

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

PASTOR'S CORNER



Why are so many of us jealous of others' success, talent, and popularity? It is a real danger, because young people, in particular, spend hours daily on Tik-Tok, Instagram, Facebook, etc., constantly comparing their lives to others. Everywhere, they see what they wish they had – possessions, likability, beauty, accomplishments, and more – and they try to imitate “influencers” to gain it for themselves. Their perceived “failures” can cause depression, low self-esteem, bullying, suicide, and violence. It does not require social media, of course, for the persistent sin of toxic envy and jealousy has been with us from the beginning when Adam and Eve acted out of “knowledge envy” and Cain’s jealousy at Abel’s perceived status drove him to murder. It goes without saying that this vice can be destructive, and to those who do not understand God’s language in this matter, confusion sets in. Thus it is a good time for a reality check.

Take a good look at your own desires: Of whom are you jealous? Who has the life, spouse, money, car, job, vacation, ability, faith, popularity, confidence, sense of humor, or talent that you wish you had for yourself? Would you gladly trade places with them, giving them your life and living theirs? Are you so sure they are happier than you inside? Are they loved for who they are or for those characteristics everyone envies? Do they experience the security you seek, or do they feel they have to constantly prove themselves or put up a front to be accepted? Recently, a book introduced me to this truism: *Compare and despair*. (The latter comes from the Latin word meaning “to be without hope”). This is why I like what Socrates once said: **“He who is not contented with what he has would not be contented with what he wished to have.”**



Fr. Slawek

MAY 21, 2023

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

Saturday, June 2, 2023: 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Seeing With Heart—A Day of Reflection for Parents of LGBT Young Adults

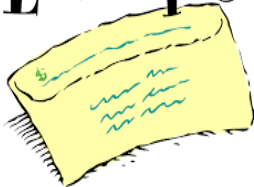
This day of reflection will provide parents with an opportunity to share their stories, listen to presentations from an experienced Catholic priest, reflect on the gifts and talents of their children, and participate in group discussions. The day with Mass.

We hope to provide a relaxed and supportive environment for parents to meet and interact with other parents, reflect and discuss concerns, learn about resources strengthen their love, and grow closer to God.

Facilitator: Fr. Tom Rosiccia, CSB. A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes lunch.

For more information or to Register: Call Mike Hyland—647-295-2499

Offering Envelopes



Attention Parishioners

Have you collected
your 2023 offertory box?

2023 assigned offertory envelopes are available for pick up on the table at the back of the church until May 31st. After May 31st any remaining envelopes will be removed from the system.

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.



"Some People Are
So Poor, All They
Have Is Money."

MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, May 23

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Charles Cerar req. by Frances Cerar.

Wednesday, May 24

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Lucia Hendrika Bowers req. by the Dunst family.

Thursday, May 25

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Friday, May 26

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of David Emer req. by the Emer family.

Saturday, May 27

4:30p.m. Repose of the soul of Frank G. Ficnar Jr. req. by the Ficnar family.

Sunday, May 28

9 a.m. Intention of all Parishioners.

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

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Bundle Up Collection May 27 - 28, 2023

Please let those gently used items you can do without benefit those our neighbours in need.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a non-profit charity whose volunteer members collect clothing, shoes and linens to donate, exchange for vouchers or sell in order to support our works of charity.

We collect clothing, shoes and linens. Please tie your donation bags to prevent spoiling.

Please drop of donations to volunteer at the truck/bin before of after Mass on the week-end of May 27/28, 2023.