

Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — Jesus seems to *disagree* with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a *totally undeserved inheritance*. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is *not* deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.



CANDLELIGHT ADORATION EVENING Friday, October 13th, in our church from 7pm until 9 pm, Father Jacek Kryn and Father Andy Goodwin will present a special night of adoration and prayers. Over 200 colored candles glowing in the dark, surrounding the Blessed Sacrament. Quietness and peace. Recitation of the Holy Rosary. Let us get together to love and adore Our Lord and do something beautiful for God. Our Lord invites you to adoration.

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Happy Thanksgiving! As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us give thanks with grateful hearts, both in word and action for all God's gifts. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ. Our God also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people.

All Souls' Day- Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed November 2nd, 2023: Everyone is invited to write the names of deceased loved ones on an envelope. 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. If making a donation, include your name and offertory number.** Masses on the Feast All Souls will be celebrated at 9:30am and 6pm.

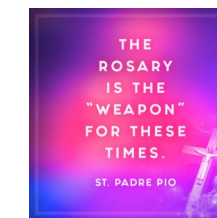
Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary in the year 2023. To receive certificate, please complete a registration form available at the parish by November 10.

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them that hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life *matters*. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There *is* a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

ROSARY CRUSADE



You are invited at St. Ann Church as we spiritually join thousands of others from across Canada and the world in praying the Rosary. On Saturday, October 14th St. Ann Church and St. Alexander Church will have a Public Square Rosary Crusade and Rally. We will meet at 11:30 at St. Ann Church, and at 11:45 a.m.

process around the grounds of St. Ann. At 12 Noon, we will join spiritually thousands of other groups around the globe in praying to Our Holy Mother and asking her to intercede in bringing peace to the world, our country, and our families. We need your participation to make this a success, here at St. Ann Church on October 14th at 11:30 am. If you need more info or would like to help with the event, please give your name to the office or call Anne Marie at 905-892-5988 at St. Ann Church or Irma Ruiter at St. Alexander Church 905-650-2580. Thank-you.

October- 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

YOUTH MINISTRY RESUMES THURSDAY OCTOBER 12TH 6:30-8:30PM! This program is for students in Grades 5-8. The Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate will lead and co-ordinate the program. Registration forms are at the back of the church. Please hand them in to the office or the Sisters as soon as possible.

World Mission Sunday, October 22nd: Theme: "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move". This year, Pope Francis calls us to develop the passion for evangelization which is a vital dimension for the Church. World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on Oct. 22nd. The theme is inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. World Mission Sunday joins all Catholics for the world in one family of faith. That Sunday, we commit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the society of the propagation of the Faith. We join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News and by giving a donation. Envelopes are in your offertory boxes or donations can be made by e-transfer.



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to the feast."
- Mt 22:4bc

Mon. Oct 16	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Oct 17	9:30am	✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Oct 18	9:30am	Marla Pietruszko & Family (Annette Mastracci & Family)
		✠ Ann Iamonaco (Melissa Middleton) Kleio Addario (Vince Addario)
Thurs. Oct 19	9:30am	Birthday Blessings for Fr. Jacek (Danuta Mazur)
Fri. Oct. 20	9:30am	Reparation for offences against The Sacred Hearts of Jesus, Joseph & Mary (Colin & Teresa Walters)
		✠ Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family) Special Intention (Vince Addario)
Sat. Oct 21	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Rinaldo Tonini (Melissa Middleton)
Sun. Oct 22	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	Graces & Mercies for Mambourquette Family (Adelaine Nohara)

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



St. Ann Family Pasta Take Out

As you know, the October take out dinner had to be cancelled due to kitchen renovations. The Pasta Dinner Committee appreciates your patience and we will keep you posted of any further changes. Otherwise, at this time, the next dinner is planned for **Thursday, November 2nd from 3-6pm.**

The St. Ann Pasta Committee has set up etransfer for payment for the monthly Pasta dinner fundraiser. When you order or pick up dinners, you can e-transfer payment to the following email address and the funds will be automatically deposited (no password required). stannspasta@gmail.com

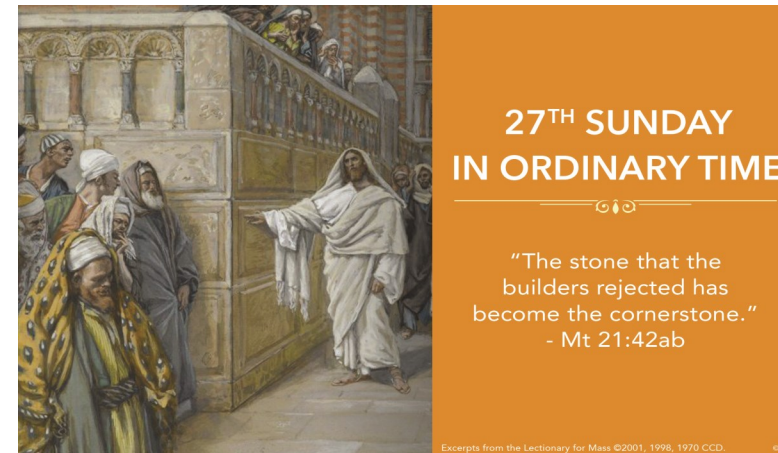
Next CWL meeting will be held on **Thursday, Oct 12th** with Mass beginning at 6pm, followed by a meeting. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

Please remember in your prayers the souls of ✠Ann Iamonaco and ✠Stefan Hozjan. Mr. Hozjan's funeral will be held in our parish on Wednesday, October 11th at 11am. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Rev. Jacek Kryn, S.A.C. Pastor

Liliana Haynes Office Administrator

Sunday, October 8th, 2023



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."
- Mt 21:42ab

Sat. Oct 7	8:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	9:00am	Mass
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	Dina & Ralph Mastracci (Annette Mastracci & Family)
Sun. Oct 8	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Souls in Purgatory (Keri Harrison)
Mon. Oct 9	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Oct 10	9:30am	✠ Martin & Anna Kolenko (Hozjan Family)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Oct 11	9:30am	The Harb Family (Dr. Raymond, Nawal, Cynthia & Celine) (Annette Mastracci & Family)
		✠ Robert Vaillancourt (Pat Vaillancourt & Family) Vince Addario (Lena Addario)
Thurs. Oct 12	9:30am	✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)
Fri. Oct 13	9:30am	✠ Souls in Purgatory (Keri Harrison) Health & Salvation of Carole & Greg Bullock (Doug & Alexandra Martin) Reparation for offences Committed against the Blessed Sacrament (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Sat. Oct 14	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Oct 15	9:30am	✠ Kristina & Frank Hozjan (Hozjan Family)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

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- Offertory September 24th, 2023—\$1,360.00**
- Needs of the Canadian Church—\$615.00**
- Offertory October 1st, 2023—\$1,666.00**
- Maintenance- \$285.00**

