



St. Joseph, model of Christian fathers

Parish Week † 21 June 2020

Saturday, 20 June / Immaculate Heart of Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis & Christy Andreas (Mary Thanarajan)
 1.00 pm Wedding: Steven Valencia & Laura Bastian
 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Elson Yong-Ping (Agnes Joseph)

SUNDAY, 21 JUNE / 12-A

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *Father's Day*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Charles D'Silva (Lydia & family)
 10.30 am Mass: † Glen Humber (Tina & Jerry Koenig)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Teofilo Adriano (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 22 June / Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Josefina Mabaquiao (Emelita Gotera)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Agripino Aquino (family)

Tuesday, 23 June

- 8.00 am Mass: † Josefina Mabaquiao (Emelita Gotera)

Wednesday, 24 June / Nativity of St. John the Baptist

■ *Deacon Ramon & Mely Villardo: Wedding Anniversary (1988)*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Waldo Fernando (family)

Thursday, 25 June

- 8.00 am Mass: † Go Bee Ah Lim & Nicholas Meliton (Go family)

Friday, 26 June

- 8.00 am Mass: † Juan & Angelina Liwanag (Daughter)

Saturday, 27 June / Blessed Nykyta Budka & Vasyl Velychowsky

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Liberato Castrillo (family)
 5.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)

SUNDAY, 28 JUNE / 13-A

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

■ *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Kevin Pierre (family)
 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Deceased Camacho family members (Joy)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jeremiah 20.10-13; Roman 5.12-15; Matthew 10.26-33

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Eva Geroly

Joseph Michael Martin

Leonard Reardon

Joseph Gideon

Kenneth Masters

Fr. Jonathan Robinson

The 34 victims of the April tornados in the Southern U.S.

1st Communion and Confirmation

The celebrations of 1st HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, which were to take place after Holy Week, will be rescheduled later in the Fall. Updates will be provided regularly, and dates publicized as soon as possible, to give families a chance to prepare properly to celebrate these vital, affirming and life-giving events

Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, we praise You for saving us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to live by Your commandments. Bless our fathers, and deepen their love for their families. Guide them with the example of St. Joseph, the faithful husband of Mary. May all fathers lead their children to follow Your Son, Jesus, by their work, example and prayer. May we live together by the Gospel of truth and life.

We ask this through Christ, Lord. *Amen.*

COMING UP

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1 July

Canada Day

6 July

Feast of St. Maria Goretti

6 Aug.

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

15 Aug.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

20 Sept.

Stewardship Sunday

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

For the *Prayer to St. Michael*, and details of other events in our Parish, see pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

The parish Priests have celebrating private Masses daily during the **Covid 19 shutdown**, honouring the Intentions requested by our Parishioners. Now that our Churches are re-opened, the Intentions will be offered as customary, at the scheduled Masses.

Resuming Masses

15 June 2020

Dear members of St. Maria Goretti Parish,

We pray that you, your families and all your loved ones are safe and healthy during this challenging time. We are joyful that we have been able to re-open our Churches once again. We thank God, as this time of closure has been painful and difficult. As we re-open, we must do so with prudence and caution, ensuring that we do everything possible to reduce the potential transmission of the virus.

As you can expect, things will look a little different when we return to church. For that reason, we are including a few resources to help us understand what things will look like. These are inconvenient practices and they may seem overly restrictive - we understand that. However, to prevent us from having to close once again, and to keep everyone as safe as possible, we must all do our part and make the best of this challenging situation.

One of the biggest challenges is that, as we re-open, we must do so in *phases*. Our capacity (the number of people allowed inside the Church) will be limited due to directives from the Province of Ontario's medical experts. See the following document on how our parish will do our best to tackle this issue. The document also includes our current schedule and office hours.

We are also attaching a "GUIDELINES" document, to give you a better sense of what you can expect and how you can help out *before* you arrive at church, *when* you arrive and at points *in between*. We'll offer reminders and signs when you are here; but it's good to review these guidelines in advance.

One key point we need to highlight is that the Archdiocese, after consulting with the Chief Medical Officer for the Province of Ontario, is recommending that all those (over the age of 3) who come to Church wear a **face mask** to mitigate the potential spread of the virus. We recognize that this may be difficult, but it is out of care and love for our neighbour. Please bring a face mask (or a simple face covering) with you when you return to Church.

Finally, we warmly invite you to consider how you might share your time and talents as a volunteer. The many tasks required for re-opening are significant and we need more volunteers than ever to help. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Gavin Moniz at: gavinmo@hotmail.com.

Our joy of re-opening our Church is balanced with these required restrictions. However, returning to Sacramental life and gathering as a community is sustenance essential for our faith community.

We look forward to welcoming you back. Be assured that you remain in our prayers each day.

Sincerely in Christ,

**Fr. Edwin Galea, Fr. Elias Chachati,
Deacon Ramon Villardo**

St. Maria Goretti Parish

Re-opening Committee

Many thanks to **Gavin Moniz**, and the members of the Parish Re-opening Committee, for their dedication to our faith community, and for their help in making sure that everything is in order to allow us to reassemble, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Provincial government and the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Please refer to the detailed pertinent information which is posted directly on our website home page.

Thanks to everyone for your patience, collaboration and prayer. – **Fr. Edwin Galea**

Morning Prayer

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I begin this day by thanking you, Lord, for having preserved me overnight. I will try to make all I do today pleasing to You and in accordance with Your will. My Mother Mary, watch over me today. Dear St. Joseph, my Guardian Angel, and all you holy Saints of God, pray for me.

RCIA, RCIC



Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

Pray for all in our parish R.C.I.A. process, who preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation; as well as the youth in our parish R.C.I.C. process. Due to ongoing precautions to deal with the Covid 19 pandemic, groups meetings cannot be held at the Church. However, instruction is being provided on line, and information is being disseminated through email messages. Spiritual support is also provided through the resources printed in this bulletin, and through the various links provided by the Archdiocese on the parish website.

Prayer before Mass

Receive, O Holy Trinity, One God, this Holy Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. I, Your unworthy servant, now desire to offer this to Your Divine Majesty by the hands of Your Priest, with all the Sacrifices which have been and will be offered to You, in union with the most Holy Sacrifice offered by Christ our Lord at the Last Supper, and on the Altar of the Cross.

Prayer for the Unborn

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of (baby's name),
the unborn baby that I have spiritually
adopted who is in danger of abortion.*

(Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen; Say this every day for 9 months to save a baby's life!)





Photos on this page: THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF MARY continue to witness to Jesus by their presence.

Remember our SHARELIFE Agencies at this critical time

Community / Family Services

Catholic Community Services of York Region, Catholic Cross-cultural Services, Catholic Family Services of Durham, Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, Catholic Family Services of Simcoe Country, Catholic Family Services of Toronto, *FertilityCare* Toronto, Natural Family Planning Association

People with Special Needs

Mary Centre, *Our Place* Community of Hope, Saint Elizabeth Health Care, St. Bernadette's Family Resources Centre, St. Michael's Homes / Matt Talbot Houses, *Silent Voice* Canada (*ministry to the deaf*)

Children and Youth

Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto, Catholic Settlement House Day Nursery, *Covenant House*, Sancta Maria House / **Young Parents:**

Rosalie Hall, Rose of Durham, Rose of Sharon, Vita Centre / **Seniors:**

Les Centres d'Accueil Heritage, Loyola Arrupe Centre, Providence Healthcare, Society of Sharing

Affiliated Organizations

Camp Ozanam (*Society of St. Vincent de Paul*), Good Shepherd Ministries, Birthright International



ShareLife 2020

Living the Gospel!

12th Sunday, 21 June

Living the Gospel by supporting Missions in the Global South

The PASTORAL MISSION FUND supports 226 projects in 25 countries in the Global South. The projects include programs run by the *Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary* in the remote Colombian village of El Pozon.

In this village, terrorized by occasional killings and disappearances, the Sisters provide job training, food and hope - through prayer meetings, Confirmation classes and Bible studies. A grant from the Pastoral Mission Fund is helping the Sisters conduct their important pastoral and mission work.

12 July is the *ShareLife Freewill* Sunday.

Please give generously; thanks for helping *ShareLife*!

Spiritual Communion

Spiritual Communion is a way to be united with Christ when we cannot physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. It can be made at home or in Church, in front of the Blessed Sacrament or not.

St. Thomas Aquinas defined Spiritual Communion as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and in lovingly embracing Him as if we had actually received Him.”

You can “turn toward the holy tabernacle” and receive Jesus in your heart from anywhere you might happen to be, at any time, day or night!

HOW DO I DO IT?

Following these guidelines:

Start with the Sign of the Cross.

Read and reflect on the readings from Mass that day.

Have a real desire to be united with Christ.

Acknowledge your sins and ask for forgiveness.

Receive Christ in your soul and pray (see below)

St. Alphonsus Liguori's Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



George Perry Floyd Jr. (14 October 1973 – 25 May 2020)

Cardinal Collins Statement on Racism, Dialogue and Respect

5 June 2020

We have witnessed shocking events, most recently the violent death of **George Floyd**, that have prompted protests and important conversations both in the United States and our own country, on the topic of racism and violence. In our own archdiocese, there have been peaceful demonstrations and dialogue based on our local reality and concern for one another.

It is important that, in these conversations, we authentically listen to the plight of those who have been victims of racism, intolerance and violence.

I firmly believe on these occasions that we should all listen more than we speak, in order to gain a better understanding and appreciation of the suffering of others. While we enjoy one of the most ethnically diverse faith communities in North America, we must continue to remind ourselves to follow the example of Jesus to love others as ourselves without exception.

Racism knows no boundaries and it remains a present day challenge that must not be ignored.

We join in prayer for victims of racism, violence and intolerance and for those who are working peacefully to effect change. May each of us reflect the loving face of Jesus to all those whom we encounter on the journey

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Collins".

Thomas Collins
Archbishop of Toronto



Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God

rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Holy Friendship in a Hypersexualized World

A wonderful article appeared a few years ago by D.C. McAllister titled “*How To Stop Sexualizing Everything.*” It tapped into the schizophrenic character of our modern age that surrounds our expressions of intimacy. Essentially, she posited, we either fearfully avoid touch and intimacy as it might be misread as a sin or a sexual advance, or we completely give in, and all that we touch is tinged with sexual undertones and innuendos. McAllister notes “The effect of these two warring attitudes – Puritanism and sexualization – has had a distorting effect on friendship. On the one hand, people don’t feel free to show emotions. On the other, when they do, those feelings are sexualized.”

A 2016 BBC documentary called “The Secret Letters of Pope John Paul II” perfectly illustrates this distorted dichotomy. For decades, St. John Paul II held a well-known relationship with Dr. Anna-Teresa Tymieniecka, a Polish philosopher who was an expert in the work of German philosopher Edmund Husserl. The Pope’s interest in the phenomenology of Husserl led the two to form a friendship over the years (albeit, not without its difficult moments – see George Weigel’s excellent article on that backstory here). She was a married woman with three children, living in America. He, when they met, was a Cardinal in the Church. Their correspondence lasted well into old age.

Ed Stourton, who made the documentary, proposes that the decades-long relationship was somehow, for at least one of the parties, romantic. His claims are “substantiated” by Emeritus Professor Eamon Duffy of the University of Cambridge, who states in the interview, “Clearly there’s an element of playing with fire when you’ve got a strongly heterosexual man and an attractive woman in a very intense relationship that is cultivated and which engages mind at a high level of intensity. There’s danger everywhere.”

This thought that a male and female friendship simply by its very nature is “dangerous” is given further credence in the remarks of someone Stourton refers to as a “trainee priest” (a Seminarian). John Cornwell apparently attended seminary from 1953 to 1958. He states that back then “The perception was that even if you had a close association of friendship with the woman, this could be an occasion of sin. An occasion of sin was as bad as if you’d actually done it.” This sad (and completely incorrect) articulation of what sin consists of is followed by another interviewee who states that their “training meant most priests would have been wary of such a close relationship. The most natural reaction would have been for him to terminate contact.”

Ironically, the language in this interview reveals to viewers and readers of this breaking story the deepest scandal of all, which has nothing to do with St. John Paul II. It is the scandal that all too many men and women today are incapable of imagining an intimate relationship that does not somehow involve some sort of sexually romantic overtone.



In truth, the Church has a long history of examples of men and women who have formed intimate and affectionate relationships that did not involve sexual relations. They were known as *friendships* (a wonderful word that we should restore to modern lexicon). In fact, St. John Paul II had numerous friendships with women that lasted decades and included letters, phone calls, shared meals, and walks together. The BBC footage seems to imply that this particular relationship with Dr. Tymieniecka was isolated and the meetings exclusive. But the fact is, they were not. St. John Paul II was a magnanimous figure who loved people deeply, and was rather transparent about his friendships. He was also prudent, meeting men and women together for those private meals and taking vacations with friends or families together. In the image of St. John Paul II and Dr. Tymieniecka standing beside a car, one should realize a third person took the photo. I imagine it was her husband.

Regarding the correspondence, here is an excerpt:

“I know you have complete confidence in my affection; I have no doubt about this and delight in the thought. I want you to know and to believe that I have an intense and very special desire to serve you with all of my strength. It would be impossible for me to explain either the quality or the greatness of this desire that I have to be at your service, but I can tell you that I believe it is from God, and for that reason, I cherish it and every day see it growing and increasing remarkably... God has given me to you; so consider me as yours in Him, call me whenever you like...”

I’m sorry, I tricked you! This was actually an exchange between St. Francis de Sales to St. Jane de Chantal, dated 24 June 1604. After the death of her husband, St. Francis served as her spiritual director for years, giving her counsel in forming a new religious community. (I don’t have access to an extended quote from St. John Paul II’s letters to Dr. Tymieniecka, and would prefer not to cherry pick one out at this point as the BBC interview did.)

Regardless, here is an intimate note, man to woman, celibate man to widowed mother. How did you feel in reading that exchange? Did it make you uncomfortable? Were you shocked? Did you feel it was inappropriate? I know it really struck me personally when I first read it. I found it to be astoundingly beautiful, and I felt duped and double-crossed by this hyper-sexualized culture we live in because I too felt a little manipulated as it were to see romance when I read those words holding such fervent love. But who has the larger issue here? Who needs a little restoration of that original vision we've been called to?

The examples of chaste and simultaneously fervent love go on, nonetheless, and in each we are challenged to see others first as “occasions of grace” rather than “occasions of sin.” By this grace, in the words of St. John Paul II, “we come to an ever greater awareness of the gratuitous beauty of the human body, of masculinity and femininity. This gratuitous beauty becomes a light for our actions....”

Over a two-year period that led up to her early death, **Saint Thérèse of Lisieux** and a seminarian named Maurice would exchange 21 letters in total. He wrote 11 and the Little Flower wrote 10. For both of these holy souls, the letters reveal a love that was fully human and completely chaste. St. Thérèse wrote in one note: “In your letter of the 14th you made my heart tremble with joy. I understand better than ever how much your soul is the sister of my own, since it is called to lift itself up to God by the ELEVATOR of love and not to climb the hard stairway of fear....” Later, as he was about to be sent on mission, she wrote “When my dear little brother leaves for Africa, I shall follow him not only in thought and in prayer; my soul will be with him forever.”



Let's look at another intimate exchange, now between men, from over 1,600 years ago: “...To talk and jest together, to do kind offices by turns; to read together honeyed books; to play the fool or be earnest together... (to) long for the absent with impatience; and welcome the coming with joy. These and the like expressions, proceeding out of the hearts of those that loved and were loved again, by the countenance, the tongue, the eyes, and a thousand pleasing gestures, were so much fuel to melt our souls together, and out of many make but one. This is it that is loved in friends...”

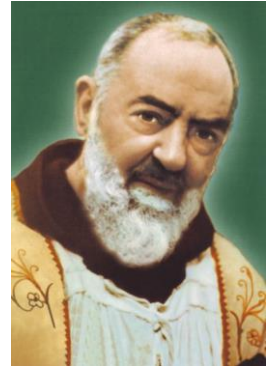
That is **St. Augustine**, from his intimate and perennially modern autobiography *Confessions* (Chapter 8, section 13), written in 397 AD. For modern ears, this level of intimacy between men can only be seen as some kind of closet homosexuality. The same minds, tinged again by a culture inundated by sexual



allusion and innuendo in all things, even place a gay frame around the relationship between David and Jonathan in 1 Samuel 18:1,3: “As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.”

We have become, in the words of St. John Paul II himself, “masters of suspicion,” incapable of seeing how human interactions could ever rise above mere sexual gratification and appropriation.

This is nothing new. During the beatification process for **Padre Pio**, in 1990, the case was blocked after a stash of letters were revealed that the holy Franciscan had written to his spiritual daughter, as he called her, Cleonice Morcaldi. He had met her around 1930 when she was a child, orphaned from both parents. St. Padre Pio had promised her dying mother he would take care of her like a daughter. Some investigators however felt the letters to be too affectionate.



Man and woman. This is holy ground. This is sacred ground, and in this place we are called to a deep self-mastery, and a healthy recognition of our own hearts and where we stand in the ability to truly see one another. I have placed several links to resources below and encourage readers to go further, to pray more deeply about this lost art of friendship, of holy friendship. It must be rekindled. It will take work and prayer and much patience, especially in this present darkness. But with grace we can reclaim a beautiful gift, and our vision of one another can indeed be restored. It is a hope within reach. It is our inheritance and a promise too. “Jesus came to restore creation to the purity of its origins” (Catechism, 2336). I'll close with a wonderful and deeply personal word from St. John Paul II, originally signed on Feb. 8, 1994 but was not printed until 2006:

“God has given me many people, both young and old, boys and girls, fathers and mothers, widows, the healthy and the sick. Always, when he gave them to me, he also tasked me with them, and now I see that I could easily write a separate book about each of them—and each biography would ultimately be on the disinterested gift man always is for the other. Among them were the uneducated, for instance factory workers; there were also students, university professors, doctors and lawyers, and finally priests and the consecrated religious. Of course, they included both men and women. A long road led me to discover the genius of woman, and Providence itself saw to it that the time eventually came when I really recognized it and was even, as it were, dazzled by it.”

Saint John Paul the Great, Poet of the Divine Mysteries and Apostle of the Beauty of the Human Person, pray for us!

By **Bill Donaghy**



Una Voce

Dedicated to the development of the *Extraordinary Form* of the Roman Rite in the Archdiocese of Toronto and its suffragan dioceses for the restoration of Catholic piety and culture.

In 2007, **Pope Benedict XVI** issued his *motu proprio*, *SUMMORUM PONTIFICUM*, which encouraged the use of the traditional Latin Mass, and addressed a number of points about its use. In the Toronto Archdiocese, *Una Voce* provides information for Catholics who wish to participate in traditional Latin Masses. They are held in a number of locations, including:

St. Patrick Church, 91 Church St.
Schomberg, Ontario L0G 1T0
Sundays: 9:00 A.M. — Sung Mass

St. Vincent de Paul Church
263 Roncesvalles Ave., Toronto, Ontario M6R 2L9
Sundays: 9:30 A.M. — Read Mass

Holy Family Church
1372 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario M6K 1H3
Sundays: 11:00 A.M. — Solemn Mass
Mon – Fri: 11:30 A.M. — Read Mass
Saturdays: 8:30 A.M. — Read Mass

St. Lawrence the Martyr
2210 Lawrence Ave. E., Scarborough, ON M6K 1H3
Sundays: 1:00 P.M. — Read Mass with hymns
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 11 A.M. — Read Mass
Thursday: 7:00 A.M. — Read Mass
Friday: 7:00 P.M. — Read Mass

St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church
1148 Finch Avenue, Pickering, Ontario L1V 1J6
First Saturday, 11:00 A.M. — Read Mass



St. Joseph, model of Christian fathers

St. Joseph was a carpenter by trade, a just and pious man, and a most excellent husband and father. The genealogy given in Matthew i, 1-17, traces his line from Abraham and King David. In accordance with the Jewish ritual, he was betrothed to the Virgin Mary, who was also of the race of David. Joseph accepted without question the two-fold office with which he was charged, protector of Mary's honor and foster father of the Child that she bore. Forty days after the birth of Jesus, Joseph and Mary took him to the temple in Jerusalem, where Simeon recognized that this was the promised Messiah. He blessed Joseph and Mary and spoke of the glory that had come to them.

All that Scripture says of Joseph adds to the picture of a gentle, protective and wise father and husband.

The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph to tell him to flee with his family into Egypt to escape the wrath of the jealous King Herod. When it was safe, they returned to their home town of Nazareth. Joseph carried on his trade, teaching it to Jesus as the boy grew older. Joseph shared his wife's anxiety when, on one Passover, the twelve-year-old Jesus became separated from them, and was later found debating with the learned men in the temple.

Popular veneration of St. Joseph developed first among the Copts, and then from early times in Ireland. In 1870, Pope Pius IX proclaimed him patron of the Universal Church. The great number of Churches dedicated to St. Joseph is an indication of the depth of this veneration.

Corpus Christi Sunday, 14 June *Fr. Edwin's Homily*

Today we reaffirm with great joy our faith in the Eucharist, the Mystery that constitutes the heart of the Church. The Eucharistic Mystery "is the gift that Jesus Christ makes of himself, thus revealing to us God's infinite love for every person."

Corpus Christi, therefore, is a unique feast and constitutes an important encounter of faith and praise for every Christian community. This feast originated for the very precise purpose of openly reaffirming the faith of the People of God in Jesus Christ, alive and truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. It is a feast that was established in order to publicly adore, praise and thank the Lord, who continues "to love us to the end," even to offering us his Body and his Blood.

The Holy Mass today takes us back to the spiritual atmosphere of Holy Thursday, the day on which in the Upper Room, on the eve of his Passion, Christ instituted the Most Holy Eucharist. Corpus Christi is thus a renewal of the mystery of Holy Thursday, as it were, in obedience to Jesus' invitation to proclaim from "the housetops" what he told us in secret (cf. Mt 10: 27). It was the Apostles who received the gift of the Eucharist from the Lord in the intimacy of the Last Supper, but it was destined for all, for the whole world.

The Eucharist is the food reserved for those who in Baptism were delivered from slavery and have become children of God; it is the food that sustained them on the long journey of the exodus through the desert of human existence.

Like the manna for the people of Israel, for every Christian generation the Eucharist is the indispensable nourishment that sustains them as they cross the desert of this world, parched by ideological and economic systems that do not promote life but rather diminish it. It is a world where the logic of power and possessions prevails rather than that of service and love; a world where the culture of violence and death is frequently triumphant.

On 25 May 2020, an arrest occurred in the city of Minneapolis that had historic repercussions. The arrest of George Floyd resulted in his death, due to asphyxiation caused by the arresting officer. The incident led to worldwide protests and conversations about racism, violence and the dignity due to all people. In view of these historic events, the Gospel certainly holds true today, with its message of love and unity.

Responding to the protests that unfolded in the days and weeks following the death of George Floyd, Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, issued a statement in which he wrote:

"We must continue to remind ourselves daily to follow the example of Jesus to love one another as ourselves without exception. Racism knows no boundaries and it remains a present day challenge that must not be ignored. We join together in prayer for victims of racism, violence and intolerance and for those who are working peacefully to effect change."

On this Corpus Christi Sunday (as we make what will hopefully be one of our final Spiritual Communions during this period of pandemic), let us reflect on the reality that, in Christ, we *are* united to one another all over the world in a bond of fellowship and love.

A bond of fellowship and love.

Let me provide an illustration.

Bishop Ken Untener was the bishop of Saginaw, Michigan, from 1980 up to his death in 2004 at the age of 67. In 1994, he gave a homily at his Cathedral on the 50th anniversary of D-Day in the Second World War, when the United States Army, the U.K., Canada and some other countries were trying to fight their way into the European continent to liberate the Allied nations from Nazi occupation. The German army was resisting.

Let me quote from Bishop Untener's D-Day homily:

He wrote:

"I was talking and I said, 'Is there anybody here who lost a family member on D-Day?'"

An old woman on one side of the Church raised her hand.

I said, 'Whom did you lose?'

She said, 'My brother.'

And I said, 'Where did it happen, and who was he with – the Navy, Army...?'

She explained. Then I said, 'Is there anybody else?'

There was an old woman on the other side of the Church.

I said, 'And whom did you lose?'

And she said, 'My brother.'

And I said, 'And where did that happen?'

She paused for a moment – and I shall never, ever until I die, forget this – she said, 'He was in the German army.'

Their brothers had been shooting at each other. Each man was trying to do his duty. But to see their sisters sitting there, looking at each other, with the Altar right there, where we were gathered together, I couldn't speak for some time.

In that moment, I realized why Jesus prayed so hard the night before He died, 'that they would all be one,' and that the fighting would stop."

Yes, Jesus comes to meet us and imbues us with certainty: he himself is "the Bread of life" (Jn 6: 35, 48). He repeated this to us in the words of the Gospel Acclamation: "I am the living bread from Heaven, if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever" (cf Jn 6: 51).

On this feast of Corpus Christi, we pray for the wisdom to recognize the action of God at work in our lives. We pray for the courage to accept the unity that Jesus offers to all who claim his power of his presence. He really is the Bread of Life. He really continues "to love us to the end." He offers us his Body and his Blood, that we may share in his life, and that we may share our lives in:

A bond of fellowship and love.

The Magic Bank Account

Imagine that you had won the following *PRIZE* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use.

However, this prize has Rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that Day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, Game Over!" It can close the account, and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?



Actually, this Game is **Real** !

Shocked ??? YES !

Each of us is already a winner of this *Prize.*

It's just that many of us can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is *TIME*

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of Life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time *Without Warning*.

So, what will **You** do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

Take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day.

Start spending....

Thanks to Roy Johnston and Alice Larkin for forwarding.



Dame Vera Lynn

20 March 1917 – 18 June 2020

Dame Vera Lynn, the endearingly popular “Forces’ Sweetheart” who serenaded British troops overseas during World War II, died on 18 June 2020 at the age of 103. During the war and long after, Lynn got crowds singing, smiling and crying with sentimental favourites such as “*We’ll Meet Again*,” and “*The White Cliffs of Dover*.”

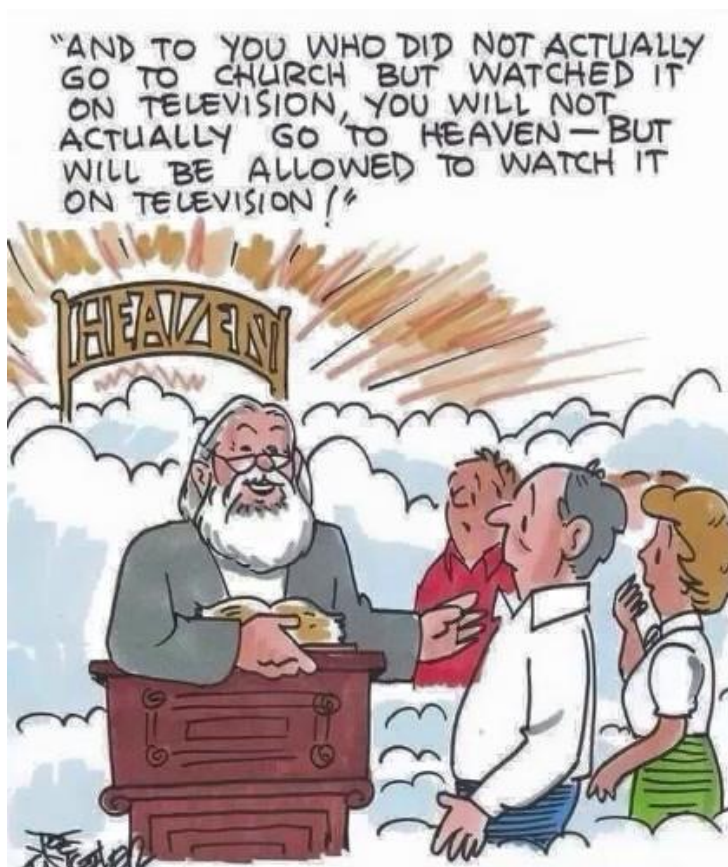
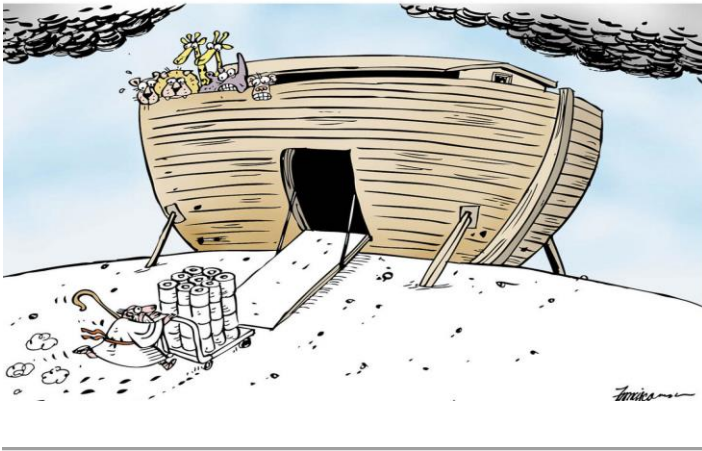
Her family issued a statement which read, “We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of one of Britain’s best-loved entertainers at the age of 103. Dame Vera Lynn, who lived in Ditchling, East Sussex, passed away earlier today, 18 June 2020, surrounded by her close family.”



Ciasullo family

r.i.p., 18 June 2020

Karolina Ciasullo and her daughters **Klara**, 6, **Liliana**, 4, and **Mila**, 1, died in Brampton on 18 June 2020 when the van in which they were traveling was struck by a speeding car driven by a 20 year old who had a prohibited license due to multiple offenses. Mrs. Ciasullo was a Grade 4 teacher at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School in Brampton.



Welcome to our New Parishioners

A warm welcome to all new parishioners who moved into our neighbourhood during the pandemic. We regret that we were not able to receive you with our customary hospitality, and we would be very happy to register you as members of the Parish, and issue you Sunday Envelopes, as the Office gradually returns to a more regular pattern of operation.

Please keep in touch via our website. The bulletins will continue to be published weekly, as they were throughout the pandemic shutdown, so you can continue to offer the special prayers prepared by **Pope Francis**, and also by **Cardinal Thomas Collins**.



Let the Earth Breathe





[Abov:] **Crucifix in the Sky**
Photo by Lorenzo Berardinetti.

[Below:] **The moon**, 3.05 am Tuesday, 16 June 2020.
Photo: Lorenzo Berardinetti.

