

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR'S CORNER



It seems that virtual reality has become the mantra of the pandemic world. This is why we live in a world that has become increasingly “unreal”: virtual school, virtual meetings, virtual festivals, virtual concerts. In addition, there are video games, computer games, digitally altered photographs, social media “friends” who are actually strangers, etc. This false reality has even influenced some Catholics to think that watching Mass online is the same as participating at Mass in person. As Catholics, we need to reclaim what is real in our daily lives and encourage others to do so. We can begin by living in real life ourselves every moment we can. Whenever possible, we need to choose a real experience over a virtual one.

One of the main problems of living virtually is that it reduces actual human interaction, which is so necessary if we really want to be fully alive. Did you know that when nursing homes were closed to visitors during the pandemic, some facilities gave residents robotic cats and dogs as a substitute for seeing family and friends? These machines are designed to look and act in ways similar to real animals, and some people with dementia have actually been deceived into thinking they were real. A robotic pet can never replace human contact, but it also cannot replace a living dog or cat. Many have praised this invention as something positive, but I think it is wrong to offer someone a robot as a solution to his loneliness. Nursing home residents need visits from their family even more than health care. As people spend more and more time in a virtual world these days, they become even more isolated and lonely, often without knowing why. Our time on earth is short and we should not spend too much of it online, for as someone recently wrote:

We don't need virtual reality. We have the reality God gave us of His creation: real people, real animals, real trees, real lakes, and everything else in nature that He made. We have the reality of God's Church where Jesus is truly Present in the Blessed Sacrament, and where Mary, the saints, the souls in purgatory, our brothers and sisters in our parish and throughout the world are in communion with one another. God created us to live in reality and we have to make every effort to do so. Prayer, attending Mass in a church, engaging in conversation with friends in person, visiting a resident in a nursing home, going to concerts and sporting events with other people, and shopping in a store instead of online are all ways of living a real life.

Fr. Slawek

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION—DEADLINE OCTOBER 16, 2022

Please drop off completed Confirmation registration form in the mail slot at the glass door of the Parish office. Thank you.

OCTOBER 9, 2022

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.

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.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Holy Spirit Conference

We visit single mothers – We visit the elderly – We visit the working poor as well as those on social assistance or disability allowance -- We visit those who have suddenly fallen on hard financial times as well as those struggling over a longer period -- We visit people of any faith or race -- Quite simply, we visit anyone who is in need and request our assistance.

Thank you all parishioners for your contributions to the Poor Box after Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



RESUMES

Sunday, October 23

we are inviting children ages 4 and up to join us every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Mass.



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 18

9 a.m. Intentions of Raquel Ochangco req. by Lulu Ochangco

Wednesday, October 19

9 a.m. The repose of the soul of Janina.

Thursday, October 20

9 a.m. The repose of the soul of Lo Mui req. by Angela Chan.

Friday, October 21

9 a.m. The repose of the soul of Shirley Lam Shook Yee req. by Angela Chan.

Saturday, October 22

4:30 p.m. The repose of the soul of Allen Glynn req. by his wife Sharon.

Sunday, October 23

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. (+) The repose of the soul of Francisco Sr. & Francisca Anchuelo req. by the Anchuelo family.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH OFFERING SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Regular Envelope Offering \$ 4,180.00
Building Fund Offering \$ 300.00

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Regular Envelope Offering \$ 2,165.00
Building Fund Offering \$ 125.00
Needs of Canadian Church \$ 926.00

OCTOBER 2, 2022

Regular Envelope Offering \$ 3,777.00

OCTOBER 9, 2022

Regular Envelope Offering \$ 3980.00
Building Fund Offering \$ 1777.00

Thank you for your continued generosity



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?

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

OUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD
SHOULD NOT JUST BE A
Sunday EVENT.