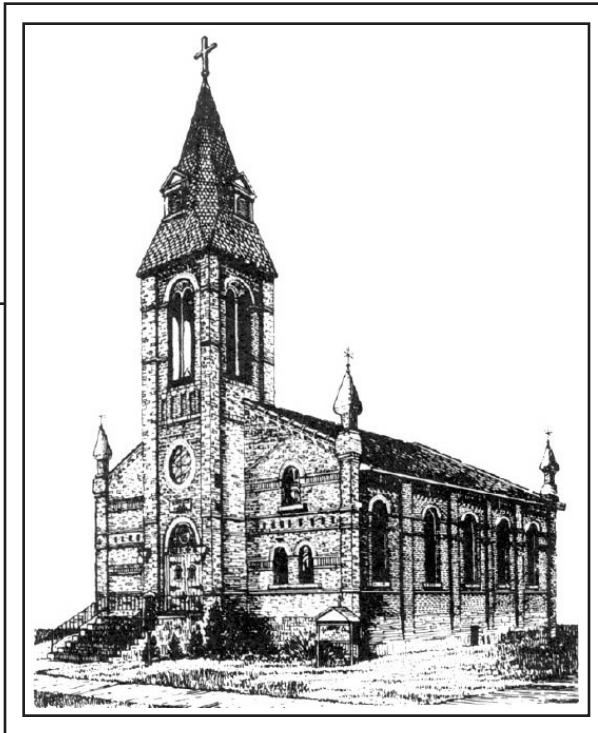


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FIRST OF ALL... THANK YOU.

I would like to say thank you to all who have expressed their appreciation for the bulletin articles that appear in this half of St. Mary's Parish bulletin. People have shared that they like the variety of topics and the ongoing teaching it provides on a wide range of contemporary issues and topics relevant to Catholic faith and growth. I have been writing bulletin articles for the past 24-years and view it as an important teaching tool as an extension of the Sunday homily. It's also humbling to hear that people share it with others outside of our parish; even some priests are reading it. I just hope people find it fruitful and also welcome any suggestions for topics or stories I could possibly write. *(Fr. Charles)*

AN EVER-PRESENT LAMENT

It may be perhaps the most common question or remark of our time for those who are striving to live the Catholic way of life: What about my kids? And What can I do to get my children back to the practice of faith? Priests the world over hear this question or comment from those who have either been faithful to the Christ or from those who have returned to it once again – how do I get my kids, my family, my spouse back into or into life with Jesus? It's not an easy question to answer as there are so many distractions, pressures and allurements present in the world that largely does not believe. I have often cited the fact with parents of high school and university age that the reality for their children today is that most if not all of the people they know don't have or practice any faith in God at all. It's the plight of association with a culture that doesn't believe, so I tell their parents to realize the fact that the people your child knows don't have a faith or generally believe some pretty strange things about religion and faith. This is often why someone who doesn't have faith and who makes friends with someone who does, will more likely be influenced by someone they both like and even admire, to ask them questions about why that person believes, goes to Mass, prays and celebrates sacraments. It's attraction rather than promotion. This is why all those who believe and follow Christ are to be witnesses to others so that they might be attracted by your authentic, lived faith in Christ. It doesn't show well when someone admits to another that "I'm Catholic but I don't practice my faith".

Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." [Mt. 5:16] As Catholics we can be willing witnesses to the truth and beauty known and experienced in our relationship with Christ or we can be mediocre or even indifferent examples of a poor Catholic to others by what we say and do. Following Christ is a change of course and direction that leads away from the so comfortable ways of the world and it's so easy to be lured to compromise our faith when with our friends and colleagues.

So, to the question of what to do with children who once practiced the faith and dropped it or children who have gone the way of the world, speaking to them yourself is the first step. I say that because often enough you have the same struggle yourself in speaking to your own children about the importance of living their faith in light of the fact that this world is so clearly and evidently not all there is – there is a life to come beyond this world which is what Jesus came to save us from and teach us about.

I was listening to an episode of the Catholic youtube program Pints With Aquinas with host Matt Fradd who was interviewing Companions of the Cross Bishop, Scott McCaig on the topic of "Why Are There So Many Bad Bishops?" (Bishop McCaig was in St. Augustine Seminary as a seminarian with me over 30-years ago.) In his discussion with Matt Fradd he said something about the overall picture of what is going on in the world from a very different viewpoint, which I think speaks to this question of the battle raging within the heart of humanity today. Bp. Scott used the following analogy: "When you get two weather systems, a high pressure system and a low pressure system, and they collide into each other, what do you get? You get storms. And the greater the difference in the pressure, the more violent the storms are. That is a perfect description of the history of the Church because what we're talking about is the Kingdom of God slamming into the kingdom of this world which the scriptures make clear is under the dominion of the evil one. It's a fallen world and the Kingdom of God is invading and the gates of hell cannot prevail. We often think of that scripture in the reverse way, that the enemies attack on us can't succeed. No, no, it's the other way around. He can't stop our attack, the attack of the Kingdom of God – it's invading. And so, there's a clash of kingdoms going on. And whenever you get the clash of kingdoms you're going to get storms. Jesus lost one of the twelve (Judas). The other apostles don't come off looking that great either, do they, when you read the scriptures? It's only after a lifetime of purification, of suffering, of proclaiming the Word, of persevering that they become the saints that we now rightly venerate. What was going on in Galatia, that Paul has to start his letter, 'You stupid Galatians'. What was going on in Corinth that he had to excommunicate somebody from a distance, that on the same hand these marvellous, magnificent gifts of the Holy Spirit are being manifested and yet, corruption in the same body? Did Jesus not warn us that the Kingdom of God would be like a field of wheat in which the enemy would sow tares; they would grow up together but in the end, he would separate them? Did he not tell us that there would be wolves in sheep's clothing? Did he not tell us that he would have to separate the sheep from the goats at the end of time? Did he not say it was like a fisherman bringing up a great load of fish where he has to keep some and throw others out? We shouldn't be shocked or surprised if we know the scriptures and if we understand the biblical worldview, that the Church is going to have difficulty, corruption, scandal at the same time as it manifests saints, who shine with blazing glory, who light up everything around them: advances in human culture, in education and holiness and human rights and basic fundamental human dignity. Everywhere the Church has been these things have advanced, but there's also those weeds among the wheat. Why do we not expect to see that? – we should expect to see that."

So with all that is this storm in the world and even in the Church, what can we do to influence and change our own children? Attempt to speak with them. And if they will not listen because they accuse you of preaching to them, preach. And if your care and concern for their lives and their eternal life has no impact, pray for them, storm heaven for them: that God, through your intercession would speak and call them to respond. *(Fr. Charles)*

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tuesday June 20th
 8:30am +Warren Warnell
 Requested by Susan Holmes & Family

Wednesday June 21st
 7:00pm +Jim Groves
 Requested by the Knights of Columbus
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Intentions of Brian O’Hearn
 Requested by the Family

Thursday June 22nd
 8:30am Intentions of Wyatt MacRae
 Requested by Mom & Dad

Friday June 23rd
 7:30pm Holy Hour
 8:30am +Jim Groves
 Requested by the Cudney Family

+Karen Kliems
 Requested by Andrea Kliems & Anne
 Scoular

Saturday June 24th
 3:30pm Confessions

4:30pm +Terese Szydziak
 Requested by the O’Hearn Family

Sunday June 25th
 9:00am For the People

11:00am Special Intentions of Nicole Guerrero &
 Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Ken Buchan,
 Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Gwen Collard, Mark Zalter,
 Francesco Hoedl & Family, Hilary Joseph

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Many thanks to all of you for your continued support and generosity towards our ShareLife campaign. To date, our parishioners have contributed \$26,868.50 toward our goal of \$43,000.00. This coming Tuesday, June 20, we observe World Refugee Day, an international day to honour refugees around the world. Through your generosity, you are able to help the Office of Refugees (ORAT) as they support the faithful in resettling refugees to Canada. Their work saves lives of refugees from different backgrounds and walks of life. In a special way, their work is directed towards assisting Christian refugees who have been marginalized and persecuted for practicing their faith. Thank you for giving them a new home here in Canada, for giving them hope, and for living the Gospel by giving to ShareLife.

CWL SCHOLARSHIP

We are pleased to announce the winner of St Mary’s CWL, Post Graduate Scholarship - 2023 - Caralina Knights. Our Review Committee found her application and marks to be outstanding. Caralina played and sang in our teen band for several years. We wish her the very best in her studies of music at Dalhousie University.

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