

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S CORNER

Do you remember the hit song by ABBA: Money, Money, Money?

"Money, money, money...Must be funny in the rich man's world

Money, money, money...Always sunny in the rich man's world...Aha...

All the things I could do if I had a little money...It's a rich man's world...

It's a rich man's world."

A few years ago, a massive survey was conducted, and the results were published in the book, *The Day America Told the Truth*. It is a book about the U.S, but I do not think it is much of a stretch to include Canada in these statistics. In the survey, they asked this one question: What would you be willing to do for ten million dollars? Here are the answers:

1. 25% would abandon family.
2. 25% would abandon church.
3. 23% would become a prostitute for a week or more.
4. 16% would give up citizenship.
5. 16% would leave spouse.
6. 10% would withhold testimony and let a murderer go free.
7. 7% would kill a stranger.
8. 6% would change race.
9. 4% would have sex-change operation.
10. 3% would put children up for adoption.

Are you shocked or surprised? It goes without saying that what we all want is to live comfortably and have security in life in terms of material things, but we often forget that it is often a very short distance from possession to obsession. Certainly, material goods are not evil in themselves, but they can easily consume the person who puts his total trust in them.

Recently, I read about a retreat exercise during which the retreatants were seated in a big circle and given slips of paper. They were to write down the five most important people, the five most important possessions and five most important activities in their lives. Then they had to decide in what order they would give up these items by crumpling the individual slip of paper and tossing it into the middle of the circle. The mood in the room became serious and somber very quickly, because they were discovering their true treasures. Some of the participants were surprised, others were shocked and only few of them were truly at peace with their choices in life.

Trying to be honest with yourself can be a sobering but ultimately life-changing exercise, particularly in our materialistic society where "treasures in heaven" often seem to be "pie in the sky, bye and bye," for someone sarcastically said, "Money may not buy happiness, but I'd rather cry in a BMW than on a bus." But as Christians, instead of this cynical remark, we should always remember this quote: "God wants lovers of eternity, not slaves of this fleeting moment."

So perhaps it is true that to have more, we need to desire less.

P.S. On a lighter note: Filling out her first time credit card application, a young girl next to the question: What is your primary source of income? wrote: ATM.

Fr. Slawek

JANUARY 25, 2026

WHAT IS THE PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN?

PreAuthorized Giving (“PAG”) is plan to assist you in supporting your Parish through regular financial offerings.

The operation and maintenance of your parish is made possible through the generous and regular offertory giving of our parishioners. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on your time, the PAG plan will assist you in establishing a systematic giving program.

The PAG plan creates a win / win situation for you and Holy Spirit Church. Enrolment for the PAG plan is a very simple procedure. When you enroll, your offering will be automatically withdrawn from your designated bank account on the 20th day (or next business day) of each month. This amount will electronically be deposited to the Parish’s account.

The PAG plan does not cover the special collections; therefore, we encourage you to continue using the envelopes made available at the back of the church.

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
2325 Liverpool Road , Pickering, Ontario L1X 1V4

Out of the Ashes: a Lenten journey to Resurrection
February 23 @ 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

\$75.00 Suggested Offering

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MEN & WOMEN: On this day of reflection, Fr. John O’Brien will lead meditations on the Christian journey of life, and present the symbol of ashes as a powerful metaphor for the humility to which we are called as we grow in our sense of personhood. The Canadian Martyrs’ experience 400 years ago will inform this day of prayer and retreat.

Facilitated by: Fr. John O’Brien, SJ

To register call 905-839-2864



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Turning concern into action

Our Christian vocation demands that we help the Poor, the Hungry and the Homeless. Just as Jesus taught and did, we need to welcome them, identify their needs and satisfy them.

Your contributions to the Poor Box after Mass support the efforts of our Society ‘Saint Vincent de Paul’ to serve the needy in our community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

FRIDAY MASS CHANGING TO COLLECTIVE MASS 2026

Starting in January 2026, we will be accepting multiple intentions (up to 5) at the Friday 9:00 a.m. Mass. You may request to have your intention included in the Friday Mass until 1:00 p.m. each Thursday in the parish office providing available intentions. The suggested donation for each intention is \$20. This new practice is meant to help those of you who may have an urgent need to pray for your loved one who has just died, or you may have a special intention for a person who has serious health problems. This collective Mass will aid in helping upkeep the parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 27

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Wednesday, January 28

9 a.m. + Repose of the soul of Sivestro DeLaurentis req. by Angela DeLaurenis.

Thursday, January 29

9 a.m. + Repose of the soul of Steven Lynch req. by A. Larocque.

Friday, January 30

9 a.m.

Saturday, January 31

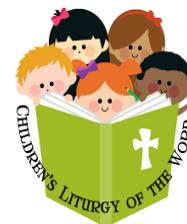
4:30 p.m. Intentions of thanksgiving

Sunday, February 1

9 a.m. + Repose of the soul of Milagros Manolo req. by Levi.

11 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

Children’s Liturgy



Every Sunday

For the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses.

ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?



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

COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL



Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Everyone welcome

HOW YOU SPEND YOUR TIME
IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN
HOW YOU SPEND YOUR MONEY.

