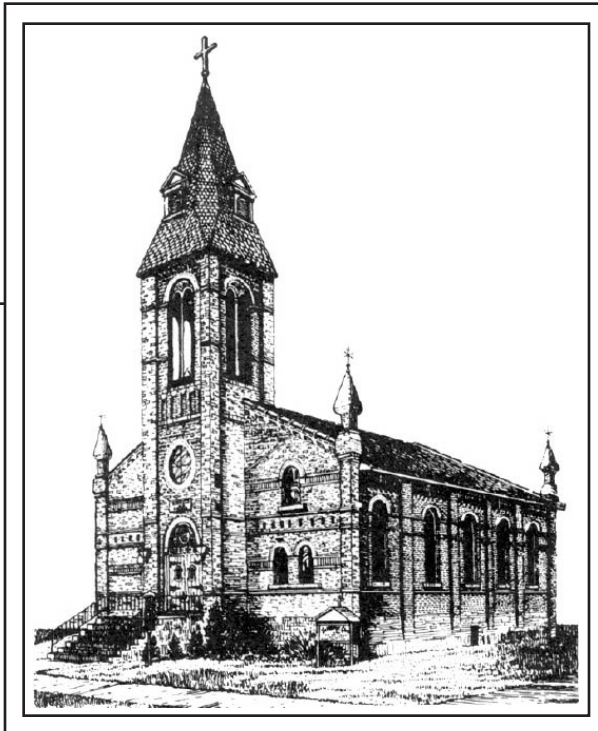


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If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

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.

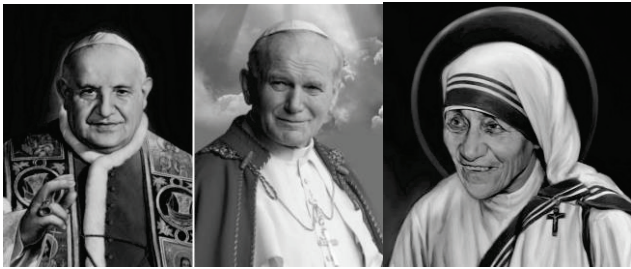
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MIRACLES IN OUR TIME



On a recent visit to St. Bridget school here in Brooklin I went about from scheduled class to class speaking to the students about any topic they had chosen or, if open to any subject, would address them on the idea of miracles. I have approached the subject of miracles before with children and if I ask them whether they believe the miracles of Jesus from the Gospels were real or not, they always answer in the affirmative, which is heartening to hear as it shows faith in the things Jesus did and what he said as God in the flesh. However, if I ask the children, and I did ask the first class visited at the school, whether they think miracles still happen today these two thousand years after Jesus walked here during his earthly life, there are mixed opinions and I don't doubt that the same might be said of adults if they were asked the same question.

Generally, I believe, Catholics would state their unbelief in modern miracles due simply not having heard of any in their experience. Yet there are many books which speak about people in the Church of the last one hundred years, some canonized Saints of the Church and others in the making, through whom God has performed extraordinary manifestations of healing and power.

First of all, it is important to look at why Jesus performed what we would call miracles. The miracles worked by the Lord which are manifest in the Gospels were not merely wonders to make the people say "Wow!" Rather they fulfilled two distinct purposes: as announcements and as invitations.

MIRACLES AS ANNOUNCEMENTS

When Jesus worked any of his many miracles the first thing heard on the lips of his disciples and the crowds at large was, "Who is he that he can make the deaf hear? Who is he that he can walk on water? Who is he that he can cure the deaf, make the lame walk, raise the dead back to life?" Yes, indeed, who is he? The questions from witnessing the miracles of Our Blessed Lord were announcements to the people of who Jesus is. The demons, whenever in the presence of Jesus, would manifest themselves and attempt to address Jesus publicly saying, "We know who you are, the Messiah, the Son of God!" And Jesus would silence them. It would not be demons who would profess the identity of the Lord Jesus but rather people, sinners, who had come to believe.

However, the question of Jesus' identity would ultimately lead to a belief that he is in fact the long-awaited Messiah. And if they had come to this conclusion, the second purpose of the miracle would become clear.

MIRACLES AS INVITATIONS

With the realization of the truth that Jesus was the Son of God would come the question in their minds of, "if this be the Son of God, the Messiah, what must I do?", which is the invitation that the revelation of Jesus always demands of us: will we follow

him; will we give our lives to him; will he be the center of our living?" So, the miracles of Jesus beg we ask the questions of who he is and what must we do in light of this truth.

Let me just say here plainly that miracles do happen today it's just that they don't make it into the newspapers or in the media much as the media, which is largely and generally secular, doesn't quite know what to do with the miraculous because they are linked to faith which is linked to religion.

Just as an example there is the story from 1987 of a woman in Ireland, a Mrs. Wilkinson, who had a baby that was not expected to live as the child was born with only one heart ventricle and a grossly enlarged liver. The doctors offered no hope but for the parents to take the baby home at some point for the inevitable. For many months and years, the baby seemed to survive as all the while she prayed to the Blessed Mother to heal her daughter, Kelly, while her own mother kept telling her to pray to Padre Pio. She felt that since Padre Pio was able during his life to read the minds and hearts of people, he would read her heart and see how unworthy she was to even ask for a miracle. So, she says, she stuck with the Blessed Mother and ignored the idea of praying for the intercession of Padre Pio. Now, Padre Pio had the gift of the stigmata on his hands – the wounds of Christ would appear on them during his celebration of the Mass as a priest – and so as he was embarrassed by these marks in that they drew the attention of others, he hid them from the public with mitts he would wear, though the wounds would be visible during Mass. It turns out that a woman happened to have one of Padre Pio's mitts and so the mother took her daughter Kelly to the woman's house and they blessed the child simply making the sign of the Cross on her with the mitt of the Saint. Later that night she put her little daughter Kelly to bed as she had fallen asleep in the car on the way back home. But her daughter came to her mother's room in the night and said, "Mommy, there's an old man in my room." She tried to convince her daughter that there was no one in her room but she insisted her mother come to her room and see for herself and, of course, when she got to Kelly's room, she saw no one, even though Kelly kept pointing to a corner and saying, "Look mommy, there he is!" She put her daughter back to bed and told her that she had to stop this silliness because she needed her sleep since they were going away the following day to have tests done in the hospital in Belfast. The mother returned to her room and her bed only to drift off as she heard her little girl giggling and laughing in her room.

When the tests at the hospital had been taken, the cardiologist called the mother in to speak with her. Expecting the worst, she sat down to hear the doctor say to her, "Mrs. Wilkinson, I don't know how I'm going to explain this to you, but I'll try. For the past almost four years you have been coming here religiously with your daughter, and we haven't been able to give you any consolation or hope. And for that I'm very sorry. But I have in front of me Kelly's catheterization done at birth, and it clearly shows she has a single ventricle, a congenital heart defect, and a grossly enlarged liver. And then I have here the catheterization done today. It shows absolutely no congenital heart defect. Kelly's heart today is perfectly normal. The piece that wasn't there is now there. And the liver has reduced in size.... my diagnosis today is Kelly is a perfectly normal, healthy child. I can't explain it." And so, Kelly was healed through an old man who had appeared in her room. Miracles today DO HAPPEN! More to come. (Fr. C.)



MASS *SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS*

Tuesday Nov 21 st 7:00pm	+Ken Buchan Requested by Carol Johns
Wednesday Nov 22 nd 8:30am	+Giuseppina Zomparelli Requested by the Gal & Jagielski Family
	Unannounced Mass
Thursday Nov 23 rd 8:30am	Intentions of Citlalli Cardenas Requested by Catherine Spreitz
Friday Nov 24 th 7:30pm 8:30am	Holy Hour +Bogdan Chodynski Requested by the Gal & Jagielski Family
	+Josephine & George Gerynowicz Requested by the Gal & Jagielski Family
Saturday Nov 25 th 3:30pm 4:30pm	Confessions +Victor Szuta Requested by the Cudney Family
Sunday Nov 26 th 9:00am 11:00am	For the People +Louis Vella Requested by the Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Gwen Collard, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, Teresa & Feliks Kosierb, Mary Little, Elizabeth Pavilsa

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

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Liturgical Publications will setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in December 2023 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1 800 268 2637.

SENIOR WISH



This Christmas Senior Wish are resuming their *Bags of Love* Campaign for seniors who reside in long-term care and in the community who would otherwise not receive gifts.

Also, if anyone would like to adopt a senior please contact the office and I will pass the information along. St. Mary's will be putting a drop-off box in between the hall and the church for the month of November to support Senior Wish. A list of items will be on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to help a senior. **The deadline for drop off here at the church is the weekend of Dec 2nd and 3rd. This is such a wonderful thing to do for the seniors in our community who would otherwise not receive anything. Also, don't forget you have the option to adopt a senior.**

SHEPHERDS TRUST SECOND COLLECTION



There will be a second collection today, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

WE REMEMBER ALL SOULS MASSES

If you would like to remember your "loved ones" in the Masses through the month of November please pick-up an offering envelope at the front of the church, fill it out and put it in the basket provided, there is also a book of remembrance to sign.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting unwrapped pyjamas to give out at Christmas starting on Dec. 2. There will be a Christmas tree with boxes in which to place the pyjamas in the church hall. As usual the demand is for larger children and adult sizes. You are free to purchase for any age and gender. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

We still have some Missals left in the back of the church if anyone still needs to purchase one the cost is \$7.00

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