

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Here is something to help you deal with this old dilemma: *To be or not to be with the Lord...*

God puts us where we need to be. This statement can help us to realize that higher and lower manners of our faithfulness refer to our capacity for discovering God's hand in our life and our reluctance to do so. We are called to discern the purpose the Lord had in creating us, and to make our lives meaningful by conforming to His will. A higher life searches above the muck of immediate passions, fears, needs, and biases to discover the way of peace. A lower form of human life craves satisfactions and delight and remains forever insatiable, because it discerns neither destination nor destiny. That lower form of human life remembers nothing, and it never learns. It is doomed to make war a hopeless pursuit of peace, and to drive others away in a search for security. It cannot risk cooperation, sharing, or communion. It tried those things once, and all it remembers is the failures, disappointments, and betrayals, because it is not "as high as the sky or as deep as the ocean," so to speak.

Called to life above by the grace of God, we understand this futility. We have gazed upon the Crucified Christ and seen in his dying eyes not disappointment but hope and unwavering confidence. But keep in mind that from the cross, Jesus says to us, "Don't ask me to come down from the cross; come up on the cross with me." Thus, we discover through disappointments how intensely we have relied on unreliable illusions, and we see why we invested so deeply and foolishly in our own misgivings. But will we ever be satisfied, even with Jesus on the cross? Personally, I cannot imagine a satisfaction that is not engaged, challenged, and sometimes bewildered. We can always give more, even after we have passed through those Pearly Gates, and surrender to the infinitely worthy goodness of God. We must hover around the Beatific Vision like stars and planets around a massive black hole. Even as we praise God's majesty we will want to give more, because there will always be more to give from the infinity of our God-like nature, for as it is said, "The best artists never finish their work, and the saints are never exhausted by their love for God."

P.S. Having reflected on this piece, I would just add this: To be a true disciple of Jesus, care more than others think necessary, trust more than others think wise, serve more than others think practical, and expect more than others think possible, because you are blessed with this moment, and you are sent as a blessing to say it...mean it...live it. Amen.

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The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Turning concern into action

Faith without charity bears no fruit'.

Pope Emeritus Benedict

As Christians, God's love calls us to serve in faith and with compassion, to serve the lowly, the poor and the needy in our community. Can we be a NEIGHBOUR to our neighbour-in-need?

"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, May 7

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Rene Pios req. by the Deleon family.

Wednesday, May 08

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

Thursday, May 09

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Andre Pacheco req. by Philomena & John D'Souza.

Friday, May 10

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Saturday, May 11

4:30 p.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

Sunday, May 12

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Andre Pacheco req. by the Pacheco family

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Roland Larochehelle req. by George Larochehelle.

COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL



The Social will resume
Wednesday, May 08, 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.

