

TWENTY—SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

PASTOR'S CORNER



I want to share with you a longer quotation from the book *Three Minutes with God: Reflections and Prayers to Encourage, Inspire, and Motivate* by Monsignor Frank Bognanno:

We only go through life once, and we want to make the most of it, the very best of it. The key is recognizing your gifts from God— your attributes, your personality type, your lofty desires. Name them and claim them every day. We are all created not just to be good but to be great! We were created by our great God and destined to be great. Don't settle for being a good parent; strive to be a great parent. Don't strive to be a good neighbor; become a great neighbor. Don't just be a good employee, be the best you can be by being great at the work you do. Don't be a good Christian or Jew or Muslim; be a great person who lives your faith each day.

So what is your next step to becoming a great person? Think in terms of greatness, not just success. Memorize this small prayer, write it on your bathroom mirror, and repeat it often; it's powerful. It goes like this: "Help me, Lord, to grow from good to great!" Don't sell yourself short. God will help you develop into the truly great human being you are meant to be, and then you will be grateful forever that you decided to say YES to God's invitation: "*I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing*" (John 15:5).

If nothing else, this quotation encourages an open mind toward holiness in our Christian life. So enter the adventure without regrets and with grateful hearts!



Fr. Slawek

OCTOBER 8, 2023

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS SESSIONS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024

Parents and/or Guardians, if you have a young person who will be in grades 2 thru 7 who have not made their sacraments for the school year 2022-2023, and they wish the reception of either First Holy Communion, Confirmation or both, **please be advised that a letter was given out in our parish schools in September.** Also, much of our notices/communications about Sacramental prep is posted in the parish bulletins so please be vigilant and pick up weekly bulletins. Peace of Christ!

- **ATTENTION PARENTS:** Submission of completed requirements for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be in person on Saturday, October 7 after the 4:30 p.m. Mass and Sunday, October 8 after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses. Parents and Guardians please proceed to the Church basement.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATIONS FOR ADULTS

If someone you know is considering becoming a Catholic, St. Barnabas Parish located at 10 Washburn Way, Scarborough is starting the RCIA program. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process is designed to journey with individuals as they learn and discern the Catholic faith. The program begins on October 10. To download the RCIA form, please go to the website:

<https://stbarnabasto.ca/rites-of-christian-initiation>

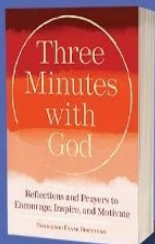
ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

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.

COFFEE & TEA SOCIAL Wednesday, October 11, 2023

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



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MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, October 10

9 a.m. Intentions of Triston Popescu req. by the Popescu family.

Wednesday, October 11

9 a.m. 65th Wedding Anniversary of Terry & Desiree D'Abreu.

Thursday, October 12

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Loretta & Basillo Acar req. by the Catequista family.

Friday, October 13

9 a.m. Private intentions.

Saturday, October 14

4:30p.m. Repose of the soul of Lois Larocque req. by the Larocque family.

Sunday, October 15

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Intentions to Our Lady of Pillar req. by Zamboanga Hermosa Group.

ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?



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



Children's Liturgy

will resume on Sunday, October 15th, 2023 during the 9 am mass.



THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

Turning concern into action

"We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us the spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God."

St. Vincent de Paul

By remembering our neighbours who ask for help through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we are all touched by God's love and build up His Kingdom on earth.

Thank you for your contributions to the Poor Box.