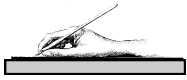


## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### PASTOR'S CORNER

The season of autumn is here. The morning air is cool and crisp, perfect for my morning jogging. The hours of daylight are getting shorter, so for the first several minutes I usually run in darkness. Moreover, the leaves on the trees are just beginning to change to shades of red, yellow, and orange, and the flavor and scent of pumpkin spice is everywhere. As I experience autumn with all of my senses, I am once again reminded that the seasonal changes become a metaphor for our dying and resurrection. To some degree, we all have a hard time with this notion of life after death. We want to believe it, but it is hard to imagine. Those of us of a certain age who can look back on years of strength and flexibility feel the ravages of time and long for a body that is not so confining, or challenging. And yes, many of us do not really believe we are attractive, as we secretly hope that we will be beautiful or graceful or thin or . . . well, you have heard the longing, perhaps even felt it. But when you read the letters of St. Paul, you will discover that the Apostle would call us fools for our way of thinking which reflects a lack of graced imagination. So how does one stir up the imagination about a new life in the Kingdom of God? Perhaps this rumination will help you understand what I am trying to convey in my reflection. Someone wrote:

*An acorn fell on me several days ago, while I watered my pots of flowers, and I sat down and looked at the relatively small universe of the next generation of oak trees. The seed does not in any way (except possibly the color) resemble any part of the tree that dropped it on me. It does have a roughly “feathered” little cap that quickly becomes stiff and lifeless after being separated from the sap of life that ran through it – and this “cap” comes off to reveal a relatively large seed – not unlike that of other fruits and nuts – that has a smooth coat. Out of that seed a sapling will emerge if the seed falls into the ground and dies, which yields up its various life forces of food, moisture and DNA. I am not a biologist, so I don’t specialize in the circle of life scientifically, but all of us “specialize” in the circle of life if we pay attention to ourselves and to any creature that participates in the circle of living creation. And the rest of creation is given to the living creation to nurture its life and energy, so the sun pours itself out to give warmth and light, rock and soil give up minerals and other nutrients to sustain or develop life structures. So we, as the seed for the future generations of life, will grow into our own existence with God – a bodily self that does not resemble the seed any more than the grain resembles the whole wheat plant blowing in the wind, or the oak tree does not resemble in its rough bark, great height, widely extended branches and intricate roots the “body” of the acorn. The acorn is but an embodied promise of the future life of its kind. So just as we try to understand death and resurrection, first we must seek the truth of our human condition and dwell therein. Then we will discover the embodiment of beauty and glory that dwells within us right now, keeping in mind that there is something much better we can expect in a heavenly life to come.*

*Fr. Slawek*

# OCTOBER 2, 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.

### Marriage Preparation Course

The 2022 Marriage Preparation Program will commence on October 15, 2022 at St. Aidan Church located at 3501 Finch Ave. East. Please note this program is held once a year, hence, couples planning to marry by December 2023 can register for it.

For more information, kindly contact Aggie Gomez at 416-292-5707

## 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 4

9 a.m. Intentions to all Angels req. by Lourdes Aguil.

### Wednesday, October 5

9 a.m. (+)Horolatta Aguil req. by Lourdes Aguil.

### Thursday, October 6

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

### Friday, October 7

9 a.m. Intentions of thanksgiving for Jack & Sylvie Salim..

### Saturday, October 8

4:30 p.m. (+)Lois Larocque req. by the Larocque family.

### Sunday, October 9

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.  
11 a.m. Intentions to the Feast of Our Lady of Pillar reqy Zamboanga req. by Hermosa .

## HOLY SPIRIT PARISH OFFERING SEPTEMBER

### SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

Regular Envelope Offering \$ 3,117.00

### SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Regular Envelope Offering \$ 4,750.00  
Building Fund Offering \$ 2108.00

### 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

*Thank you for you continued generosity*



## ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?

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



If you want to know someone's mind, listen to their words.  
If you want to know their heart, watch their actions.