

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S CORNER

Take your time to read and then to reflect upon the meaning of this life-changing poem, “Do Not Love Half Lovers”, by Kahlil Gibran:

*Do not love half lovers.
Do not entertain half friends.
Do not indulge in works of the half talented.
Do not live half a life and do not die a half death.
If you choose silence, then be silent.
When you speak, do so until you are finished.
Do not silence yourself to say something and do not speak to be silent.
If you accept, then express it bluntly.
Do not mask it.
If you refuse then be clear about it, for an ambiguous refusal is but a weak acceptance.
Do not accept half a solution.
Do not believe half truths.
Do not dream half a dream.
Do not fantasize about half hopes.
Half a drink will not quench your thirst.
Half a meal will not satiate your hunger.
Half the way will get you nowhere.
Half an idea will bear you no results.
Your other half is not the one you love.
It is you in another time yet in the same space.
It is you when you are not.
Half a life is a life you didn't live.
A word you have not said.
A smile you postponed.
A love you have not had.
A friendship you did not know.
To reach and not arrive.
Work and not work.
Attend only to be absent.
What makes you a stranger to them closest to you and they strangers to you.
The half is a mere moment of inability, but you are able for you are not half a being.
You are a whole that exists to live a life not half a life.*

P.S. I hope this meditative spiritual exercise will become perhaps your daily mantra as we begin a new pastoral and school year, because we all respond to love, but sometimes with a lot of zigzagging.

Fr. Slawek

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS SESSIONS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2025 -2026

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 2025-2026, and they wish the reception of either First Holy Communion, Confirmation or both, please be advised that a letter will be given out in our parish schools Holy Spirit and St. Gerald next week. 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!

- Info Session for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, September, 28th after the 9 a.m. Mass at the Church Hall.
- Info Session for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Sunday, October 5th after the 11 a.m. Mass at the Church Hall.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, with the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
 - **How to create your own legacy**
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals



3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan the QR code
2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebSept27
3. send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar Sep 27" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 9

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Michael Gerald McDaid req. by the Larocque & Bohren family.

Wednesday, September 10

9 a.m. Intentions of thanksgiving.

Thursday, September 11

9 a.m. _____

Friday, September 12

9a.m. Private Intentions.

Saturday, September 13

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

Sunday, September 14

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Eliza Nakpil req. by Ely Agollano

11 a.m. For the forgotten souls req. by Pearl Noranho.

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan—Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish's account.

This amount will be receipted at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?

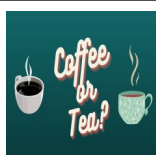
Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated. Thank you.



Children's Liturgy

will resume

Sunday, September 7th
For the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses.



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Everyone welcome

