

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S CORNER

In a recent interview, Pope Francis was asked, among other things, about hope, humour and hypocrisy:

Q: As a prophet of hope, what can you tell us to nourish it?

A: Hope is the humble virtue, the everyday virtue, the one we think least important. We always talk about faith, charity and love. And hope is in the kitchen, but that's precisely why it's our everyday virtue. We must not only keep our hope, but also nourish it. We must have a hopeful heart, a heart with hope. Hope is so fecund! A poet used to call it the humble virtue. We cannot live without hope. If we erased our little daily hopes, we would lose our identity. We don't realize that we live by hope. And theological hope is very humble but it seasons our daily condiments. It's not escapism to think tomorrow might be better. It's different.

Q: You smile, you laugh, you show a great sense of humour. What kind of things amuse you?

A: A sense of humour is a certificate of good health (*laughs*). For over 40 years, every day I have prayed St. Thomas More's prayer for a sense of humour. He was great. I included that prayer in the 101st note of "Gaudete et Exultate" (Editor's note: exhortation "on the call to holiness in our present world", from March 2018), in case somebody would like to see it. The prayer asks the Lord for the ability to laugh, to see the funny side of things, to see life with a smile, always. The prayer begins in a beautiful way: "Give me, Lord, a good digestion and, naturally, give me something to digest." (*Laughs*) He begins with a sense of humour from the start. And I like that because a sense of humour humanizes. People who don't have a sense of humor are boring, even boring to themselves. In my sacerdotal work, I sometimes would advise people to look at themselves in the mirror and laugh at themselves. It's horribly difficult for some people because they lack a sense of humour. Well, those things are not very dogmatic. That is a bit of life wisdom I was taught and I try to use it to help others.



Q: What is hypocrisy according to Pope Francis?

A: Hypocrisy achieves two goals. First, I want to appear as I am not, so I can garner the praise and satisfaction that come from others' admiration. Secondly, I want to cover up the hidden reality of my wretched condition. This is the leaven of hypocrisy that infiltrates all my behaviour and it drives me farther away from the simple trust in the Father who is always ready to forgive. My prayer is to bring all this stuff into the light of God for his compassionate and merciful purification of my wounded heart, because I do want this sincerity (literally, "without hypocrisy") to reside in my thoughts, words and deeds. You know, we can do "charitable" acts and give alms for motives that do not have anything to do with love or sincerity: to impress, to look like a do-gooder, to earn heaven, to ease our consciences. One of the saints said, "You can lack charity even in 'doing charity'!" This is why I often pray in this way: "O Lord, banish fear that drives me to hypocrisy and let me trust in You as I face the judgement here among people and in Your sight. Amen."

Fr. Slawek

ALL SOULS MASS

Thursday, November 2

7 p.m.

OCTOBER 29, 2023

Day of Reflection and Prayer for the Bereaved

Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd.,

Saturday, November 4—9:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Facilitated by : Sr. Claire Marchal and Mary Hyland

“Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?” Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you can have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and the reflect in prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey. Suggested offering: \$65.00 per person (includes lunch)

Please contact: Mary Hyland—905-441-0957

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES: For the month of November a basket will be placed at the foot of the altar for envelopes for All Souls. The envelopes are at all exits at the back of the church. You can list the names of your deceased relatives and friends on the envelope and place it either in the basket at the foot of the altar or in the collection basket. All names will be remembered at the Masses during the month of November.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Holy Spirit Conference

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

MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, October 31

9 a.m. Repose of all Soul req. Anibilla Diapera

Wednesday, November 1

9 a.m. All Saints.

Thursday, November 2

9 a.m. All Souls.

7 p.m. All Souls

Friday, November 3

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Saturday, November 4

4:30p.m. Repose of the soul in Purgatory req. by Lulu.

Sunday, November 5

9 a.m. Intentions of thanksgiving for Carah & Jayco Porcal.

11 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

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.



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

After the 9 a.m. Mass in the Parish Basement

Sunday, November 19, 2023

After the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass in the Parish Basement

All parishioners welcome



Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday during the 9 am mass.

SELF-SACRIFICE IS THE HIGHEST FORM OF WORSHIP



Good News Ministries : gnm.org

SUNDAY MISSAL

Are available for purchase before Mass on the weekend of November 4/5 & November 11/12. The Sunday Missal can be purchased from the parish office Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

Limited quantity available—Cost \$6.00 per missal



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?

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