

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Christian spirituality always invites us to look deeply and see what others fail to perceive. But to do so, sometimes we will need to adopt once again the mindset of a child, although our hearts first need to be purified with this desire. A great thing about being a child is that you can grow up to be so many things and not be concerned with gravity and the laws of physics, for instance. It is a world of imagination and wonder that sometimes befuddles babysitters, teachers, and parents. It consumes lazy summer afternoons, creates space adventures, and can conjure up a most challenging collection of wisdom and insight. Nothing captures it better than the comic strip, “Calvin and Hobbes”. Calvin is a preternaturally bright six-year-old; Hobbes is his stuffed toy who, in Calvin’s imagination, becomes his best friend: the innocently wise Hobbes. To read “Calvin and Hobbes” is to be infused with wondering and wandering on a cosmic scale; to engage with our innate human capacity to be surprised by being absorbed into mystery. No topic in the universe is closed to such capacity. In one comic strip, Calvin mused about how predestination is molded by procrastination, finally concluding, *“God put me on this earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now, I am so far behind that I will never die.”*

To engage with the innate human capacity to be surprised, to imagine, and to be absorbed into mystery are all wonderful traits for our existence. But in our busy life, we adults often fail to embrace this truth. So what is it that all children know that we have lost touch with? It may be that they are aware they live in a world where miracles are embraced as everyday events and everything is possible. So open your eyes to see that our life is overflowing with mystery, astonishment, joy, life, grace, and love – and all other things waiting to be imagined, then seen, and finally experienced. So look deeply and see.... see with wonderment like St. Augustine did: *“Believe what you see. See what you are. Become what you see with head, heart and hands.”*

P.S. Just one more thing: Is it a coincidence that we celebrated the first World Children's Day last month initiated by Pope Francis?



Fr. Slawek

JUNE 16, 2024



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

BUNDLE SUNDAY—JUNE 15-16

Thank you for participating in the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul's collection for our neighbours in need. Donations received through the Bundle Up Collection provide the following:

- Merchandise for our retail outlets for voucher customers and the general public.
- Clothing and footwear for persons in our Special Works.
- Surplus materials to sell to wholesalers to assist in this operation and to support our Special Works.

We are focusing on the collection of textiles, shoes, clothing, bedding, draperies, and small household goods

Please drop off item only on the weekend of June 15-16 before Mass begins.

Thank you

WE ONLY ACCEPT

All Clothing—(Any Condition)

All Footwear—(Any Condition)

Bedding—(Any Condition)

Drapery/Towels

Toys (New Only)

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan—Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish's account.

This amount will be receipted at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.

FIVE – DAY INDIVIDUAL RETREAT (WITH SPIRITUAL DIRECTION)

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre—2325 Liverpool Rd. Pickering, ON L1X 1V4
General Inquires: 905-839-2864

June 24 @ 4:00 pm – June 28 @ 1:00 pm

\$600.00 Suggested Offering

MEN & WOMEN – An individually directed retreat provides participants with a silent and peaceful environment for five days. You will benefit from all the usual Manresa amenities: silence, a private room, all meals, daily celebration of the Eucharist, and access to the grounds at their summer best.

A directed retreat offers you a daily meeting with an experienced spiritual director. That person serves as a guide, helping you and God to engage with each other. Otherwise, there are no group activities.

Space is very limited, so you would be wise to sign up early.

This retreat begins on Monday with dinner served at 5:30 pm and ends with a lunch on Friday.



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 18

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Sean Foley req. by Elizabeth Caramoan

Wednesday, June 19

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Samuel Johns req. by the Johns family.

Thursday, June 20

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Dearly Jimpson.

Friday, June 21

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Saturday, June 22

4:30 p.m. Intentions of thanksgiving for Virna Delprado.

Sunday, June 23

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Josephine Van Der Burg req. by the Massad family.



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

The Social will resume
Wednesday, June 19, 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.

Thank you.

Thanks

FOR ALL

YOU DO

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY