



Sunday, October 24th, 2021

**30TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong. Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

Today is World Mission Sunday. Today, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world is involved in this special event. It is a day that we show that all Catholics are missionaries who have a role to play in spreading the message of the Gospel. We are being sent to be witnesses to what we have seen and heard, through prayer and personal sacrifices, for our brothers and in sisters around the world. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes. Donations can also be made by e-transfer.**

Notre Dame Pilgrimage 2021: Consult today's bulletin insert on how you can support the pilgrimage. Notre Dame students are collecting funds for 3 partner organizations: the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, Yancana Huasy in Lima Peru, and the Dominican Canadian Community Development Group. These organizations are in need of our support more than ever as a result of the global pandemic. You can use the following link to make a donation.
<https://www.canadahelps.org/me/nws5zwhm>

Anniversary Certificates: Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary in the year 2021. To receive a certificate, please complete a registration form available at the parish by November 15th.

Included in today's bulletin is the **pastoral letter from Bishop Gerard Bergie on the upcoming Synod.** The letter has also been posted on the parish website.

Sunday, October 31st, 2021

**31ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."
- Mk 12:32, 34ab

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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

All Saints Day: I heard a story the other day of a very holy man. The commentator said, "We shouldn't call him a saint. If we sanctify him, we don't have to imitate him." This is precisely the opposite of the meaning of saints! Throughout the Church's history, we have honoured saints, but not to set them apart. We honour saints to remind us what is possible for a person who loves God. The saints have stories as varied as our own. We have bishops, martyrs, teachers, doctors, former thieves and prostitutes, politicians and kings, soldiers and pacifists, single mothers, desert hermits? the list goes on! On this Solemnity of All Saints, we remember this garden of holiness, rich with diverse flowerings of a holy life. When you look at the life of your favourite saint, ask yourself, "How can I imitate this person? What is possible for me when I love God?"

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre. Call: 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com. **Pre-registration is required. Meetings held both in person & virtually via Zoom platform. Please see contact information above to pre-register and consult the Diocesan website for Covid protocols at saintcd.com** October 25, 2021- Pastoral Care, Fr. Chris Kulig Presenter; November 8, 2021 Causes of Anger

Sat. Oct 23	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Margaret Marfics (Liliana Haynes)
Sun. Oct 24	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	Birthday Blessings for Elwood Stuart (Divya G.)
Mon. Oct 25	9:30am	MASS CANCELLED
Tues. Oct 26	9:30am	✠ Ralph Biancaniello & Gerard Gosselin (Vince Addario)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Oct 27	9:30am	✠ Cecil Shannon (Racz Family)
Thurs. Oct 28	9:30am	✠ George Albanese (Vince Addario) Tania Theodose (Divya G.)
Fri. Oct 29	9:30am	Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Sat. Oct 30	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Margaret Marfics (Donna & Jean Larocque)
Sun. Oct 31	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Waynes Rebeiro & Special Intention for Yvonne & Charles (Vince Addario)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses. Offertory October 9th & 10th, 2021

Envelopes:	\$3, 250.00
Maintenance:	\$ 865.00

Offertory October 16th & 17th, 2021

Envelopes:	\$2, 540.00
All Souls	\$ 90.00

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Mon. Nov 1	9:30am	✠ Solemnity of All Saints Anthony & Muriel Guest & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family) Shilpa Gujadhur (Divya G.) All Parishioners
Tues. Nov 2	6:00pm	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
	9:30am	✠ Anthony & Muriel Guest & Anthony, Sybil & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family) All Faithful Departed
	6:00pm	7-8pm HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Nov 3	9:30am	✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Chris Meyo & Family)
Thurs. Nov 4	9:30am	✠ Kay Shannon (Racz Family)
Fri. Nov 5	9:30am	✠ Antonio Addario (Vince Addario)
Sat. Nov 6	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Marion Mullin (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Sun. Nov 7	9:30am	✠ Sophie & Joseph Rybiak (Barb Rybiak)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

Covid-19 Protocols: Please consult the website for information.

All Souls' Day- Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed November 2nd, 2021: Everyone is invited to write the names of deceased loved ones on the special envelopes which can be found at the back of the church.

Place the envelopes in the offertory over the next few weeks or bring to the parish office. The names will be written in a **Book of Remembrance** which will be on display as a reminder to pray for those who have passed before us and left an impact on our lives. **Please print the names clearly.** Masses on the Feast All Souls will be celebrated at 9:30am and 6pm.

October is the Month of the Rosary: "The Rosary is a prayer both so humble and simple and theologically rich in Biblical content. I beg you to pray it."~St. John Paul II

