

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR'S CORNER



What is it about human nature that makes us more argumentative and less trusting? Regardless of an idea's merit -- it might be overwhelmingly right -- it will often meet with opposition, for as one smart-aleck proclaimed, "There is something wrong with it when there is nothing wrong about it." In other words, its very rightness seems wrong, and Jesus is a perfect example of this truth. So many people opposed him in the past and still do today, including his own disciples. Jesus clearly proclaimed what we need to do in order to be saved, because we are not saved by our own beliefs - those idle opinions about "pie-in-the-sky" doctrines.

St. John insists that our faith is anchored in what we have seen, heard, and touched. He does not speak of good ideas, ideals, and ideology; ideas change with the weather. Rather he insists upon our shared and remembered experience. Without that, Jesus is nothing more than a ghostly apparition, a half-remembered dream that vanishes upon waking.

It seems that in our modern era, many self-described Christians suffer massive amnesia. Some insist they still believe but cannot describe anything more than a vague belief in "God". They remember little of the Bible and know nothing of the twenty centuries since the end of the apostolic age. They cannot recite the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed. When I sometimes tell stories of the saints, people ask me, "Where is that in the Bible?" Not a pretty picture!

This widespread ignorance leaves God's people vulnerable to tsunamis of misinformation and outright lies. Why? Because they simply ignore the Truth, which God speaks to us daily in the Church. Moreover, they question everything but often from a negative point of view. Why would they want to do so and believe this utter nonsense? Perhaps they see only a shadow of the good things to come. This is why we do need to turn to the Lord daily and study our faith, lest we may lose what little we have.

In this context, I like to conclude with the following statement: There is a famous billboard that hangs along a congested highway that reads, "*You are not stuck in traffic. You ARE traffic.*" Well, that is surely a change in perspective, and Lent, which is just around the corner, can help us understand this fact better, for as Carl Jung, a famous Swiss psychologist, once said, "*As far as we can discern, the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light of meaning in the darkness of mere being.*"

Fr. Slawek

MARCH 2, 2025



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Turning concern into action

We learn to help the needy from the love of God. Such concern not only provides the poor with material help but also represents an opportunity for the spiritual growth of the giver.

St. John Paul 11

Thank you for your ongoing love and generosity towards the poor. Your donations to the Poor Box go a long way to help many poor and unfortunate families.

Please remember the POOR BOX on your way out of the Church.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 4

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Wednesday, March 5—Ash Wednesday

9 a.m. Ash Wednesday

7 p.m. Ash Wednesday

Thursday, March 6

9 a.m. Intentions of thanksgiving req. by Bernadette Ferrante.

Friday, March 7

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Leonardo Valenzona req. by Clarita Zoratta.

Saturday, March 8

4:30p.m Intentions of Joy Agtarap req. by Maria Vaterio

Sunday, March 9

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Helen Ellul req. by the Kinast family.

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.

YOUR HEALTH : As cold and flu season approaches, to ensure the health of the entire community, parishioners are encouraged to stay home from Mass and parish functions if they are experiencing symptoms of the flu virus, colds, etc. Respect and concern for the common good takes precedence. Thank you for your cooperation! To minimize risks please use the hand sanitizers that are located at each entrance!

COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL



Wednesday, March 5, 2025
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.

2024 Tax Receipt Mailed

Attention all Parishioners: Due to the change in operating systems from the Archdiocese of Toronto, Tax receipts for 2024 have changed a little. If you had a change of address or change in household members, please note that you may receive more than one tax receipt this year. You are able to use multiple receipts for your taxes, the two or more receipts represent your total donations to the Parish. We have tried very hard to ensure that all receipts have been grouped together correctly.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in the matter.

