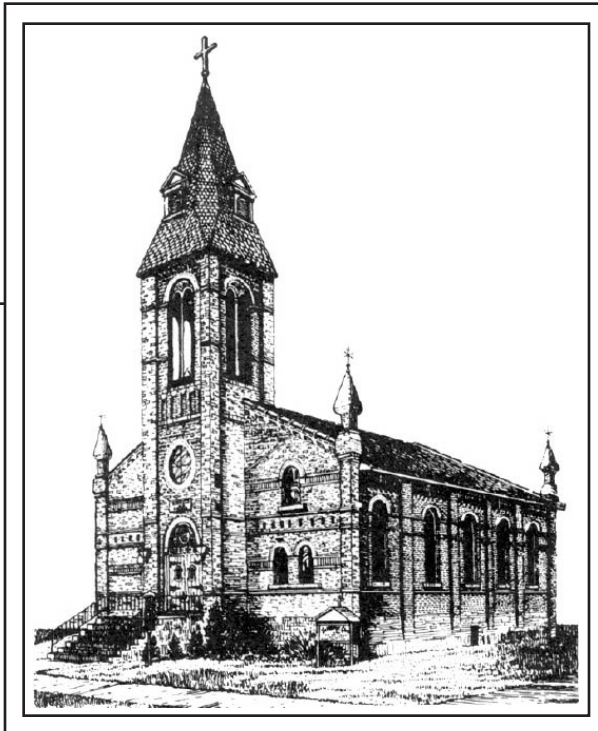


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PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

BULLETIN NOTICES must be received at the parish office by Wednesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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Earth's Most Serious Wound



Greater than any other wound or suffering is that which comes from loss, especially loss that is permanent and final. Things that will never be again, people in our lives and on this earth whom we will never see again in our days on this earth, leave us with a profound sense of a great void and a seemingly eternal living with things forever gone. Human death, and all forms of death for that matter, is beyond our full understanding and our ability to do anything about it. And even when we think we've "gotten over" the loss of a loved one, a favoured pet or any form of loss, there is so often something that reminds us of them or turns our thoughts to pensive lament. I think of the song with the line "for there is always something there to remind me...". We can become quite inconsolable as we are forced to go on when every part of our being wants to return to former times and places and the reality and experience of relationship.

Faith provides us with an interesting vantage point and summons' us to look at things from an entirely different angle - through God's eyes. Looking out from the world into the abyss of the great beyond we can feel small, helpless, with a prevailing sense that this is all there really is. However, and this is a big "however", as creatures given the gift and the ability to consider the Creator of all that is, to think outside and beyond ourselves, we cannot but help seek to know the One who promised us a life in that great beyond that will last forever. And He promises us Himself!

I know that over the many years of writing these reflections I've often talked about the issue of death, most likely because it is the one subject that affects us all in one way or another or at some time or another. We cannot escape it. And there are vastly different ways in which families and individuals deal (or do not deal well) with that awesome reality.

If this world and our existence in it is all there is and there is nothing more, then 'believers' would appear as little more than weak people who want to, choose to, strive to believe in something that is not real in order to pacify their existence and lull their fears - a kind of hopeless hope.

I think it was Bishop Sheen who said to the effect that anyone can survive a "how" provided they have a "who", and that 'who' is Jesus. In other words, we can endure all things if there is a goal, not just one that we have made and set before ourselves, but one that has been revealed to us through Christ. The great martyrs and saints of the Church have been and continue to be living proof to and give human testimony of a life that is to come; a life filled with joy, light and perfect happiness, but a life that does not even make sense if the One who fashioned it does not exist in it. The same can be said for our time here on earth. How can we look about creation and not see within it and around it all - a Creator?

I have often said that I have not come to belief in God by any one thing that has happened in my life, rather, I have come to believe and know through everything that has taken place. We speak so often of "the Word" we hear on Sunday which reveals that "the Word made flesh", Christ Jesus, but it is a Word that can speak to our living like no other and answer the questions all of us ask at one time or another.

A few years ago, a parishioner came into the parish office to get a Mass Card and when he saw me, asked, "Father, I was thinking the other day, in the *Our Father* we say "and lead us not into temptation". "But", he said, "God won't lead us into temptation, will He?" It was a good question but one I didn't have a ready answer for, though I'm sure I said something about the words meaning more like "God, don't allow us to be led into temptation, but help us and guide us on the right path". At any rate, just a few days later while on the annual priests' retreat, the first reading for the Tuesday Mass said the following from the book of James:

"Happy the one who remains steadfast under trial, for having passed that test they will receive for their prize the gift of life promised to those who love God. No one under trial or temptation should say, 'I am being tempted by God'; for God is untouched by evil, and does not himself tempt anyone. Temptation arises when one is enticed and lured away by their own lust; then lust conceives, and gives birth to sin; and sin full-grown breeds death. Make no mistake, my friends. All good giving, every perfect gift, comes from above, from the Father of the lights of heaven. With him there is no variation, no play of passing shadows." (James 1:12-17)

What a beautiful and seldom quoted phrase, "**With him there is no variation, no play of passing shadows.**"

The losses we suffer are but losses we must endure for a time, for a moment compared to eternity. But our loss will be turned to finding again and being found by the One who seeks out and rescues the lost and whose love knows no bounds. The reality of that promise is that we will realize that we have really in time lost nothing and gained everything. Earth's most serious wound - (a phrase spoken by Fulton Sheen), which is death, has been conquered by the One, Jesus Christ, who gave the earth its most serious wound in the empty tomb. Take heart and trust in the Lord! (Fr. Charles)



MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tuesday May 9 th	NO MASS
Wednesday May 10 th	NO MASS
Thursday May 11 th	NO MASS
Friday May 12 th	
7:30pm	Holy Hour
8:30am	+Lori Tasca Requested by Ken Wright
	Intentions of Ricardo Zullani Requested by the Lassak Family
Saturday May 13 th	
3:30pm	Confessions
4:30pm	+Dick Doughty Requested by the Knights of Columbus 3 rd Degree Father Lally Council
Sunday May 14 th	
9:00am	+Anne Van Boxmeer Requested by the St. Mary's CWL
11:00am	For the People

Please Pray for the Sick

Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Ken Buchan, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Gwen Collard, Janine Wright, Emilie Gosselin, Mark Zalter, Francesco Hoedl & Family.

Pray for those who have died recently

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POPES PASTORAL WORKS

Next weekend May 13th and 14th, there will be a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

5th Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023

Living the Gospel through ShareLife

We each have a part to play in supporting those in need in our community. And for that reason, each parish, and the archdiocese as a whole, has a fundraising goal for ShareLife. Reaching this goal means Catholic agencies can continue providing care to those who turn to them for help.

Cardinal Collins is asking each of us to contribute what we can. He says: "Your sacrificial gift will truly make a difference in the life of someone turning to a ShareLife agency in their moment of need."

Thus far, we have raised \$12,594.50 toward our goal of \$43,000.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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- Be a Catholic female attending Our Lady of the Bay High School, or Collingwood Collegiate Institute
- Attend Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Collingwood, or a Catholic Church in her community on a regular basis.
- Be continuing with post-secondary education and be registered as a full time student starting in September of the upcoming school year, at a recognized university, college or technical institute for advanced learning.

Full information can be found on the church bulletin boards, or from Mrs. Knights at Our Lady of the Bay and CCI High Schools.

DEADLINE IS MAY 26TH. Applications can be dropped off at the parish office.

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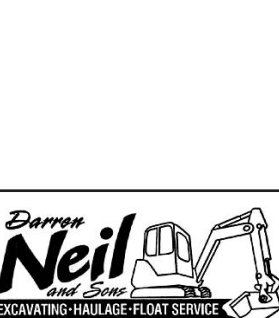

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