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As the leaves turn gold and yellow...

The air turns crisp...

Thanksgiving comes, a time to remember...

Our blessings and make good cheer

with all those who are so dear.

Wishing you a Thanksgiving

as special as you are.



TWENTYEIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

MON, OCT 12 9:15 am	Michael Perin †
7:00 pm	Deborah Gibson †
TUES, OCT 13 7:00 pm	Julia Quinogue †; In Thanksgiving for Alicia Santos
WED, OCT 14 9:15 am	Dominic Maida † ; Frederick Baisden †
7:00 pm	
THUR, OCT 15 7:00 pm	
FRI, OCT 16 9:15 am	In Thanksgiving for the 10 th Birth- day of Gabriel Santanilla; In thanksgiving for Antonio Ruso and family
5:00 pm	
SAT, OCT 17 9:15 am	
5:00 pm	Hycinth Lewis †
SUN, OCT 18 9:00 am	Valthruth Vetha †
10:30 am	For the deceased members of the Ciccolini & Proshero family †
12:30 pm	
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

Prayer to St. Marguerite d'Youville

Saint Marguerite d'Youville,
we turn to you in humble prayer
because your life speaks to us
of goodness, compassion and love
in a world of suffering, anguish and pain.
It is not unlike the world you knew
as you went about doing good
with a great love for the human family,
with preference for the poorest of all.
Your dream of universal charity
became a mission in the Church.
We give thanks to you for the
inspiring vision that is ours today
as your dream lives on.
May we learn as you did
the life-giving power of love,
the profound peace of unending trust,
the deep mystery of suffering and pain,
the strength-giving solace of prayer.
Saint Marguerite, teach us to listen,
in the silence of our hearts,
to the God of Mercy and Compassion,
that we, too, may be signs of God's love
to all peoples of our world.

Amen

Authorization of Mgr. J.C. Turcotte



For Matthew the kingdom of God – the relationship between God and humanity – is clearly fulfilled in Jesus the Christ. Traditional aspects of feasting, of gathering in community to celebrate the intimate life-giving relationship of marriage, are allusions to oneness with Christ through the Eucharist.

However, other aspects of today's Gospel parable are shocking. Some invitees are uninterested, others obnoxious. The host responds with harshness, intolerance, dismissing those who refuse the invitation as unworthy and banishing one who arrives unprepared to perpetual suffering. How are we to understand these images in relation to the kingdom of God?

It is helpful to remember that the tellers of our sacred stories bring something of themselves into narratives. Written at least 50 years after Jesus' death and resurrection, Matthew's Gospel has a single focus. Its author speaks passionately for Jesus as the anticipated Messiah. Frustrated with those who disagree, perhaps Matthew uses the chilling image of isolation in darkness to shock his contemporaries into rethinking their unbelief.

In Matthew's Gospel, all are called to choose the peace and fulfillment of the kingdom of God. In doing so, all commit to celebrate Christ's transformative love through their relationships with God, self and community.

Ella Allen, Fredericton, NB

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Eucharist

I want to write a bit about the Eucharist today. That sacrament of sacraments. That extraordinary and ordinary event that occurs over and over in our churches, day in day out. That "thing" that we tend to take for granted.

We must always remember the context and origin of the Eucharist. It is of course the last supper. And the last supper is really about two events—the institution of the Eucharist and the washing of the disciples feet. Unfortunately we only do the Eucharist part at regular mass. The washing of feet only occurs once a year on Holy Thursday. But they are inseparably linked. Both speak in a compelling way about our vocation as followers of Christ. I have encountered many people who do not want to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. And I quite understand that. Foot washing is a very messy and time consuming business. It is very awkward even embarrassing to sit in front of a congregation, to remove your shoes and socks and have your feet washed. No matter how hard we try to sanitize the rituals with fresh towels and customized basins. It is still a rather messy thing. Moreover, having someone stoop down to wash your feet, caressing them and drying them off, can feel a bit over the top. It's a little bit too intimate, too gracious, for many people. Many people feel exactly like Peter in John's Gospel and feel inclined to say, "You will never wash my feet."

Well guess what. It is awkward and messy to love people too. And that's the challenge of the washing of the feet -loving the difficult ones. The uncle who has the drinking problem. The aunt who likes to tell you the same story over and over at the family gatherings, the elderly patient with dementia. So in a real sense the Eucharist is for everyday living. The washing of the feet leads directly to the bread and the cup. In his moment of vulnerability and mortality as Jesus is about to offer himself on the cross, he washes his disciples feet, as if to tell us that if you want to cope with the messiness and burdens of life if you want to be free, you need the Eucharist and nourishment. The Eucharist is for everyday living.

It is for living in a world of frustration and imperfection. I always find it a little bit funny that some people when they get fed up and frustrated they stay away from church. When it should be just the opposite. When you have had enough, Church is the place to be. The basin and the towel leading to the bread and a cup. They both go together. Bringing your everyday living to church and offer it up.

Fr. Roger



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 2020

ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE NOVENA/PARISH MISSION

In anticipation for our feast day on October 16th; we have started a Rosary and Novena in honour of St. Marguerite d'Youville. The novena will continue daily at 6pm followed by a Mass at 7pm during the week leading to the Feast. We will also have some special guests speakers at the 7pm Mass on the following days: Tuesday, October 13th Fr. Peter will speak about Hospitality; Wednesday, October 14th Fr. Patrick will give a talk about Compassion and on Thursday, October 15th Fr. Patrick will conclude the Parish Mission with a talk on Service. All traits of our Patron St. Marguerite d'Youville. Hope to see you there.



CONFIRMATION 2019-2020

Students who registered to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the 2019-2020 school year are asked to come to an information meeting regarding the Confirmation ceremony. Only the candidate and a parent/guardian are required to attend. In order to comply with social distancing regulations we have separated the schools into two dates.

Wednesday, October 21st, 2020 at 7:00 pm (Good Shepherd, Fr. Clair Tipping, Venerable Michael J. McGivney & Students from Other Schools)

Friday, October 23rd, 2020 at 7:00 pm (Our Lady of Providence, St. Isaac Jogues & St. John Bosco Schools)

You can also expect a personalized letter which will be distributed through the school or by email. For more information please contact the parish office.

OFFICE HOURS



Due to the current pandemic we are working modified hours in the office. The office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am - 8:00pm, Fridays and Sundays from 9:00am - 3:00pm. Calls are answered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00am - 4:00pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are booked through the parish office, if you are not able to physically come into the office during office hours please call the office and speak to someone to ensure your intention is processed accordingly. Payments can be made at the office or by placing your donation in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope "Mass Intention" with the name and date of the intention. Thank you.

PARISH HEAD COUNT/MASS ATTENDANCE SUNDAY

The weekends of October 17/18 and October 24/25, 2019, Cardinal Collins has requested all parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto to conduct an attendance count at all weekend Masses. The purpose of the count is to help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese. The count is to be conducted during the homily with the hope of providing minimal distraction. Thank you.



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55 PLUS CLUB

Unfortunately due to the rising numbers of COVID cases recently we have decided to postpone our meetings until it is safe for all our members. If you would like to know more about our group contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrob-in22@gmail.com

STICHES FROM THE HEART

Parish Knitting & Crocheting Group meets every Mondays at 10:00 am in the church hall. For more info contact Mary 905 793-4502.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday at 7:40 PM. Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit your home. For more information, please leave message for Lina Go or Annette Fernando at the parish office.



CHAPLAINCY CONNECT

Are you a post-secondary student? Catholic campus ministry is a great way to meet new people, both in-person and online, and journey together throughout the school year. Check it out at: www.chaplaincyconnect.ca. If you're studying from home this year, find out how to connect with a nearby chaplaincy by emailing: chaplaincyconnect@gmail.com.

PARISH MINISTRY CONFERENCE

If you and your volunteers have not yet registered for the 3rd Annual Virtual Parish Ministry Conference on October 30 & 31, 2020, there's still time register: <https://bit.ly/2020PMC-Register>

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