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PARISH OFFICE AND HOURS:

Mon to Thurs:	9:15 AM — 12:00 PM	
	1:00 PM —	4:00 PM
Friday:	9:15 AM —	2:00 PM
Sunday:	9:15 AM —	1:00 PM
Closed on Saturday and Holidays		

DEVOTIONS:

Holy Rosary: before 8:30am Mass Divine Mercy: Friday after 8:30am Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesday Novena to Our Lady of Miraculous Medal:

Every Monday, October - May Novena to St. Anthony de Padua:

13 Tuesdays (March - June 13) Eucharistic Adoration:

Mon - Thurs: 9am-12pm (Church) Every Friday: 9am - 7pm (Church)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

For assistance call 416-410-3589

PARISH SCHOOL:

St. Lawrence Catholic School 416-393-5264

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (English) Sunday Mass : 8:30 am (English) 10:00 am (Italian) 11:30 am (English) 1:00 pm (Latin) 5:00 pm (English)

DAILY MASSES:

English: 8:30 am Monday to Saturday Latin: 12:00 pm Monday to Wednesday 7:00 am Thursday 7:00 pm Friday 10:00 am Saturday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays following the 8:30 am Mass Saturdays 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

BAPTISM:

Visit our website or call the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the Pastor ONE YEAR in advance. Marriage Preparation Course is required. Visit our website for more information.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

If one of your loved ones would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK:

Visitation and/or Holy Communion for the sick upon request.

A warm Welcome to New Paríshíoners! Please fill out a parish registration form found in the foyer of the Church, and kindly introduce yourself to the Pastor.

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 18TH, 2023



THE HARVEST IS RICH BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW

Jesus was concerned about his people. He wanted to bring to them the Kingdom of his Father, so he set out to heal them, and sent others out to do the same. His aim was to bring them the peace of God, to help them by ridding

them of their worries, their sickness, their embarrassment at being lost sheep without a shepherd (God was always the shepherd in Israel). When he set up the twelve apostles he was making a New Israel, a new set of twelve tribes, as a permanent healing body, to make sure that the Kingdom of the Father and its peace and generosity would always be available. He was not setting up a clergy, a set of leaders, but appointing his own helpers in spreading God's Kingdom. That is what every Christian must do. Do I make it my business to spread the Kingdom or the Kingship of God? Am I a labourer in the harvest, trying to bring God's peace and healing to all the sick sheep? After all, I was made in the image of God, and God gave me the task of following on his creative work. And then Jesus called me, too, to work with him.

Cristo comincia la sua azione apostolica raccogliendo attorno a sé dei discepoli, che diventeranno i diffusori del suo insegnamento. Gesù, davanti all'enormità del compito e l'esiguo numero di coloro che sono chiamati a svolgerlo, si impietosisce delle folle che sono "come pecore senza pastore" e dona poteri ai suoi apostoli e li manda per il mondo.

Il motivo principale della riunione e della successiva dispersione degli apostoli è il grande amore di Dio per l'uomo. Lo scopo del ministero apostolico è il regno di Dio: "Predicate che il regno dei cieli è vicino".

Al momento dell'Ascensione, Cristo dirà agli apostoli: "Andate dunque e ammaestrate tutte le nazioni" (Mt 28,19). Tutti i popoli devono essere ammaestrati per poter accedere al regno di Dio, che è il bene più grande. È così che Cristo propone la redenzione universale. Ognuno di noi, sacerdote, religioso, religiosa o laico, è chiamato e mandato da Dio. Può dunque essere apostolo e far conoscere nel mondo d'oggi, per mezzo della sua vita, la verità di Cristo.

Lavorare per Cristo e con Cristo è un grande privilegio e, insieme, un dovere. "Cristiano, non dimenticare la grande dignità di cui sei stato rivestito!", diceva san Leone Magno. Prendendo coscienza di questa verità, ci uniremo ai dodici apostoli per annunciare: "È vicino a voi il regno di Dio" (Lc 10,9).

"If men only knew what eternity is, they would do everything in their power to change their lives." Baint Bacinta Marto



THURSDAY JUNE 22ND - GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Sue Ng's family Living & Deceased 8:30 A.M. + Laval Teckson

FRIDAY JUNE 23RD – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + ANguyen Thi Quy & TLe BinhMinh 7:00 P.M. + James Burlton

SATURDAY JUNE 24TH- SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Michael Abreu 10:00 A.M. - Pro Populo

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Prun 🦝 Vocation Reflection . . .

"The harvest is plentiful, but the **Vocations** labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca email vocations@archtoronto.org

Stewardship Reflection ...

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to partake in His mission of building up the kingdom of God while also lamenting the lack of labourers in His vineyard. In many ways, this reading captures the reality of parish life in our world today, highlighting that increased levels of parishioner engagement, in service of our Lord and out of love of neighbour, can help increase the spiritual well-being of our parish community. It is our duty as a "holy nation" to help bring people closer to the person of Jesus. Are we willing to help do this by becoming a more active exewardshi labourer in God's vineyard by being more deeply engaged in our parish community?



God our Father, we praise you and bless you for the life you have given us through your saving love, revealed in Jesus your Son. Through Christ you have revealed yourself as a loving father who provides for us all.

Look with love upon our father and bless him with your love. Deepen his love for his wife and family and make us one in love with all your holy people as we proclaim your mighty deeds and sing your praises.

We offer you praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Happy Father's Day!

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Program:

Our Parish offers the PAG Program. Those who wish to sign-up may do so by filling out a registration form found in our website or in the church foyer. Please submit forms with a void cheque to the office or place in the offertory basket at any time. PAG allows you to support your parish when you are away. For more information, please contact our church office.

> Weekly Offertory: Last week's collection: \$4,218.30 Marygrove: \$1,780.60 & ShareLife: \$1,670







June 18, 2023

Is there a right to health care? As a Catholic, what kind of obligation do I have to use my resources to help with the purchase of medicine for my brother? His insurance won't cover the costs, and he's on a fixed income.

Saint John XXIII's 1963 encyclical Pacem In Terris (Peace on Earth) said people have a right to live and a right to the "means necessary for the proper development of life" (11). This text serves as a foundation for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' speaking of a right to "basic" or "adequate health care" in their Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholics. What is not clear in Church teaching is who has the duty to ensure that right. In some cases, the state has taken this responsibility, but this need not be the case. The condition of millions of our brothers and sisters in Christ, however, urges us to action on their behalf.

Regarding the case of one's brother, the question is difficult because of the need for more information. What is the brother's prognosis? Is he taking care of himself responsibly? What do you feel capable of doing morally without placing yourself and others in your care at risk?

Whatever one's ability to respond in this case, one's relationship with one's brother should be marked by compassion and a sincere desire and will to help in whatever way is morally reasonable.

Excerpted from Life, Death, and Catholic Medical Choices: 50 Questions from the Pews, © 2011 Liquori Publications / DearPadre.org

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COMMUNITY

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Exodus 19:2-6a / Romans 5:6-11 / Matthew 9:36-10:8

Bucket List Questions

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

he Bucket List is a movie about two men, played by Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman, who find themselves sharing a hospital room, each diagnosed with terminal cancer. As they talk about the days that remain for each of them, they begin to discuss what they would yet hope to experience before they die. Hence, the title of the film.

At one point amid their many escapades together, Freeman suggests that God is going to ask two questions when they stand before the pearly gates. Nicholson hears this and grows edgy, suspecting his eternal future may be at risk. Freeman then tells him that the first question will be, "Have you ever experienced joy in life?" At that, Nicholson beams with a silly grin that suggests he is thinking more of pleasure than he is of joy. Nonetheless, he decides his lock

on eternal bliss is halfway there. Then Freeman reveals the second question: "Have you ever brought joy to the lives of others?" With that, Nicholson's face drops, realizing his life has been more about himself than about others.

Religion is not just about "going to church" but also about "going from church into the world." That, in a sense, is what Jesus did when he named the twelve apostles and sent them out to heal, bring life, and overcome evil. It is also what we find ourselves sent to do amid the scattered events of every week—to bring joy into the lives of others.

Reflect

If God asks you about your experiences of joy and bringing joy to others, how will you answer?



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