

TWENTY—THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S CORNER

Success always has a sweet taste and makes us crave more. But ambition, which helps us succeed, can be a blessing or a curse. When it is God-directed and Spirit-managed, it can bear tremendous fruit. And when it is restrained by humility, ambition can be a powerful motivator. But when it is hijacked by a self-centered ego, it can leave a wake of destruction in its path. Here is where this issue gets sticky, because our hearts are often entangled with God-directed and self-directed motives at the same time. Sorting them out is complex and it takes us to an inner place that is hidden from everyone. Part of what makes ambition so dangerous is that it resides in the unseen world of the soul. A priest wrote, *“Often my ambition, which I saw as a strength, was not motivated by God’s glory but by an unhealthy need to be perceived as a success. This, of course, led to unhealthy people pleasing and approval addiction.”* This is why we often need *“behaviour modification,”* so to speak, because we are committed to not being committed to healthy ambition. As Scripture says, *“Fire tests the purity of silver and gold, but a person is tested by being praised.”* But to acknowledge that all human successes are blessings from God, humility, simplicity and charity are needed. So as you try to do your best in this enterprise, try to keep in mind this wise, timely reminder: *“I shall walk this way but once; therefore, whatever good I may do, let me do it now, for I shall never walk this way again.”*

P.S. This is what I want you to keep in mind at the beginning of this new pastoral and school year, because emotional health and spiritual maturity are inseparable if we want to succeed in life.

Fr. Slawek

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS SESSIONS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2024 -2025

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 2024-2025, 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 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!

- Info Session for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, September, 29th after the 9 a.m. Mass at the Church Hall.
- Info Session for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Sunday, October 6th after the 11 a.m. Mass at the Church Hall.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, September 10

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Wednesday, September 11

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of David Emer req. by the Emer family.

Thursday, September 12

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Crispin Prillo req. by his family.

Friday, September 13

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Francesca Pierri req. by the Lanni family.

Saturday, September 14

4:30p.m. Repose of the soul Michael & Aurita Fernandes req. by Anthony Fernandes

Sunday, September 15

9 a.m. Intentions of thanksgiving for Duli & Eran Amarasingha.

11 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?

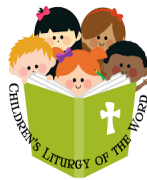


Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated. Thank you.

COFFEE & TEA SOCIAL

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

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



Children's Liturgy

will resume on Sunday, September 8 during the 9 am mass.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH INCOME/EXPENSE

Diocesan Assessment for January—June 2024: \$ 31, 289.00—5 installment payment

AUGUST 24/25, 2024

Ordinary Income

Regular Envelope Offering	\$ 4, 045.85
Loose offering	\$ 110.00
Votive Candles	\$ 350.00
	\$ 4, 505.85

Ordinary Expense

Church Expense:	\$ 4, 556.32
Assessment payment: 1 of 5	\$ 6, 257.80
	\$10, 814.12

AUGUST 31/SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Ordinary Income

Regular Envelope Offering	\$ 3, 995.00
Loose offering	\$ 162.00
Votive Candles	\$ 265.00
	\$ 4, 422.00

Ordinary Expense

Church Expense:	\$ 1, 003.26
Assessment payment: 2 of 5—	\$ 6, 257.80
	\$ 7, 251.06

God's GREATNESS
is in YOU.

It's evidenced
not by what you have
but by what you give.



THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

When we pray the “Our Father”, we ask God to give us “our daily” bread. Most of us are fortunate to receive sufficient food, but some do not. It is a struggle, especially for our neighbour-in-need.

Please remember the POOR BOX on your way out of the church after Mass.