

HELP!

As we are leaving behind the effects of Covid-19 on our parish and churches everywhere, and as we return to the work of restoring the parish liturgies to some semblance of normalcy, I want to make all parishioners aware that their help is needed, according to each person's gifts, in organizing the many areas where involvement and participation is needed. While those who have served in various ministries for a longer period of time, it is always prudent to have a regular coming and going in ministry which enables more people to be involved, particularly with the Sunday Masses, but also with weekday Masses and other areas of parish life.

The pandemic which has spanned two years of our lives had realized the need to drop, trim or altogether eliminate many parts of the Sunday liturgy from the absence of Holy Water in the church fonts to the elimination of the Offertory gifts to even altar servers themselves. I would like to see, as would most parishioners, some normalcy return with the restoration of the sacramentals and an increase in ministry involvement. Some of the areas where involvement is needed are in the ministries of Altar Servers – (both children and adult) Lectors, Church Flower Care (in the sanctuary), Sacristans and in other areas.



ALTAR SERVERS

We are in great need of children to serve as Altar Servers. The training that children will receive and the service they render at the altar of the Lord is a great life-benefit to them and leads to a greater respect and appreciation for the Mass and Christ's Real Presence.

Children, as young as 7, who have made their First Communion, are eligible for this ministry and once a few children are trained and start serving, it always attracts other children to do the same. The more servers we have the more the Masses for serving are divided up so that altar servers wouldn't have to serve each and every week.

If parents are interested that their child become an altar server, simply speak to me (Father Charles) after any Mass and we will get them started. There is a simple altar server form to be filled out.

Also, we will be looking at purchasing new altar server gowns to accommodate all sizes of servers, younger and older.

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS – FUNERALS



We recently trained three new adult altar servers to assist at funerals with Cross, Candles x 2, Holy Water and Thurifer (holy smoke). However, we need more as ideally, we should have five servers at each funeral so that we can offer the full extent of serving the various parts of a funeral Mass. Currently we have only had one server at a funeral which, outside of the priest carrying the Holy Water himself, eliminates candles and cross altogether. More

people are brought into the Catholic Church through funeral liturgies than any other liturgy of the Church, so the witness factor is huge. Please speak to me, FrC, after any Mass and I will provide the training and get you started.

LECTORS

Lectors are called to be more than mere 'readers' as the role requires that the lector has a great love and respect for the Word of God, which is a living Word (Hebrews 4:12). A clear voice and volume is necessary as St. Paul himself said that "Faith comes by hearing". If the People of God can't hear the scriptures being proclaimed it necessarily has an impact on their faith. A lector should have a great reverence for the words proclaimed (not merely read) from the Sunday Lectionary. Even some children have a great gift for serving as a lector and proper training and practice serves to offer the lector confidence and will benefit them for life in general. If you are interested, please speak to me, Fr. Charles, after any Sunday Mass. You will be trained and have practice time.

CHURCH FLOWER CARE



For the record, I no little about flowers. The flowers that the parish purchases for both Christmas and Easter, as with so many things today, are expensive and don't last long or look well without the proper care. We are looking for a few people who know a thing or two about plants and flowers to serve the parish as flower

care givers. The plants need attention during the week so that they will be fine for the weekends. Those serving in *this Ministry of the Environment* will be given access to the church in order to carry out their work. If you are interested or have any questions about this ministry, please speak to me, Fr. Charles.

SACRISTANS



A sacristan is a person who either attends daily Mass or Mass on the weekends who can assist in respectfully handling the altar vessels and linens, setting up the chalice and paten after each Mass for the next one and caring for the sacred vessels of the altar area

(sanctuary). Sacristans are needed to also open up the church before Mass as well as securing it afterward, which is particularly necessary when the priest is away and another visiting priest is covering the Mass. As well, full training would be provided. Kindly speak to me following any Mass.

VOLUNTEER SCREENING

Many years ago, the Archdiocese of Toronto required that all people serving (volunteering) in the various parish ministries must first be screened to serve in their local parish. The ministries are divided into two categories, general and high-risk. A Lector, for example, would be screened in a general way which entails filling out a brief form and submitting it to the parish Screening Coordinator. High Risk, does not refer to the person serving in the ministry but to those people ministry working with those who are vulnerable, e.g., children and the elderly. A slightly different process is used in these cases and it is standard in every parish and throughout Ontario.

HOW TO REACH ME, FR. CHARLES

Simply speak to me following any parish Masses or call me at the parish – 705-445-1790 ext. 201.



Tuesday May 24 **No Mass**
 Wednesday May 25
 7:00pm +Benito De Matteis
 Thursday May 26
 8:30am Intentions of Michelle Spencer
 Requested by Ken Wright
 Friday May 27
 7:30am HOLY HOUR
 8:30am Intentions of Maisie Santamina
 Requested by Rebecca Wedge
 Saturday May 28
 3:30 to 4:00pm Confessions
 4:30pm +Domenic, Maria & Annie Scaletta
 Requested by Geraldine & Frank Bondi
 Sunday May 29
 9:00am For The People
 11:00am +Bob Giffen
 Requested by the Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree

Please Pray for the Sick
 Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth,
 Lynda McKay, Fr. Jim Petrie, Ken Buchan
Pray for those who have died recently...
 Thurald Thompson



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns
 For the Intentions of Sandy & Al
 Mattacott on their
 55th Wedding Anniversary
 From May 22 to May 28, 22

WEEKLY COLLECTION
 May 1st \$4235.00 (Inc PAG)



The office will be closed on Monday May 23rd for the Victoria Day holiday.

For anyone who would like offertory envelopes please call the office. I will get envelopes ready for you and place them on the shelf in-between the church and the hall for you to pick up when you come to mass.

6th Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022



Living the Gospel by providing for those in need

Our second ShareLife Sunday collection is next weekend.

Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$45,000.00; Thus far, we have received \$23,319.00

You are encouraged to make your donation online via the parish website or at Sharelife.org.

Monthly Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution throughout the year.

You can enroll in PAG via fillable forms on our website, or through the parish office. Alternatively you can click on the DONATE button which is also on our website. You can also donate directly through sharelife.org. If you need help or have any questions, please call the parish office.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

SECOND COLLECTION POPES PASTORAL WORKS
MAY 21ST & 22ND

The Pope's Pastoral Works collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity. Today, there will be a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed onto the Holy Father so the Church can provide immediate humanitarian aid. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously



CWL NEWS

Upcoming Spring Bazaar - May 28 & 29th
 Donations of **GENTLY** used housewares, clothing and Jewelry (Please **NO** books, tools or broken items).
 On May 27th, between 1 - 4 pm we will be accepting donations of baked goods & plants

50/50 - last chance to buy at Masses after that
 Tickets on sale during the bazaar only.
 SCHOLARSHIP - deadline May 27 details from
 Marianna Knights 705.888.8129 (text also)

We are extremely busy serving our community & working at events.
 Many thanks to Barb Duffton for stepping in to look after the gardens.