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 William Carson P.D.

MASSES

Seating is on a first come first serve basis.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 12:05 noon
 Saturday 10:00 am
 Doors will open 15 minutes before mass begins

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 am
 11:30 am
 7:30 pm

Holy Hour:

Friday 11:00 am
 Doors will open 15 minutes before Holy Hour begins

Confessions:

Saturdays 4:30 - 4:55 pm
 Sundays 8:30 - 8:55 am &
 11 - 11:25 am

Baptism:

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Twelve months notice and Marriage Course usually required

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PARISH LIFE

Parish Secretary	Sandy D'Alessandro
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Saturday 5:00 pm	Adele Heins
Sunday 9:00 am	Diana Swift
Sunday 11:30 am, 7:30 pm	Pauline Brabant
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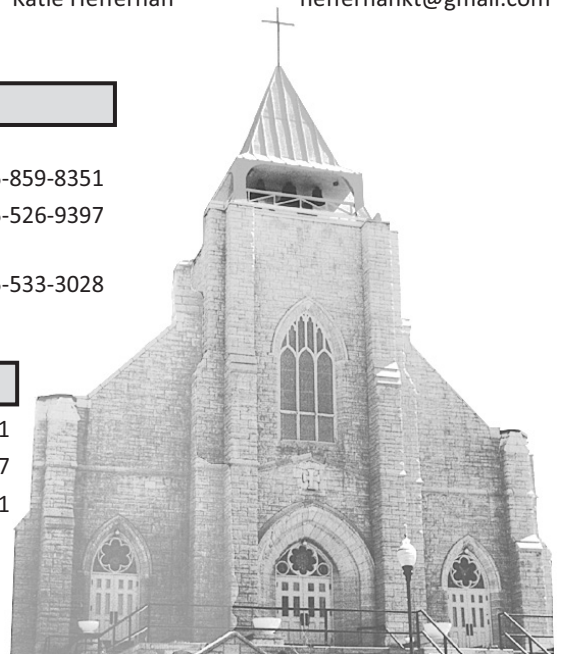
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St. Theresa's High School	705-526-1311



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Fridays 11 am

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Tuesday June 15th

12:05 noon + Robert & Gail LeClair

Wednesday June 16th

12:05 noon + Robert & Gail LeClair

Thursday June 17th

12:05 noon + Bob Lamoureux

Requested by Anita and family

Friday June 18th

11am – Holy Hour

12:05 noon + Robert & Gail LeClair

Saturday June 19th

10am + Robert & Gail LeClair

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass - Saturday June 19th

5pm + Robert & Gail LeClair

Vigil Mass

Sunday June 20th

9am + Matthew Proulx

Requested by Adele, Kerry, Nic & Cam

11:30 am missa pro populo

7:30 pm + Immacolata D'Alessandro

Requested by Theresa Lapointe

Prayer Requests: those who have asked for prayers

Shelley Smith; Anne Marie Radko; Nadine Adams;
Elizabeth; Patricia Willet; Vincenza Beelan;

for recently deceased relatives & friends

Kerry Lavigne;

We Are REALLY Back on Track

Recently, the provincial government announced revisions to the "Roadmap for Reopening" as they relate to places of worship. The updated measures resulted in places of worship opening at 15% capacity in Step 1 and 25% capacity in Step 2. We are grateful for these amendments and happy that effective June 11th St. Margaret's is open again to celebrate mass and the sacraments.

During reopen in Stage 1 Cardinal Collins continues to give dispensation of the Sunday Obligation for the elderly, and those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions. If you find yourself in one of these groups we encourage you to continue to exercise caution about outings. We encourage parishioners in these groups to view online/livestream/televised Masses. Cardinal Collins will continue to celebrate the livestreamed Mass each day from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 7:30 am and a full list of Masses is available at www.archtoronto.org

For those able to return to the pews. **WELCOME BACK**

"I am my brother's keeper" Gen 4:9

Wearing a mask, sanitizing your hands and social distancing are concrete acts of charity towards our brothers and sisters in Christ.

From the Archdiocese of Toronto

**If one member suffers,
all suffer together with it. 1 Cor 12:26**

Recently, the country was shocked, saddened and angered by the discovery of the remains of 215 children in unmarked graves who attended a residential school in Kamloops, B.C. We continue to pray for the children who died in Kamloops and in residential schools throughout the country – they must not be forgotten. We all seek the truth and this tragic discovery provides yet another opportunity for us to learn more about this dark chapter in our history and the painful journey experienced by so many of our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

There is much more work to be done. Since the 1990's, many of the Catholic entities responsible for the operation of residential schools have apologized publicly for their actions and have journeyed together with victims on the path to truth and reconciliation. This includes the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the religious order that operated the residential school in Kamloops, which over the weekend again apologized for its role in the residential school system. Pope Benedict XVI also had the chance to meet with Indigenous leaders in 2009 to personally express his sorrow and anguish. These actions do not erase our history; they acknowledge our past, force us to face the consequences of our behaviour and compel us to ensure that our sins are not repeated.

To read the May 30, 2021 apology from the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, apologies and resources from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops please visit the Archdiocese of Toronto's website: www.archtoronto.org

Reflection for this weekend

Ez 17: 22-24 2 Cor 5: 6-10 Mark 4:26-34

In our Gospel today, we find two separate parables using the image of seeds. In the first, we hear of the seed that is sown and grows seemingly of its own accord and without help. However, the point of this first parable is that while the farmer is unaware of the mystery of growth from seeds, it is God who is behind the growth. This parable points to the Divine plan of God in the world. Whether we see it or not, understand it or not, God is always at work planting seeds of faith and preparing for a harvest at the end of the age.

In the second parable, Jesus refers to the kingdom of God as seed. The parable tells us that this tiny seed eventually grows and matures into the largest of shrubs and birds find shelter in its branches and make nests in its shade. This prophetic parable depicts how the Church, which started out so small and the faith shared by so few will grow and mature and become large enough to shelter many in the shade of its branches. In Acts of the Apostles, we see thousands converted in a single day. (Acts 2:41)

There is no question that the Divine Plan of God will be carried out and fulfilled over time, with or without our cooperation. This is seen in the many fulfillments of prophecy that we have seen take place in our own time. For example, the return of the Jewish people to their homeland from the places where they had been scattered is clearly noted in Ezekiel, Chapter 36. The return of the Jews from Russia to Israel is noted in Jeremiah, Chapter 31. So, the plan of God will be fulfilled, whether we like it or not.

We have to remember in any discussion of the Church that we are talking about, at times, different things. We have the institutional Church: The Pope, Cardinals, and Bishops - the teaching magisterium of the Church, the Sacraments, doctrines and liturgies. We also have the definition of the Church as you and I, people and not institutions.

It's pretty clear from the words of the Lord that the Church, in both perspectives, will never perish. He said this plainly in Matthew, Chapter 16, when he said, "*The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*" That being the case, there's no question that the Church, again in both contexts of the word, is simply being pounded, attacked and whittled down by today's culture. All of this started a long time ago and was actually prophesied by a young theologian named Fr. Joseph Ratzinger who said in 1969: "*From the crisis of today the Church of tomorrow will emerge - a Church that has lost much. She will become small and will have to start afresh more or less from the beginning. She will no longer be able to inhabit many of the edifices she built in her prosperity.*"

As the number of her adherents diminishes so will she lose many of her social privileges."

The departure from the faith is being seen around the world in many of the Christian religions. We don't need a survey to know that this trend is also taking place in Canada and here in Midland. Our numbers have also declined. The decline is of great concern for a number of reasons. One, and most important, it may mean that Catholics are starting to feel their faith is not relevant in their life. To be a Catholic these days, meaning one that supports what the Church teaches, can place you in a position at odds with family, friends, neighbours and even members of other Christian denominations. We have seen scandal after scandal that seriously deteriorates the influence and credibility of the Church. The most recent revelations about the school for indigenous children run by the Church in Kamloops, B.C. many years ago is just one example.

So, what are we to do as Catholics? Is there a way to prevent what is happening? The answer to the question is yes and no. The Church is undergoing a purification through fire. She is being humbled by the many events we are seeing and being moved back to her roots. The Catholic News Agency article that mentioned declining numbers also pointed out what the future Church might look like and it is very optimistic: "*it is very reasonable to assume that robust Catholicism will, in the future, be found more commonly in smaller, more concentrated communities characterized by intense, faithful religious practice.*" Pope Benedict saw much the same thing when he said: "*the Church will enjoy a fresh blossoming and be seen as man's home, where he (she) will find life and hope beyond death.*" This may also be what Pope St. John Paul II saw when he prophesied a new springtime is coming for the Church. Catholics will believe the truth taught by the Church. As Pope Benedict has said: "*Truth is not decided by a majority vote.*" Our culture is trying to do just that, redefine truth - what is a human person, what is gender, what is marriage - by popular vote and decide what we should believe by opinion polls. We cannot let ourselves be drawn into the distortions of truth our culture is promoting.

Our place in all of this plan is to recommit ourselves to our faith. We have to live it and not be afraid to show that we do - to our family, neighbours, our co-workers and others. We should take every opportunity to evangelize. To do that we need to know our faith and so we must also look for opportunities to grow in our faith. When you begin to see the richness, wisdom and truth of Church teaching and the Christian faith, you will fall in love with not just the Church but with the One who founded the Church, Jesus Christ. As St. Paul said, we have to "*finish the race.*"

Deacon Tony Ruta P.D.

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