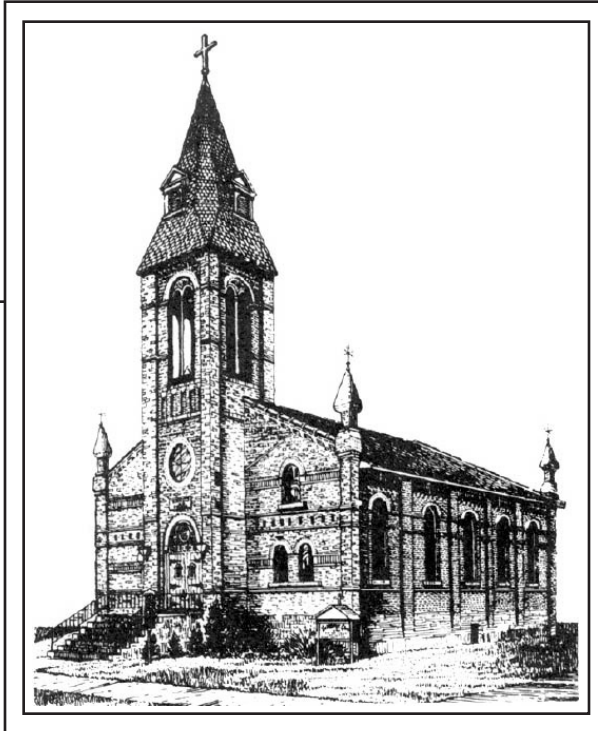


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Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
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PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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Could it be that God, in a loving, Fatherly way; in a nurturing Motherly way, is breathing and sighing within us, ever-so-silently, of enduring love, of the truth we need to know in our bones - that life is a fleeting, passing thing; a time at best of coming to know rather than a coming to have? Is this a silent voice of purity that tells us we, like the foliage adorning the trees, must be stripped away and shed of our inhibitions, our fears and all longings that do not lead heavenward? Yes.

As a pastor, a priest in a parish, I know only too well of all those who have been seemingly stamped, marked as forever sad and lonely by the death of someone they knew and loved in this earthly life. I have seen this particularly in women who have seen the surname they received from their husbands at marriage remain, but the love of their lives vanish from their arms and their living as a surreal and ever-present torment to their plans and their hopes once known and now dashed with horrible separation and a dark void.

The awesome truth about Christina Rossetti's poem is the prayer that ends each verse like a rightly aimed arrow at its mark. "O Jesus, quicken me, O Jesus, rise in me, O Jesus, drink of me."

There is just no such a thing as a cure for sorrow, grief or despair save joy, praise and hope. When these latter things are turned to in turning to Christ, those things we fear and the existence we have known, as the psalmist says, "My tears have become my bread", can be changed, transformed into a new waiting and a fresh calm of the soul. We realize that we have been imbued with an eternal longing that will only be fulfilled in the experience of the Eternal Itself, in a heavenly springtime, and that for the now, we wait, not alone and dreading the hours, days and months away from our beloved, but *with* the Beloved who promises that one day we will no longer have to wait and that in the now we are not alone, forgotten or finished. If we believe (and we ought to) that our soul mate in life has been the choice for us by God, then God must know, not just what has happened to us and to our beloved, but how all things will be made new.

The world we live in, as imperfect as it is, is an ever-present reminder that we were never meant to feel or be whole or complete in the here and now, but that we are a work in progress, a soul on a journey towards truth, meaning and fulfillment. And we journey not alone, but with many who walk toward that Eternal Home, that otherworldly springtime of basking in the glory that is Jesus Christ and life with him forever. And, oh yes, widows will see their husbands and be widows no more, and husbands, their wives; mothers and fathers, their children; children, their parents and grandparents,.....

(Fr. Charles)

A Better Resurrection

I have no wit, no words, no tears;
My heart within me like a stone
Is numbed too much for hopes or fears.
Look right, look left, I dwell alone;
I lift mine eyes, but dimmed with grief
No everlasting hills I see;
My life is in the falling leaf:
O Jesus, quicken me.

My life is like a faded leaf,
My harvest dwindled to a husk:
Truly my life is void and brief
And tedious in the barren dusk;
My life is like a frozen thing,
No bud nor greenness can I see:
Yet rise it shall--the sap of spring;
O Jesus, rise in me.

My life is like a broken bowl,
A broken bowl that cannot hold
One drop of water for my soul
Or cordial in the searching cold;
Cast in the fire the perished thing;
Melt and remould it, till it be
A royal cup for Him, my King:
O Jesus, drink of me.

Christina Rossetti

This beautiful poem by Christina Rossetti, speaks to a part of all of us, perhaps even a time in all of us - a time of brokenness, a period of spiritual drought, a moment of feeling empty, an ever-present sense of feeling lonely. This is a time in nature's endless law that says things must die in order to begin anew. The changing seasons of the heart itself, tend to leave us with a brooding sense of things incomplete and undone in our life. All nature around us is dying or dead as even the squirrels and creatures of the wood prepare for an impending winter and a time of none. The places of their habitat seem to whisper to them of what they need to do - and do it they shall.

What is our God, the God of Jesus Christ, the One who gave us the Spirit, whispering to us in the signs of nature - indeed the signs of the times, within us?

"I asked God for things that I might enjoy life.
God gave me life,
that I might enjoy all things."

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tuesday Nov 28 th 7:00pm	+Ken Buchan Requested by Patricia Foerderer
Wednesday Nov 29 th 8:30am	+Helen & Walter Gall Requested by the Gal & Jagielski Family
Thursday Nov 30 th 8:30am	Unannounced Mass +Anthony Wihby Requested by Marilyn Wihby
Friday Dec 1 st 7:30pm 8:30am	Holy Hour +Souls in Purgatory
Saturday Dec 2 nd 3:30pm 4:30pm	For the Ordinandi Confessions +Zygmunt Szewczyk Requested by the Cudney Family
Sunday Dec 3 rd 9:00am 11:00am	For the People +Eleanor & Ann Coleman Requested by Brendan Coleman

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, Jean Van Benthem

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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.**

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 t 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 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.



DAY OF CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT

Wednesday December 13th
9:00am to 11:00am
6:00pm to 8:00pm



PAG – PREAUTHORIZED GIVING

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of the Parish through your regular parish offerings. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, the parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly to the parish account. For more information, please call your parish office.

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