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Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Thursday: 12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

Parish School

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – June 17, 2018



June 19th to June 23rd

Tues. 8:30 am – Amelia Lee †
Wed. 8:30 am – Alfred Ponniah †
Thurs. Noon – Thomas Tong †
Fri. 8:30 am - Kevin D’Mello †
Sat. 4:30 pm – Winston & Effie Ferguson †

READINGS FOR - June 24th

1st Reading: Isaiah 49.1-6
2nd Reading: Acts 13.22-26
Gospel: Luke 1.57-66, 80



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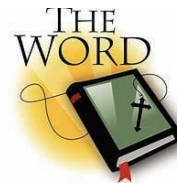
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THE WORD THIS WEEK:

“It is the smallest of the seeds, yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.”



How does a tree grow? The scientists can give us their answers, but the miracle of life on our earth, in all its dazzling complexity and variety is exactly that - a miracle. God is responsible for the miracle of Nature and growth - how, we don’t know, but we accept God’s guiding hand as a fact of our faith. This mysterious growth in Nature is used as a parable today, for the life of the Church and the Kingdom of God. Just as a seed, planted and watered, turns by miraculous processes into something different and bigger and beautiful, so the seed of the Gospel will grow into something else, by some means we can never fully understand. And that is the grace of God, encouraging, prompting and helping all men and women of good will to swell the coming Kingdom of our God.

Today’s reading reminds us that by doing our best we have succeeded in God’s eyes. We are seeds. In striving to please the Lord we continue to grow. In the first reading from the Book of Ezekiel God is talking about his chosen people once more, and how he will protect and nourish them on his Holy Mountain. The Lord has control over the weak and strong of this earth - it is in his power to make great kingdoms small and small ones great. God plants the tree on the mountain, giving it life. As with the tree, he has given each of us a life and everything that stems from it. The second Letter to the Corinthians tells us to please him because this demonstrates gratitude for one’s life. As the mustard seed of the parable demonstrates, even the smallest seed has the capacity to grow into the largest shrub.

Jesus offers simple words and everyday images: trees, plants and birds. In the Eucharist, we offer bread and wine, gifts of the harvest, each offering once hidden in a very tiny seed. As we gather in a community and receive the gift of the word, our common faith is strengthened and supported. Privately, one at a time, we receive the Lord into our very being: the harvest of grain and vine nourishing both body and soul. God works through each of us in ways we can’t even imagine. By doing our best, we have pleased God; we have not failed.





St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

Pope John XXIII

There are many fathers to pray for today, but most important is to thank God, our Heavenly Father, who gave us all our own special father.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The regular monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held this Wednesday, May 27th, 2018, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome!

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our Parish Social Outreach Ministry is focused on assisting as best as we are able, parishioners and neighbor's in our community facing near term difficult situations. This will be done in a confidential setting. If you know of anyone who could benefit from this, please contact our parish office at (905) 881-1534.



FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY

Bishop Robert Barron's new course – "The Mass" This 6 weeks course begins on Tuesday Sept. 11th. Registration on Sept. 8th & 9th. More details to follow.

Cradle of Hope Conference

Saturday, June 23, 2018
8:30 am to 6:00 pm
Canada Christian College
50 Gervais Dr., Toronto



Presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCRC) of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Mass, adoration, confession, praise & worship and healing procession. Guest speakers include Dr. Mary Healy, Dr. Mark Nimo, Lalith Perera, Fr. Matthias Amuzu, Fr. Ben St. Croix and Bishop Robert Kasun of the Archdiocese of Toronto PHONE: 647-669-7524 or 647-447-1513



Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Triduum

June 25 - 27 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Patrick's Church
131 McCaul Street, Toronto

Join us for the annual Novena Triduum at the Shrine of our Mother of Perpetual Help as we welcome Bishop Kasun and Father Mark Miller as our presiders and preachers. Each evening will begin at 7:00 pm and consist of Novena Prayers, Mass and Mission Homily. The first evening (June 25) will focus on "Family" with a special family blessing at the end of the Mass. The second night (June 26) will focus on "Healing" with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick offered to those in need. Finally, on June 27, Bishop Kasun will preside and preach for our Feast Day to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. International Social in the Parish Hall to follow. Please share with your family and friends about this annual celebration of our Mother of Perpetual Help. For more information visit: www.stpatrickstoronto.ca

Pilgrimage of Love 2018

Sat. Aug 11 - 8:15 am to Sun. Aug 19, 10:00 am
All Saints Roman Catholic Church
1415 Royal York Rd., Toronto
The 21st annual "Pilgrimage of Love," organized by the United Society to support the activities held at Teopoli for our youth, will take place from August 11-19, starting from All Saints Church in Etobicoke and terminating at the Holy Cross of Teopoli, near Gravenhurst. All are invited to participate for the whole pilgrimage or for part of it. If you're unable to walk, please support this initiative in other ways by donating your talents, food, being a driver or helping us financially. For further information, please call our office at 416-243-7319. Visit our website at www.teopoli.com.

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