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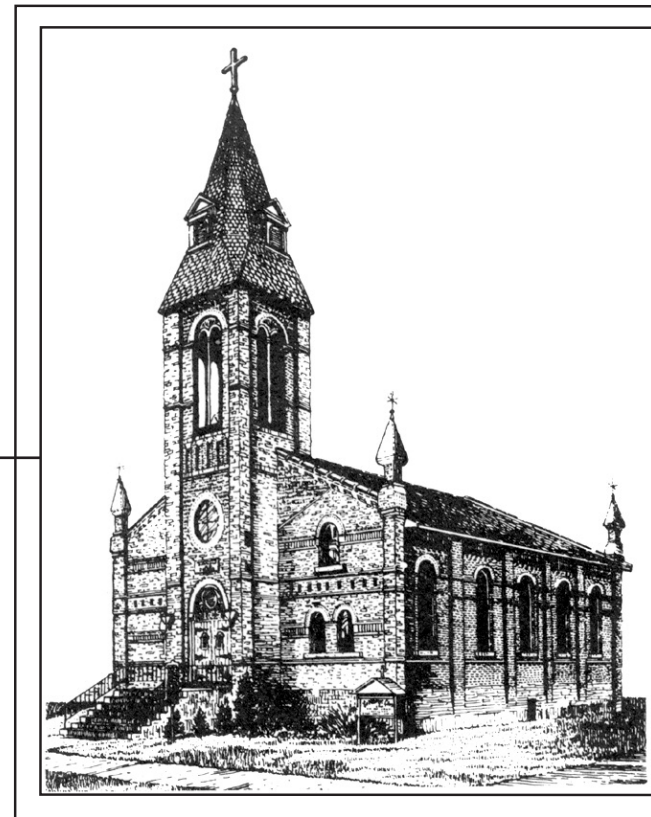
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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
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**LETTING GO**

**Broken Toys**

*As children bring their broken toys,  
With tears, for us to mend;  
I brought my broken dream to God  
Because he was my friend.*

*But then instead of leaving him in peace to work alone,  
I hung around and tried to help with way that were my  
own.*

*At last, I snatched them back and cried,  
"How could you be so slow?"  
"My child," He said, "What could I do?"  
You never did let go..."*

*Author Unknown*

I remember the above poem so well as I used to hear my mother recite it and learned it by memory from her. It speaks the truth that the only way we can allow God to work on us or take on himself our problems is to let go and surrender them to him. But letting go is not easy. It requires us to accept that on our own there is much about ourselves or our lives that we cannot easily change, but with God's help, when we really let go and let him work on our needs, we are surprised in what he gives to us.

It was about eight years ago when our parish (St. Leo the Great) held an Advent Mission for our parishioners. Usually a Parish Mission consists of two or more days of talks in the parish church by an outside speaker (usually a priest) meant to awaken people from their busyness and the cares of life to the needs of the spirit within. It often concludes with the Sacrament of Reconciliation being offered as the Mission itself serves to uncover and expose our individual brokenness for the healing that comes from Christ in the Sacrament of His forgiveness. We didn't do that.

Our Advent Parish Mission was perhaps the first one our parish had ever had that was held, not with a visiting priest, but our own parish catechist, Mr. Patrick Sullivan. From all that I had heard, the Mission was a spiritual success in that many people had shared how it challenged them and their lives, causing them to re-think their relationship with Christ. Patrick began by asking the question that God asked Adam and Eve after they had sinned, covered their nakedness and hid themselves – "Where are you?" That is very much the state of the world and the individual before God both then and now – we have hidden ourselves in our self-security, our brokenness, our need for God. This question also calls up images of people who have moved away from their relationship with the Lord, exchanging time with God to time for everything else; alternating prayer for activity, silence for noise, and relationship with God for sin. Where we are is not within the realm of geography but rather spiritual positioning.

The second question asked was, "Who are you? While within a Christian setting like the church and a parish Mission we could readily answer, "I am a child of God", the question becomes - do we live with that sense of dignity given only to those who have come to believe that and are imbued with the grace of baptism? Of the many things that we "are" and the titles we have beside our name as mother, father, son, daughter, caregiver, friend, Catholic, employer/employee, retired, we are more than any and all of these. Our real identity comes from our relationship to Christ and our faithfulness to this call and treasure shapes and forms all of the other titles we have. Asking the question "who are you?" can also pertain to "who we have become" in the sense of our being tainted and spoiled by the world. In our truest, inmost selves "who we are" may not conjure up good emotions and images as the grace of God calls us to get rid of our sins that have caused us to become much less than our baptismal dignity has called us to be. Our personal, spiritual mission within is to become or return to the person God has created, redeemed, and called us to be.

The third and final question posed by Patrick was, "What do you want?", a question that the Mission was calling the individual to ponder with God asking that question of us. This is a question that probes the depths of our being because my sense is that even if we could answer the question with several different and varied statements, it would likely (upon further reflection) be reduced to just one answer as to what our hearts truly desire from God. To the person whose life is filled with turmoil and anger that seems to have taken over their lives, they might ask God for peace. To one who seems to feel that their life has no focus or direction, they might ask for direction and meaning and purpose. To a person who is living with or trying to battle some form of addiction, God's healing, forgiveness and wholeness might be their hearts' desire. To say that we will be happy when..... is to say that happiness is not to be found in the present moment while the reality is that happiness can only be found in the present moment and therefore must be sought in God in this present moment of grace.

Upon reflection of the three question above: Where Are You?, Who Are You? and What Do You Want? posed to those who attended that Parish Mission a while ago but also to us now, is the challenge to do something we are not trained or very comfortable in doing, and that is **letting go**. We are living in the age of the self-made man or woman; we are in control (or want to be or think we are) and we may feel that everything depends on us, needs to be done by us and must be achieved on our own steam. Actually, life in the Spirit of God is exactly the opposite in that we do have a part to play in obedience to the will of God and we are to live with a total dependence on Him. That's why I have included the poem in the first column called Broken Toys because unless we can let go and allow God to heal us, touch our brokenness and speak to it and do for us what we cannot do of our own accord, we will continue to feel restless, burdened, trapped, joyless and anything but free and at peace. The God-given Sacrament of Reconciliation gently forces us to let go of where we are, who we have become and what we really want from God. It gives us, through God's presence and grace, the ability of being placed by God on a new road on the same journey with a different way of seeing things if we but allow God to do it. (Fr. Charles)



- Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30am St. Mary's Parishioners
- Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00pm Special Health Intentions  
Requested By Nancy & Sal Greco
- Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30am +Rosemarie Scattergood  
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- Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30am HOLY HOUR  
8:30am +Nick Cudney  
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- Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
3:00pm Confession  
4:30pm +George Stewart  
Requested by Jean & Family
- Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00am +Deceased members of the Family  
Requested by Rose Holzendorff  
11:00am Special Intentions of the Guerrero Family

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Fr. Charles

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(2 Corinthians 9:7)*

**Advent Day of Confessions**

**Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00am to 11:00am  
6:00pm to 8:00pm

Throughout the Archdiocese each Advent, there are opportunities for Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). I will make available several hours of confession for anyone who wishes to go to confession as part of their preparation for the coming of the Lord this Advent. Please take home with you one of the *Examination of Conscience* sheets from the back of the church in order to better prepare yourself to make a good confession. There are copies available at the back of the church that are suitable for three age groups: Children, Young Adults and Adults. God bless your preparation. Fr. C

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Christmas Eve: Friday Dec. 24**

4:30pm  
6:30pm  
8:30pm

**Christmas Day: Saturday Dec. 25**

9:00am  
11:00am

Please note that we will not be taking reservation for any of the Christmas Masses. You are advised to come early in order to get a seat in the church of the parish hall. The early Mass on Christmas Eve in every parish tends to be the busiest so consider attending the second or third Masses of Christmas Eve or attend on Christmas Day.

**THE FEAST OF MARY,  
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(New years is a Holy Day of Obligation in Canada)

**New Year's Eve: Friday December 31**

4:30pm

**New Year's Day: Saturday, January 1**

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