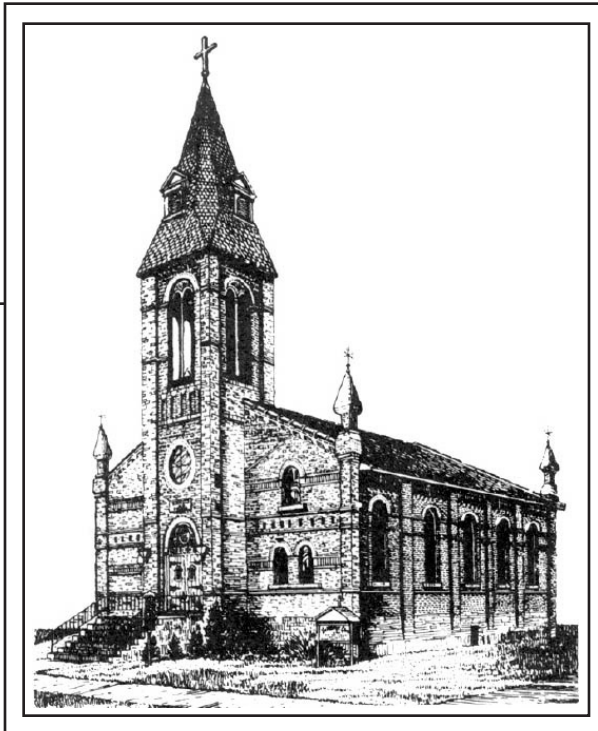


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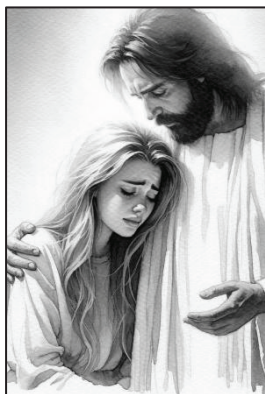
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JESUS IS LOVE "IF" ...

Christians understand that God is love. It isn't merely one of His many attributes but reflects His very nature, says St. John. Someone once approached me, and as I was speaking and joking with them – which I often do – they suddenly remarked that they were somewhat surprised by my jovial spirit since they had heard from a relative that I was 'strict'. Some people associate being traditional liturgically and theologically with being strict, but that's not the case. The Church, in her great and enduring wisdom, expects that liturgical norms be observed and followed, without improvisation by the priest presider. What might seem like strictness in adhering to liturgical norms is actually respect for them, though some might interpret it as being uncompromising or even authoritarian.



Some believe that God is strict and even severe, and that the idea of God being love might be beyond their understanding. Jesus is not only love but also demand, as shown throughout the New Testament, evident in just a few examples I know from memory and found in the Gospels:

"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Lk 9:23)

"You are my friends *if* you do what I command you." (Jn 15:14)

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, *if* you have love for one another." (Jn. 13:35)

"You heard me say to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' *If* you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I." (Jn. 14:28)

These are just a few scriptural examples that show God's promise and assurance of His love for us, but also our personal responsibility to respond to His commands.

The idea that God is love and that we must respond to that love is consistently found throughout all seventy-three books of the Bible. Before the woman was created, Adam was given paradise, maintaining an intimate and close relationship with God, on the condition that he did not eat from the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil. God indicates that this Eden, with its rich life and abundance, is his to enjoy, including the plentiful fruit of the trees in the garden, "if" Adam obeys and avoids the one thing God has instructed him not to do, to prevent death as God warned. Of course, after Adam is placed in the garden to work and care for it, God creates the woman, Eve, as a helpmate and partner for Adam. Despite being blessed with abundance and such an intimate relationship with God—"in the evening walked with them in the garden"—they are tempted by the Devil and give in. They do that one very thing God had clearly instructed them not to do, and their disobedience costs them, and us, paradise. However, in time, God came to the earth through His Son, Jesus, to restore what was lost and extended the invitation to follow Him, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, back to the promise of paradise. Yet, we cannot love paradise for itself, but must love the God who provides, offers, and restores it. The close personal relationship that was lost in Eden has been restored in Christ, and therefore, we are drawn into that

relationship with Him in this life. Paradise is heaven and to see heaven is to see Jesus. St. Frances De Sales recognized this when he wrote, "She is an all pure soul who cannot love the paradise of God, but only the God of paradise."

The temptation, unlike that of Adam and Eve, though similar in many ways, persists in our world today. Some argue that life continues after death, but it is a life and heaven without God. When people talk about the dead at a so-called 'celebration of life,' they often omit mention of God; instead, it becomes more of a family reunion with those the deceased knew and loved during their earthly life. However, life without God is not heaven; it is hell. Eternal life without God is the very definition of hell – the eternal absence of God by our own choice in this life, which is a result of all our decisions. This is why the concept of being 'born again' for Catholics is something we renew every day, not just once during a major life event, though renewal can begin at such times. With the newness that God presents us with in each new day, we have the opportunity to offer ourselves to God. This, I learned, when I was a child, having been taught to say this prayer upon awakening each morning.

**O Jesus,
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day
for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
throughout the world,
in reparation for my sins,
for the intentions of all my relatives and friends,
and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father.**

In daily offering our whole selves to God, along with all that we will do and encounter each new day, we are giving our lives again to Jesus. And since every person only has one day to live – today – it is what God desires from us. As 19th-century Scottish lawyer Thomas Erskine said, "When we have learned to offer up every duty connected with our situation in life as a sacrifice to God, a settled employment becomes just a settled habit of prayer." Our God, who gives us everything, requires the giving of ourselves every day to Him, which includes praying for God's will to be done, as taught in Jesus' teaching in the Lord's Prayer, the Our Father.

It is, therefore, futile to see God only as love without recognising that His love calls us to take responsibility for living each day according to His revealed and perfect will. And because His will is perfect, we can trust in it, entrusting our lives to His care and surrendering our will to His – Thy will be done. God can be trusted with our lives since He created them, and the perfection of His will is reflected in living each day with a beautiful, grace-filled submission to that will. "Nothing happens", wrote Saint Augustine, "unless the Omnipotent wills it to happen: He either permits it to happen, or He brings it about Himself".

Trusting in the love of God, therefore, trains us in the responsibility we have in responding to that great and eternal love by doing what God has commanded us to do. We respond to Love by loving God back, loving our neighbour as ourselves in the newness of each day the Good Lord gives us. (Fr. C)



MASS *SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS*

Tues Oct 28 th 7:00pm	+David Fry Requested by Josephine Vella
Wed Oct 29 th 8:30am	+Souls in Purgatory Requested by Fernanda Cardeiro
Thurs Oct 30 th 8:30am	Intentions of Fernanda Cardeiro
Fri Oct 31 st 7:30am	Holy Hour
8:30am	+Jolanta Okon Requested by Janusz Okon +Tad Braszka Requested by Eva
Sat Nov 1 st 8:30am	+Peter Johnson Requested by Genevieve & Clark Carson
4:30pm	+Jean & Leon Landry Requested by the O'Hearn Family
Sun Nov 2 nd 9:00am	+For all the Faithful Departed
11:00am	+For all the Faithful Departed

Please Pray for the Sick

Mary Little, Alex Poirier, Denis Fennessy, Hudson Ford, Yvonne Grimm.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Jim Hale Sanders, Elena Gondos

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FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION

St. Mary's Parish will be holding Parent Information Meetings at the end of this month, October for information regarding the sacraments of both First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We will offer two dates, please choose **one**.

Sunday October 26th @ 12:30pm in the Church
Wednesday October 29th @ 7:00pm in the Church.

Please bring the following to the registration meeting:

- Your completed registration form which can be found on our website stmaryschurchcollingwood.ca
- A photocopy NOT the original of your child's Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate.
- A \$50.00 registration donation

Only those children who are already baptized in the Roman Catholic Church are eligible for the sacraments in the Roman Catholic Church

Important Note:

Registration will close after the second offered parent meeting. Those who inquire after this date will have to wait until the following year to celebrate these sacraments.

Please call the parish office for further information

MISSALS

Missals are available for purchase in the little store at the back of the church, or from the parish office. The cost is \$7.00. Please put money in the box provided. Thank You

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a bottle drive fundraiser the next two weekends (Oct 25/26 & Nov 1/2) here at St. Mary's. We will have a container set up behind the church hall and we would greatly appreciate any empty bottles or cans you can bring and drop them in. We are trying this to raise some much needed funds to support many worthwhile charities we support through the Parish, Schools and the Community. If you are able to help out with this fundraiser it would be greatly appreciated. As always thank you for your continued support.

SENIOR WISH - BAGS OF LOVE

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. This is our fourth year involved in this campaign and it has been a huge success. The boxes will be out in the hallway, and the lists of items needed will be listed on the box, I will also put some photocopies of items listed on the shelf. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the office. The deadline for drop off is November 22nd and 23rd.



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