

# Volunteerism

“You make a living by what you get; but you make a life by what you give.” - *Winston Churchill*

Volunteerism has been described as the practice of people working on behalf of others, of freely giving of their talents without being motivated by financial or material profit. This service to others is intended to promote goodness and improve the human quality of life. Over the years there have been many men and women who have filled this role in the service of our parish community. They have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the workplace a better place to live, play and grow. Many of their efforts go unsung; sometimes their motives are even questioned; in some cases they leave never to return. Without them, there can be no progress, no tangible mark, and no legacy. It was Mahatma Gandhi who said “if you want to find yourself, begin your search in the service of others.”

Volunteering is the most fundamental act of citizenship and philanthropy in our society. It is offering time, energy and skills of one's own free will. It is an extension of being a good neighbour, transforming a collection of houses into a community, as people become involved in improving their surroundings and choose to help others. By caring and contributing to change, volunteers decrease suffering and disparity, while they gain skills, self-esteem and change their lives. People work to improve the lives of their neighbours and, in return, enhance their own.

Every day, thousands of people voluntarily give their time and talent to thousands of organizations across Canada. They give their time freely and with no expectation of monetary reward. Their hours of service ensure that many activities are accomplished and many people are helped. They build houses for the homeless, they care for the elderly, and they provide counseling and support services. They are youth group leaders, program coordinators, and coaches. They represent every walk of life - professional, student, retiree - as well as every age and cultural group.

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Volunteers don't just *do* the work - they *make it* work.  
- **C. Pettit**

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“I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.”  
- **Albert Schweitzer**

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“You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and to impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.” - **Woodrow Wilson**

“The road to success is not crowded. Because while most are looking for ways to take, the truly successful people are finding ways to give. With a giving attitude, every situation is an opportunity for success.” - **Anon**

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When someone shares something of value with you and you benefit from it, you have a moral obligation to share it with others. - **Chinese proverb**

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In order to motivate others, you must first become a source of motivation by yourself. It simply means that if you want to get anything done through others, you must first do it yourself. - **Hazrat Ilyas Attar Qadri**

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When you volunteer it means you give yourself without any regression, without condition, but with full devotion.  
- **Faith Tomaquin**

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Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are *priceless!* - **Anon**

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Volunteering is not a choice, it's a responsibility.  
- **Ashley E. Hyder**

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Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.  
- **Margaret Mead**

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When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving much advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a gentle and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares.  
- **Henri Nouwen**

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A *Volunteer* is a person who is a light to others, giving witness in a mixed-up age, doing well and willingly the tasks at hand. A Volunteer is aware of another's needs and does something about it.  
- from “**The Beacon**,” newsletter of *Birtherite*, South Africa

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In doing your best while serving others for free, a lot of eyebrows will raise and sneers will curve many faces. But in the end, those incredulous to what you endure to help, no longer matter. It's not between you and those snobs, but with whom you have given your hand to lift, and of course to God who is watching and noting it in your book.  
- Inspired by **Mother Theresa**

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I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody.  
- **Lily Tomlin**

# Parish Week † Sunday, 4 August 2024

## Saturday, 3 Aug.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Erdolfo Quiroga (family)  
5.00 pm Mass: † Lalita & Joseph D'Souza

## SUNDAY, 4 AUG. / 18-B

- *Homilist: Laura Kelly, Representative, Kitui Diocese of Kenya*  
■ *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Mission Co-op*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Charles D'Silva (Lydia & family)  
10.30 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias Birthday (CWL)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Ramon Umali (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Mon., 5 Aug. / Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; - Blessed Frederic Janssoone

- *Fr. Elias, Birthday (1955)*  
8.00 am Mass: † Caroline & Cyril Bastiampillai (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Birthday Thanksgiving (Fr. Elias)  
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent Godparent meeting

## Tuesday, 6 Aug. / Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Minda Chattergoon (Carol Morra)

## Wed., 7 Aug. / St. Sixtus II, pope & Companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Mom, Evelyn)

## Thursday, 8 Aug. / St. Dominic, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Corrado Vindigni (Carmelo & Edna)

## Fri., 9 Aug. / St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lawrie Coutinho (Carol Morra)  
11.00 am Wedding: Jude Rozario & Luxmi Cruze  
1.00 pm Wedding: Heno Potluri & Jolina Cuevas

## Saturday, 10 Aug. / St. Lawrence, deacon & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Rufino Gomez (family)  
11.30 am Wedding: David Cooney & Lorelle Vase  
5.00 pm Mass: † Mary Weerasinghe (Malini)

## SUNDAY, 11 AUG. / 19-B

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*  
■ *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Canadian Missions*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas  
(Mary Thanarajan)  
10.30 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Ana Medrero (family)  
1.30 pm Infant Baptisms  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Catholic Cemetery Masses

7.00 pm, 14 August



As on the Vestibule posters, the CATHOLIC CEMETERY MASSES this year will be at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 14 August.

The Catholic Cemeteries most used by our parishioners are:

- ☐ *Christ the King* (near Steeles & Markham)  
Celebrant – **Monsignor Vid Vlasic**
- ☐ *Holy Cross* (near Steeles & Yonge)  
Celebrant – **His Excellency, Bishop John Corriveau**

# Focus on the Word

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Exodus 16.2-31; Ephesians 4.17-24; John 6.24-35

*Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator, you may restore what you have created. Amen.*

## ShareLife



THANK YOU VERY MUCH !

Thanks to all for your support of our parish 2024 *ShareLife* Appeal.

As of 28 July, we reached a total of \$43,758.00 ! This is a real blessing, a tribute to the generosity of every donor, at a time of great need.

Please continue to support our Parish campaign, and help us to reach our 2024 goal of \$65,000.00.

## RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

*The next meetings:*

RCIA Adults: 2 August, 6 September - 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth: 3 August, 7 September - 10.00 am.

## S.O.B.A. Visit, 12 noon Mass, 4 August

The SASSE Old Boys Association Ontario will be at our noon Mass on 4 August. See page 4 in the website bulletin for details.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: 4 August, Mission Co-op

This Sunday, 4 August, our Parish is hosting the annual *Mission Co-op Appeal*. This year, our beneficiary will be the DIOCESE OF KITUI, Kenya. The speaker will be **Laura Kelly**, who is their US liaison. See page 3 in the website bulletin for more details.

## COMING UP

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- 15 Aug. Feast of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
18 Aug. Parish Bazaar (9:00 am-12:00 pm)  
25 Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Maintenance**  
31 Aug. ► WWE *Smack Down & Bash* in Berlin  
2 Sept. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)  
6 Sept. Wedding: Tang & Peralta (1:00 pm)  
7 Sept. ► EWTN **Family Celebration Event**, 8 am – 6 pm,  
Delta Conference Centre, 655 Dixon Road, Etobicoke  
8 Sept. ► **Rosary Sunday** at Martyrs' Shrine, Midland ON;  
- Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)  
8-15 Sep. ► INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, Quito, Ecuador  
22 Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Needs of the Church in Canada**  
29 Sept. Feast of **St. Michael the Archangel**;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Maintenance**

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For more details on Parish activities, see the website bulletin.



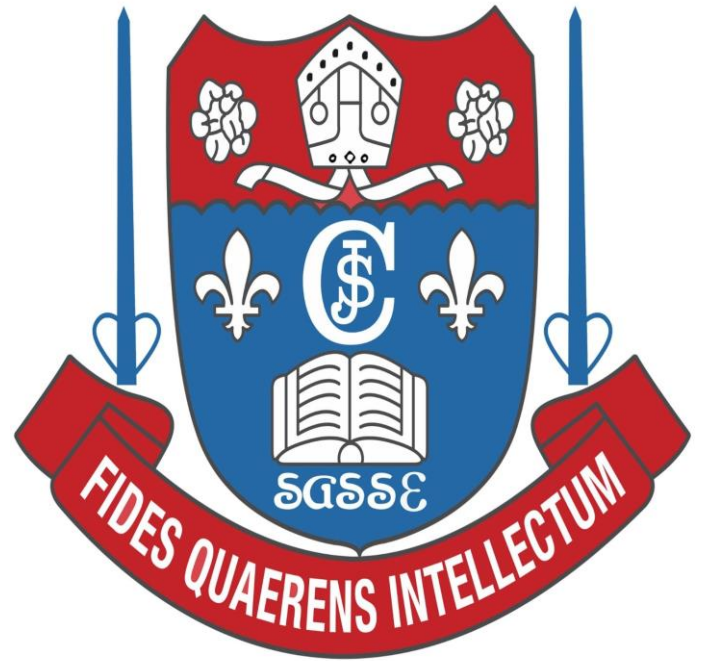
## Kitui Diocese, Kenya

*Beneficiary of our annual Mission Co-op Appeal, 4 August*

On Sunday, 4 August, our Parish welcomes **Laura Kelly**, who will be speaking for our Annual Mission Co-op Appeal, on behalf of the DIOCESE OF KITUI, Kenya.

The presence of the Catholic Church in Kenya began with missionaries who visited in 1498, led by Vasco da Gama. Due to regional conflict and other factors, it was not until the twentieth century that it became more established. There are over 18 million Catholics in Kenya, nearly 40% of the country's population.





# SOBA ONTARIO

At the 12.00 Noon Mass on Sunday, 4 August, our Parish has the honour to welcome a delegation from S.O.B.A.:

## SASSE Old Boys Association Ontario

They are alumni of ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, Sasse, Buea, Cameroon, who are participating in a Fraternity Weekend to interact and share their experiences. They are from Montreal, PQ, Edmonton & Calgary, AB and the U.S.

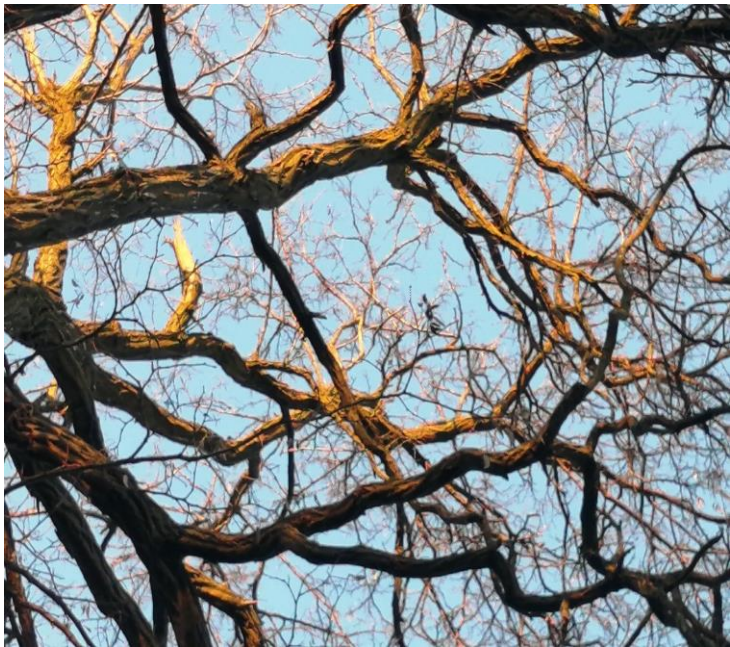
They will be assisting in the Music Ministry at the Mass. We join S.O.B.A. in celebrating God's goodness and gifts.





*Nottawasaga in Spring.*







St. Boniface, Manitoba



Notre Dame des Neiges, Montreal



Toronto Necropolis



Heroes Cemetery, Taguig