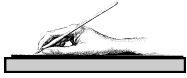


TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S CORNER

This is a response to my "Pastor's Corner," which was published two weeks ago:

Dear Father Slawek,

Thank you for your timely reflection about making sure that our children will not leave our faith. It brought back memories of those days when my husband and I were trying to do our best in this matter. Believe me we did do our best, and yet they left the faith. Some things make sense when we step back and look at them again, but we are still asking ourselves where we did fail. Perhaps we were too hard, too soft, too talky, too quiet, too prayerful, and yet not witnessing enough. It felt like trying to maintain a sandcastle against the high tide of the world. It felt like the world would win and children would leave. As parents, it felt like the waves crashing over.

There's no small amount of soul searching that goes on when someone you love leaves the faith. You look for that moment when you guessed wrong, and you view each step away a little like proof you failed as a Catholic in your darker moments; easy prey for despair and frustration. What else could we have done? We tried to stay the course. They went to Catholic schools. We took them to weekly Mass. We prayed together. They knew what we believed, but somehow they walked away, in little and big ways. I cried so many times. Now I find a bit of comfort in the Gospels. The apostles cried out, "Lord, save us!" and Jesus calmed the storm. When you have children, or loved ones far from the faith, you want to know that the storm will be calmed. In the Gospel, Jesus rebuked the wind and the waves and He was amazed at the apostles' lack of faith. We need to ride out the storm, to trust in Christ.

Today I know that being a friend of Christ doesn't mean you will have a life free from suffering; being a friend of Christ means He is with you in the midst of the storm. He is with you in every scourge, in every ache, in every moment of agony, in all the pains of life. He died for us, He died for them, He is seeking them even now. I know our job is to woo our children, not to win them. We are not their savior; Christ is. I need to revisit the lesson often, because I made mistakes along the way. But there is one lesson that I have learned so far: It is Christ who will win them and our job is to trust in His Divine Providence. And I still have hope that my kids, with the help of God's grace, will be back to the faith and church. Please, pray for me and for them.

Fr. Slawek

SEPTEMBER 25, 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 2

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 27

9 a.m. (+) Emma Clappison.

Wednesday, September 28

9 a.m. Intentions of thanksgiving Winnie & Wilma Caballero req. by Joriza Porcal.

Thursday, September 29

9 a.m. (+)Silvestro de Laurentiis req. by the de Laurentiis family.

Friday, September 30

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Saturday, October 01

4:30 p.m. (+)Martha San Romen req. by the Dunst family.

Sunday, October 02

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. (+)Rowel Garcia req. by Ely Garcia.

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

Thank you for you continued generosity

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Holy Spirit Conference



Turning concern into action

Lord, help me to make time today to serve You in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance.

With a generous heart and spirit, let us share what we have with our neighbour -in-need. Your generous contributions to the POOR BOX will help us left up the lowly and feed the hungry.

What will you give back to God from the blessings you have received?

Stewardship
A WAY OF LIFE

