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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.

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 6, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Sept. 8th - Sept. 12th

Tues. 8:30 am – Fr. John Corkery †
Wed. 8:30 am – Anthony Lee †
Thurs. Noon – Lawrence Wong †
Fri. 8:30 am – Helena D'Souza – Sp. Intention
Sat. 4:30 pm –

READINGS FOR – September 13th

1st Reading: Sirach 27.30 – 28.7

2nd Reading: Romans 14.7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35



Message from Cardinal Thomas Collins Distribution of Holy Communion

Thank you to all clergy, staff and volunteers for their significant efforts to facilitate a welcoming and safe return to church over the past several weeks.

Communicants are asked to wear a mask as they line-up for communion, 2 metres (6 ft.) apart from others. They are to leave their mask on when they reply “Amen” (physically distanced) and during the period when the priest or Eucharistic Minister places the Host in their hand. Then they step to one side, and at that point remove the mask in order to consume the Holy Eucharist, affixing the mask after consumption and returning to their place.

Thank you for your attention to these procedures as we strive to foster a safe environment for all those who are returning to church.



A good and dedicated worker is a blessing to the nation. You being one of them, we wish that your efforts will be rewarded.

Happy Workers day! Enjoy and be safe.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

*If he listens to you, you have won
back your brother.*

Unfortunately, there are far too many Christians today who pay no heed to the serious obligation of encouraging an erring brother to give up his sinful ways. The



readings today focus on relationships and care of the other. These are not just any relationships, but the difficult and complex ones. Ezekiel cautions us not to give up on the wicked but rather warn them that their behavior is unacceptable. However, if they do not heed our warning, then at least we will know that we tried to enlighten them.

The gospel today is very specific on how to deal with issues of conflict or disagreement. The scenario Jesus paints could apply to any family, community, workplace or environment which breeds conflict and confusion. It takes courage for us to be persistent and confront contentious issues first in private, then with witnesses and finally in front of the assembly – to provide evidence of injustice or wrongdoing. If after all these measures have been taken and still there is no resolution, we must turn away and move on, knowing that we have done everything humanly possible to rectify the situation.

This is true of self and neighbour. This does not mean we give up or are passive; rather, it shows us when to let go and let God. This will not always be easy – remember the prophet Jeremiah last week – but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

FEED MY LAMBS

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend September 12/13. We encourage all to participate during these difficult times. Your participation in feeding the hungry is greatly appreciated and we thank you.



**No can/bottle collection on
September 13th.**

ShareLife Sundays are back!

ShareLife Sunday is more than a special collection; it's a way for our community to live the Gospel by providing for those in need. Rescheduled due to the pandemic, this year's first ShareLife Sunday will take place the weekend of September 12/13. Together we can reach our goal and support our neighbours who have been impacted by the pandemic, but only with your help! Please give generously on ShareLife Sunday or donate securely online at sharelife.org.

**September 13 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

A LITTLE HUMOR



The Ham Sandwich

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest were good friends. At a picnic one day, the priest was eating a ham sandwich. "You know," he said to his friend, "this ham sandwich is delicious. I know you're not supposed to eat ham, but I don't understand why such a good thing would be forbidden. When will you break down and try it?" To which the rabbi replied, "At your wedding."

There was a preacher who fell in the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"



MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANTHONY

Dear Parishioners,

Back in March when we entered the stay-at-home order, it was hard to imagine what church would be like in the months ahead. So here we are and I am glad to see many of you returning to the church for Sunday Masses since we can celebrate publicly again.

I just wanted to remind everyone that seats are available on a first come, first served basis. I also know many of you participate in Masses at home through online streaming so I am joyful for this and want to thank you for using all the available ways to nourish yourself spiritually in this strange time.

This summer is certainly far less active than what we are used to. There are many of us who had planned things and then needed to change in order to adjust to the current situation.

Here at the parish, because we were not able to celebrate sacraments for a few months, we are happy to finally be celebrating baptisms, weddings and hopefully, in the not-too-distant future, First Communion and Confirmation.

As we rejoice and are glad to have these celebrations, we are surely sad to have some events cancelled; our yearly procession on The Feast of Corpus Christi. Some things I really do miss, and I believe many of you do too, are our times together at our parish events.

I wish to thank your Parish Staff and many volunteers who continue to help in many ways to be involved, from liturgy to the day-to-day parish operations. Above all we must thank God for promising never to abandon us. He can draw good out of anything that happens and I believe, if we hold onto Him, He will help us get through this and become stronger and holier. I hope you are able to find some time to relax and enjoy the remaining weeks of summer. May God bless you.

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