

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 20, 2021

“Why are you afraid?”



How can we fight fear with faith? Jesus' sleeping presence on the storm-tossed sea reveals the sleeping faith of his disciples. They feared for their lives even though their Lord and Master was with them in the boat. They were asleep to Christ while he was present to them in their hour of need. The Lord Jesus is ever present to us. And in our time of testing he asks the same question: Why are you afraid? Have you no faith? Do you recognize the Lord's presence with you, especially when you meet the storms of adversity, sorrow, and temptation? Whenever we encounter trouble, the Lord is there with the same reassuring

message: "It is I, do not be afraid."

What are the characteristics of faith and how can we grow in it? Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. Believing is only possible by grace and the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and who opens the eyes of the mind to understand and accept the truth which God has revealed to us. Faith enables us to relate to God rightly and confidently, with trust and reliance, by believing and adhering to his word, because he is utterly reliable and trustworthy. If we want to live, grow, and persevere in faith, then it must be nourished with the word of God.

Fear does not need to cripple us from taking right action or rob us of our trust and reliance on God. Courage working with faith enables us to embrace God's word of truth and love with confidence and to act on it with firm hope in God's promises. The love of God strengthens us in our faith and trust in him and enables us to act with justice and kindness towards our neighbour even in the face of opposition or harm. Do you allow the love of Christ to rule in your heart and mind, and to move your will to choose what is good in accordance with his will?

Lord Jesus, increase my faith in your redeeming love and power that I may always recognize your abiding presence with me. And give me courage to do your will in all circumstances.

SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE

Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at 6:40pm).

The link to our parish YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkSQAZBuk3g-bhw?>

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND CHILDREN

On Saturday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. kids ages 4-12 are invited to a Camping with the Holy Spirit event hosted by the Children's Ministry of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CCRC). Join CCRC for this fun, free, online evening that includes Holy Ghost stories, campfire songs, games, crafts and snacks under the stars with Mother Mary! To register go to: childrenministryccrc@gmail.com

PRAYER GROUP VIDEO SERIES

Join Deacon Don and the Prayer group on Zoom from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm on Thursdays, for a new video series. "Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told" is a dramatic 10-session journey featuring best-selling author and popular speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley. All are welcome. To get the Zoom link please contact Deacon Don at ddroberts828@yahoo.ca

FORMED

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3. Enter your name and email

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

MONDAY, JUNE 21 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Wilkie Soo

S.I. A Mass of Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, JUNE 22 – 8:00 A.M.

+ Alphonso Frasson

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Antonio DeMelo

+ Don Lahey

+ Gabriella Grohotolski

THURSDAY, JUNE 24 – 8:00 A.M.

S.I. In reparation for sins committed against the
Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Kerry English

+ Fred Luis

+ Yumna Afzaal, Madiha Salman, Talat Afzaal
and Salman Afzaal

SUN., JUNE 27 – 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S.I. Parish Community



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday!

“These uncertain times are especially difficult for addiction clients. Our programs would not be open without ShareLife donors. Through your support we are able to dramatically reduce social isolation for men and women living with mental health and addictions.”

— Robin Griller, St. Michael’s Homes

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The month of June is dedicated to “the Sacred Heart of Jesus.” Cardinal Collins has written a Pastoral Letter on the Sacred Heart which is available to parishioners. To read this letter follow this link:
<https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/archdiocese-of-toronto-main-site/files/sacred-heart-of-jesus/sacred-heart-pastoral-letter.pdf>.

A limited number of hard copies are also available from the Parish Office.

WELCOME BACK

On Monday, June 7, the Archdiocese of Toronto was informed by Premier Ford’s office that churches can re-open at 15% capacity beginning this weekend. This includes weddings, baptisms and funerals. We will be using Eventbrite to register for weekday and weekend Masses. **Beginning on July 3 we will no longer be using a reservation system but will be moving to “First Come, First Serve” basis.** Under this system the usher will seat parishioners until we have reached our capacity then the doors will be locked.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Parents of children who registered for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, but whose spring 2021 celebration was postponed due to the pandemic, should have received a letter from Fr. Damian by email last week. New summer celebration dates have added. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is offered every Saturday from 4:00pm to 4:45pm in the Reconciliation Room of the church.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH



In keeping with celebrating the Year of St. Joseph announced by Pope Francis in December 2020, the Canadian faithful are invited to pray a Novena in honour of the guardian of the Holy Family. The Novena begins on 22 June and ends on 30 June, and it is followed by an Act of Entrustment on 1 July which is also the annual commemoration of Canada Day. The novena prayers are available in the **Bulletin Section** of the Parish Website. During the nine days of prayer, the faithful are encouraged to pray for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic, for those who have died, for the family – domestic Church, for peace and unity in the country, for an end to racism and discrimination, for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, for youth and the elderly, for frontline workers and the unemployed, and for the need, addicted and excluded.

Fr. Damian will lead the Prayer of Entrustment of Canada to St. Joseph at the 10am Mass on Thursday, July 1.