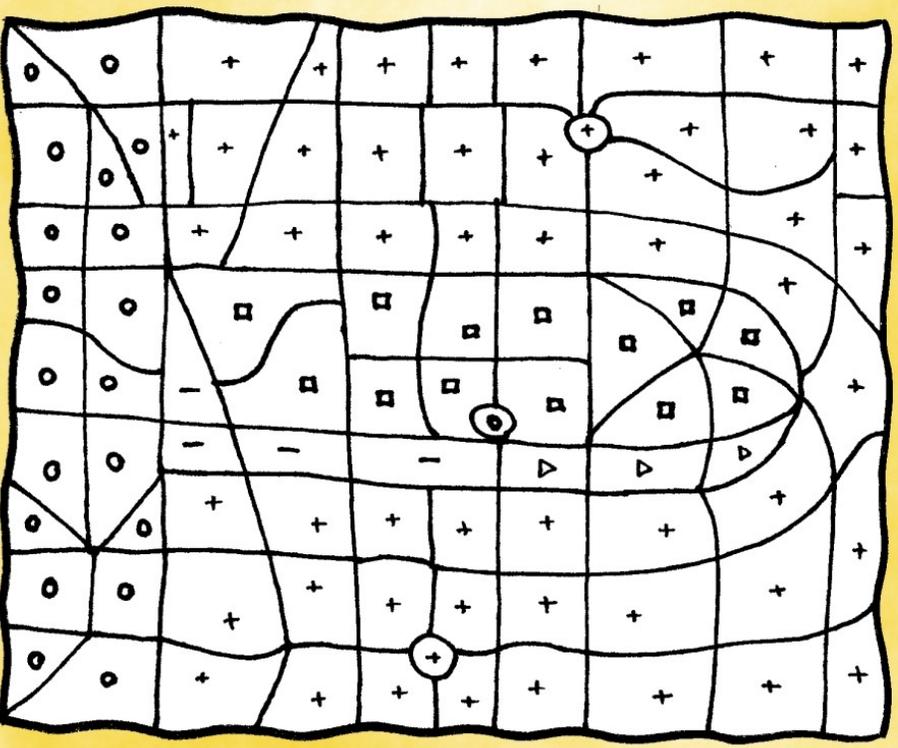
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The Kids' Bulletin

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21st, 2022

Luke 13:22-30



What was the way that Jesus told the people to enter the Kingdom of Heaven by?

Colour in the spaces using the code to find out.

- △ Blue
- Brown
- Grey
- ! Green
- +
- White

MASS INTENTIONS

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 our Parish

MONDAY August 22, 2022 at 7PM

† Angelo Costa: Req by the Costa family

TUESDAY August 23 2022 at 7PM

Birthday intentions of Iba Chang: Req by the Chang family

WEDNESDAY August 24, 630PM Devotion & 7PM Mass

Birthday intentions of Janelle Luke: Req by the Chang family

THURSDAY August 25, 2022 at 7PM

† Tantaleon Jawa & Dominica Canete: Req by Maria Jawa

FRIDAY August 26, 2022

9:30AM Birthday intentions of Mark Veloso: Req by his dad, Cas

7PM Healing of Adrienne Leblanc: Req by Joe Larkin

SATURDAY August 27, 2022

8:30AM Intentions of the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca

4:30PM Mass for the People of our Parish

SUNDAY August 28, 2022

9AM In thanksgiving for blessings received through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Chang family

11AM For the healing of Fredericka Weeks: Req by Irena Emilijanowicz

7PM † Deceased members of the Scanga family: Req by Antonio & Flora
Scanga

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS



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

Angela Extross
Anne Taylor
Bernice Parker
Beverly Laird
Bob Bonnell
Brian Doucette
Carmelita Ring
Carol Hutchinson
Gene Bouvior
Clifford Nelson
Cindy Oldford
Doris Greer
Elena Russo

Gene Bouvior
Gerald Correia
Grant Bennie
Giuseppe
Jane Lynde
Jean Joyce
Jennifer Finney
Kathleen Corkum
Kazai Campbell
Kennedy Chang
Luk Wong
Michel Cascon

Nathan Costa
Nicolette
Nimisha D`Sousa
Rene Vautour
Rochelle Keever
Salvatore Palazzolo
Suzanna Schmidt
Sylvia Chang
Tommy
Wallhout Family
William Bonnick



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2. Consider setting up pre-authorized offering (POP). The form is available on our website:

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