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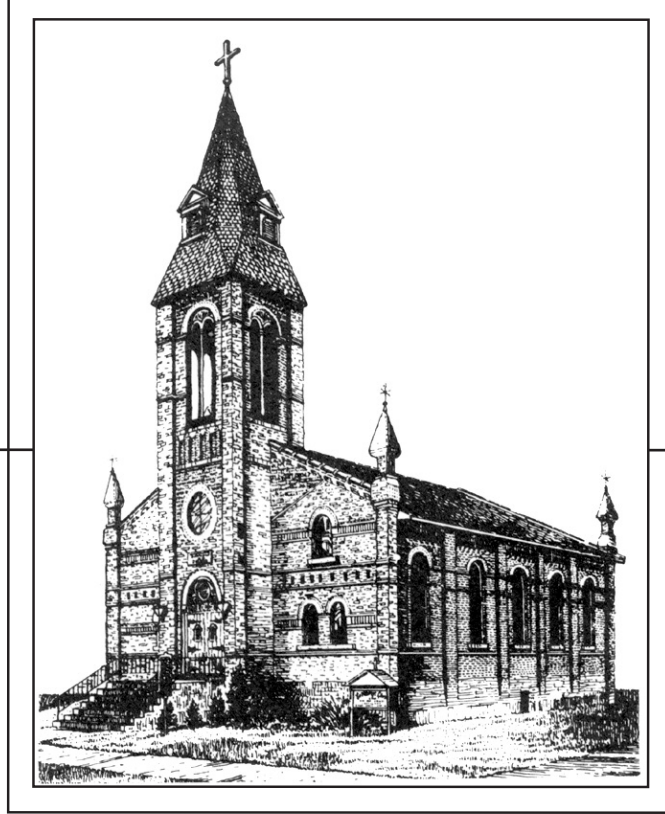
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Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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MARRIAGES: Couples planning to get married must contact a priest one year in advance for an appointment. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Please do not book the time and place of your reception before your appointment with the priest.

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.

BULLETIN NOTICES must be received at the parish office by Wednesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Dispensation Lifted by the Cardinal

This past Tuesday, May 31, the Archdiocese of Toronto sent the following to all parishes:

“On March 13, 2020, Cardinal Collins issued a communication to the faithful of this archdiocese indicating that it was necessary to cancel public celebrations of the Eucharist on the coming Sunday, stating: “For this weekend and any other which may be required, I grant the faithful dispensation from their Sunday obligation”.

Given that most of the health and safety restrictions in our parishes are no longer in place and the faithful are able to attend the celebration of the Eucharist once again, the basis for the dispensation from the Sunday obligation has dissipated and is no longer in effect.

The Church does not obligate people to do the impossible. If individuals, based on their conscience, cannot attend Mass for a grave reason, including a great vulnerability to COVID-19 or because they are self-isolating to limit the spread of illness, then they are excused from their Sunday obligation, as the law of the Church allows.

After two years of COVID-19 restrictions, many have been deprived of the opportunity to attend Mass and to receive the most Holy Eucharist and all of us have missed the opportunity to experience community, including members of our parishes. As we come to the celebration of Pentecost this weekend, we invite and encourage the faithful to return to the practice of attending Mass in-person.”

HOW DO I KNOW?

Often when I or one of my siblings would question some fact or truth my mother had told us we would ask her, “How do you know?”, to which my mother would respond, “How do you know anything?” It reminds me of the man who asked an Irishman, “Is it true that if you ask an Irishman a question, he’ll answer you with a question?”, and the Irishman responded, “Who told you that?”

As I am once again trying to fill space in the parish bulletin and have long since run out of things to write about, I scramble for some new idea or topic to address, but it occurred to me that there are just some things you can’t give to other people and you’re pretty powerless to do anything about it. In the realm of the spiritual there are just some things I’ve come to know due to the fact that there has been a development in me over time in what I once simply believed and now I say I know.

Take the hope of heaven, for example. Just to set the record straight, I’ve never been there, have no idea what it looks like nor do I have a copy of the guest list of who is in residence. Yet, in hearing the Word of God each Sunday and in the readings of the Divine Office and in the reading I chance to do when I have time and the inkling, I’ve moved from belief to knowledge in that I know Jesus is true and faithful to his promises – all of them. How do I know? Because everything I have trusted the Lord for has either been happily fulfilled and satisfied or when it hasn’t had revealed some hidden and even greater truth I wouldn’t have known had I received what consolation I was looking for in the lesser thing.

And beyond the scriptures but consistent with them are the revealed truths manifest in the appearances of the Blessed Mother over the centuries but in particular over the past two hundred years. Our Blessed Mother doesn’t ever point to herself but to her Son, Jesus, which is perfectly in line with the scriptures. The one who echoed 2000 years ago the words that she was the “handmaid of the Lord” professes to be the same in her appearances now. Mary is a mirror that reflects the glory and Godhead of Jesus and she even calls him her Saviour, though she didn’t need to be saved from sin for she was conceived without sin. She was saved in the sense that God enabled her by his own power who made his own Mother, to be kept safe from sin.

One of the reasons I can say, “I know” is evident in the non-radical shifts, but shifts just the same in my own life when my viewpoint or worldview changed and did so because of Jesus himself. I think when I was first ordained and was influenced by people who were more liberal in their attitude toward the things of God, the Sacraments and liturgical practice, I tended toward a more minimalist idea of Church, not because I was necessarily convinced in these things but because I got swept along with them. I thought that bells during the consecration were a hold-over by a worn-out practice only fueled all the more by some people who told me they believed that when the bells were rung an angel got its wings. Huh? Yet slowly, imperceptibly over time I think I was converted to a thinking much more on the conservative side because I had been kicked square in the teeth by reality. I’ve heard some priests who thought we shouldn’t have crucifixes in our churches because they sent the ‘wrong message’ and we’ve grown beyond that in the reality of the resurrection of Jesus. And then I’d hear St. Paul say repeatedly and beautifully of the Cross of Jesus, “there is no other sign under heaven by which we can be saved” and “I am resolved from now on to preach Christ and him crucified”. When we fall deeper into love with Christ then the Eucharist, the Mass, Holy Hour, silent prayer, liturgy all come alive in a new way and shapes us into vessels of clay that receive such splendid treasure as Jesus Himself!

One of the challenges I have known in coming “to know” some things about God is that it is not easily transmitted to others. When you come to know some truth because of the way you personally have experienced it, others who have not had your experience might find it nonsensical, unbelievable, or just your own opinion. The martyrs of the Church have experienced this reality in their very deaths because of those who thought they were crazy, out of touch with reality or a threat. And Our Saviour Himself experienced this as time and again when he revealed the truths of the Kingdom, he was disbelieved, labelled a sinner or a mere man, accused of being a blasphemer or the devil himself. Jesus’ great humiliation was his being the God of all creation and yet submitting to the whims, stupidity, ignorance and foolishness of the ones he had lovingly created. Others would simply walk away from him as when he revealed the Eucharist to them as he himself was the Bread of Life. Yet, they understood him perfectly for he had said, “unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you”, and still they walked with him no longer.

Faith leads to knowledge. Choosing to believe that which we cannot see in time and through relationship and experience can lead us to say that we know. Beyond the first perceived arrogance of one daring to say “I know” is the truth that we *can* come to know. After Jesus lost the crowds, the masses of people who had been following him because they had witnessed or had heard about the miracle of the loaves and fish in the great multiplication, he seemed so disappointed in their lack of faith in him. He then turns to all of his twelve apostles and asks them if they too will leave him. It was like he was saying, “There’s the road that leaves me: are you going to take it as have all these others?” But it’s not the twelve who answer him for in fact, they said nothing at all. It is only Peter, our first pope, who answers Jesus’ question and speaks on behalf of the others, not with a statement of understanding but of what is self-evident: “To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life”. And then comes the great revelation – “We have faith and **we know** that you are the Messiah.” Beautiful! Faith leads to knowledge. Faith is a gift from God and not a self-motivated choosing to believe something we perceive as unbelievable. It comes from experience, relationship, testing, wrestling, trusting and response to Truth itself, which is Jesus himself. Job said, “I know that my redeemer lives and at the last I will rise again. In my body I shall look on God my Saviour”.

In all that I have come to say I know about Jesus, I know he loves me, calls me, blesses me and wants me.... forever! (Fr. Charles)



Tuesday June 7	8:30am	Intentions of Larry Voisin Requested by Ann
Wednesday June 8	7:00pm	+Tina Cafaro
Thursday June 9	8:30am	+Lourdes Perez Requested by Marilyn Lawrence
Friday June 10	7:30am	HOLY HOUR
	8:30am	+Jane Wright Requested by Ken Wright
Saturday June 11	3:30 to 4:00pm	Confessions
	4:30pm	+Terry O’Hearn & Roger Szydziak Requested by Deb & Brian O’Hearn
Sunday June 12	9:00am	+Mary & Gus Mattachioni Requested by John Mattachioni
	11:00am	For the People

Please Pray for the Sick
Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth,
Lynda McKay, Fr. Jim Petrie, Ken Buchan, Larry Voisin.
Pray for those who have died recently...
Mr. René Garcia Monge



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For Helen & Roy Adams
June 11th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm
At the Collingwood Legion
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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**June 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday**



Today is our third ShareLife collection. Our goal this year is \$45,000.00. To date we have achieved \$24,060.00.

ShareLife is more than a collection. It’s a way we collectively say “we care.” In solidarity with our fellow parishes, ShareLife demonstrates the strength of the archdiocese. We show the entire community the Catholic Church is actively providing social services in our archdiocese and the greater world.

If you have not done so, please consider making a gift to the campaign today. The Covid-19 pandemic has taught us so much about the needs of our community and our brothers and sisters. We each have a role to play, be it through financial support, prayer or both.

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. Simply submit a void cheque with the completed form to the parish office, or drop it in the offertory basket at any time.
Today is ShareLife Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

**Special Collection: Marygrove Camp
June 11-12**



Next weekend there will be a second collection for Marygrove Girls Camp run by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Each year, over 1,000 young girls with financial or domestic hardship enjoy a subsidized joyful camping experience at Marygrove. Please give generously to support this important initiative.

CWL THANK YOU



We begin with a thanks to Father Charles for being so patient with the mess & confusion created by the bazaar. To all our CWL members who worked tirelessly for days, especially our more senior members who returned day after day - a huge thank you. To some very special young people: Jack for putting up all the tables & then putting them away, Jaden Benabdeslam & Andrew Quiroz who worked in sales & the tea room - a grateful thanks. Last but not least, we thank all parishioners for donations of all kinds; you made our bazaar a success.

A big disappointment was the folks who dumped trash on us instead of taking it to the landfill, it meant our ladies had to deal with getting rid of it.

The winner of the CWL 50/50 was parishioner Rita Wallace, drawn by Father Charles at the end of the bazaar. Rita has kindly donated her winnings to the St. Vincent de Paul.

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