

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



I was going to compose a prayerful reflection for this bulletin, but something very unusual happened to me, and this fact made me change my plans after a moment of reflection. I was really surprised when I received a very quick response with regard to my pastor's corner in the last bulletin. With permission, I am sharing this message with you.

Dear Father,

You asked me to think who is right and who is wrong in this weekend's bulletin. Let me ask you the same question, in a sense. I want to share with you what a priest, from my former parish, once said in his homily about Sunday obligation. After all this time, I still remember his message. He shared with us his personal approach to this often dividing issue:

When people ask me, "Is it a sin to miss Sunday Mass?" I ask them, "Did you really miss Sunday Mass? Did you feel a sharp sense of absence...of wishing you were there, because you know deep in your heart that you have missed something very important? If you missed Sunday Mass in this way, you have not sinned. Your heart is in the right place. But if you missed Sunday Mass and didn't miss it in your heart, I would just ask you: When did you lose your faith?"

And at the end of this message, I was asked by the sender, "Father, do you agree with this priest?" So I am asking you: What do *you think*?

P.S. Keep in mind, however, that just getting along is not good enough; it satisfies no one, and ultimately it may simply disintegrate into naked indifference about the meaning and necessity of the Eucharist in our Christian lives.



Fr. Slawek

APRIL 21, 2024



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Turning concern into action

“We must do what is most agreeable to God. We must do what Our Lord Jesus Christ did when preaching the Gospel. Let us go to the Poor.”

Frédéric Ozanam

Thank you for your contributions to the Poor Box after Mass.

Girl Talk: Mother/Daughter Tea & Presentation

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024.

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

For girls in Grades 6-8 and their Moms (or guardian, aunt, mentor...) Cost: \$10 (includes food, drinks, and a book) at St. Bernadette's parish. 21 Bayly Street East Ajax

Objective: Explore young girls' cycles, foster mother-daughter communication, and support Christian sexuality education.

- Four-hour program featuring presentations, video clips, and activities
- Take-home handouts for further insight
- Includes a copy of "How to Find Your Soulmate" by Jason and Crystalina Evert

Join Us: Come for a faith-filled discussion on girlhood in today's society. For more info and registration,

Contact: Rose Heron; rose.heron@mailo.com or 905-683-9055

or Susan susangkennedy@gmail.com 905-427-6137

Let's journey together in faith and understanding!

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS Reception of Holy Communion

It has come to my attention that some people, receiving on the hand, carry the Sacred Host back to their seats. This is forbidden. Please be sure to consume Jesus, truly present in the Sacred Host, right after you receive Him. You must consume the Host in the front of the church, right after receiving. There are people who wish to steal consecrated Hosts for the sake of rituals. If you see anyone walking away without having consumed the Sacred Host please alert one of the Ushers, the Sacristan—Anthony or Fr. Slawek.



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 23

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Comeford req. by Bridget Murphy.

Wednesday, April 24

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Thomas Donaghy req. by Bridget Murphy.

Thursday, April 25

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Romeo Agtarap req. by Maria Valerio.

Friday, April 26

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Saturday, April 27

4:30 p.m. Intentions of all Parishioners

Sunday, April 28

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Czeslaw Sawicki req. by Nunji Sawicki.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Silvestro DeLaurentis req. by the DeLaurentis family.



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

The Social will resume
Wednesday, April 24, 2024
After the 9 a.m. Mass
in the Parish Basement



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU MOVED ALREADY?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated.

What kind of sign do you want to be?

They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength They shall mount up with wings as **EAGLES** They shall run and not be weary They shall walk and not faint Isaiah 40:31

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