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Thanksgiving

Thanks be to God!

He gives us victory
through Our
Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57



**ATTENTION! NEW MASS TIME
FOR SATURDAY 5:00 PM. MASS:
BEGINNING SATURDAY NOV. 11
MASS WILL BE AT 4:30 PM.
AND EVERY SATURDAY**

Spiritual Warfare *(Catholic day-long conference)*

On October 28th join Fr. Gary Thomas (exorcist) and Zachary King (Convert, Former High Wizard of a Satanic coven) at the Canada Christian College in Toronto for an exciting day of prayer, fellowship and inspiring talks that will equip and embolden you to fight the spiritual battle we are in while protecting yourself and loved ones. A reality check with messages of hope and mercy.

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**HOLY HOUR RESTORED
TO A NEW TIME**

**FRIDAY MORNINGS FROM 7:30 – 8:30 AM.
FOLLOWED BY 8:30 AM. MASS
beginning Friday October 13
the 100th Anniversary
of the last apparition at Fatima**

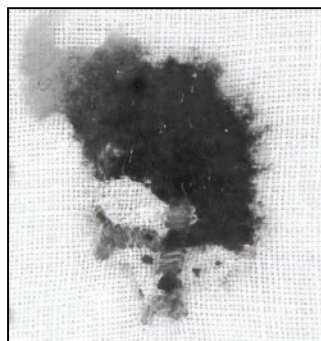


A few months ago, after holding a Holy Hour each Wednesday evening from 6-7 pm. and followed by the Mass over the past eight years, I cancelled this hour with the Eucharistic Lord as the numbers attending had dwindled. Sometimes when I exposed the Blessed Sacrament in the church at 6 pm. I was the only one there. I understand that the time of this hour of adoration wasn't the best for a parish like ours with a high number of younger families, people getting home from work, family events, etc. I understand that while it had a lengthy run in our parish and it had often been advertised it may not have been on many people's radar.

The historical purpose of the Holy Hour comes from the scriptures when on the night before Our Lord's death on the cross He was in the Garden of Gethsemane and his disciples fell asleep. He repeatedly went to them and asked them "Can you not stay awake one hour with me?" The Holy Hour, therefore, is staying with the Lord for an hour as we look at Him in the Sacred Host exposed in the vessel of display called a Monstrance. The Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament is not intended to serve as a replacement for reception of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) but is meant to lead us to a greater appreciation of the Mass which is why it wouldn't make sense to have a Holy Hour after Mass.

As Catholics we have gone through a period in the Church where there has been a general misunderstanding about the

Eucharist and what we believe it really is and means and, unfortunately, I don't think that the misconception of Catholics regarding the Eucharist is all in the past. When one thinks of the high percentage of Catholics, for example, who don't go to Mass on Sundays it can't be seriously considered that they believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In fact, I would suggest that lack of church attendance expresses a general disbelief in the Eucharist, the Sacraments and the necessity to go to Mass every Sunday. However, not only is going to Sunday Mass mandatory for Catholics but it is derived directly from the Third Commandment to "Keep Holy the Sabbath Day". It's pretty humbling to note that God doesn't need you or me – He doesn't need us or anything for that matter – He's God! And as He is the God who has saved us, we in fact need Him! I think many people have abandoned any form of the worship of God in Jesus at Mass because they don't really think they need Him or perhaps that it's good enough just to think about God every once in a while and that somehow appeases God. God doesn't want appeasement – He wants us to live in an intimate relationship with Him.



EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

If Jesus were to personally reveal Himself to us when we received Communion we would be telling everyone we met about His reality in the Eucharist and how it has touched our lives. Well, there have been several Eucharistic miracles over the centuries, some of them taking place in the last decade and in our own time.

One such miracle took place in Poland when a Host was dropped at communion time and placed in a container of water to allow for the Host to dissolve. However, the Host began to show a flesh-like appearance (seen in the picture above) and upon Church-approved examination by pathologists was determined to be heart tissue. It is not 'what' we receive at Communion each Sunday but '**Who**' we are receiving. It IS the Lord Jesus Christ Himself whom we are receiving! *[In the picture above it may be difficult to see, but the fragment of the Host remaining is in the upper left and the darker part to the right and lower shows the appearance and reality of flesh. You can see the sewn cross (lower center) of the corporal – the square, white cloth used at the altar during Mass on which are placed the Body and the Blood of Christ after the consecration.]*

Jesus' own words are clear in the Gospel of John: "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. (John 6:53-55) If we "get it", this revelation and mystery found in the Eucharist, then our Holy Hour will be well attended and our Sunday Masses will become full... and so will we. (Fr. Charles)

Frances Helena Kearnan
1919 – 2017

The older I get the more I am given to think that those who are dying now, at what many would consider a healthy old age, are also marking the end of an era. I see that era's passing as evidence of a bygone time when people generally had a great

deal of faith - and Catholic faith at that. It saw them through great hardships, challenges, often the death of their children, spouses, and many relatives and friends over the years. They were living, breathing, present-day pioneers of the faith and they carried that faith, not so much in a stoic but vibrant way, often in silence, as my mother does now with Dementia, or in the fashion of people like Frances Kearnan.

A dear soul, Frances Kearnan, who lived at the Court at Brooklin, died on September 29th, just days short of her 98th birthday. Frances was born just 2 years after the Blessed Mother appeared at Fatima in the midst of the Great War and where she predicted that if the world did not return to her Son, Jesus, a far worse war would follow, which it did in 1939 in what the world now refers to as the beginning of World War II. Frances' funeral Mass was celebrated here last Wednesday. I remember Frances fondly as one whom I would consider to be a holy person, a woman of lived faith who often told me that she remembered me every day when she said her morning prayers. Many times, upon conclusion of the monthly Mass I celebrate at the Court at Brooklin, Frances would approach me, thank me for celebrating the Mass, and press a bill into my hand with the instructions, "Father, buy yourself a coffee." It was only in the last year that Frances' health began to deteriorate. Up until then she had generally been a good walker and seemed very attentive to people and enjoyed her life. One of her daughter's, parishioner Linda Farr, shared with me that she and her sister Susan were with their mom at the hospital on the day she died. Her mom's eyes were closed and she was very weak. Susan stepped close to her mom and spoke in her ear, saying, "Mom, Linda and Susan are here with you." And with that, Frances opened her eyes and then she died, slipping away from them and her life here to her hope of a new birth in heaven.



For people of faith, God never comes too soon or too late. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. (Fr. Charles)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue, Oct 10	8:30 a.m.	Frances Kearnan +
Wed, Oct 11	7:00 p.m.	Nigel Gonsalves & Damian Maraj +
Thur, Oct 12	8:30 a.m.	
Fri, Oct 13	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Michael Waites
Sat, Oct 14	5:00 p.m.	Int of Catholic Mothers Group
Sun, Oct 15	9:00 a.m.	Int of grieving parents
	11:00 a.m.	Deceased friends of Mammone & Tuzi Families

EDGE **LIFE TEEN** **YOUTH MINISTRY**

It's still not too late for teens Grade 6 thru 12 to register for our exciting Edge and Lifeteen Youth ministries.

Edge Nights each Thursday evening for grades 6, 7 & 8
- Next Edge Night Oct 12th, 6:30 - 7:45pm.
Lifeteen Nights each Saturday evening for grade 9 - 12
- Next Life Night Oct 14th, 6:15 - 7:30pm

To register go to our parish website stleothegreat.ca. and download and print the registration form. You can find it under the Youth Ministry tab on the home page. Registration forms are also available in the vestibule or can be picked up at the office during business hours. The nominal annual registration fee for both programs is \$40 per youth. You can bring the form with you to any of the nights or you can drop off the registration form with the fee at the parish office. If the office is closed, simply leave it in the outside office mailbox. Our recent first ever Edge night which took place on Sept 28th proved to be a great event for our middle school youth. Opening night was an action packed fun-filled night that included a skit, games, crafts, snacks and more. It was great to see many teens coming together from all three of our Brooklin elementary schools. Our first Edge semester is entitled "Kingdom Come" which explores the life of Christ. Our youth will come to a greater understanding of the greatness and the power of Christ as well as their own eternal destiny. Also underway is our Lifeteen semester entitled "Ex Tenebris Lux" which unpacks the inspiration and development of Sacred Scripture and how God continues to make Himself known to us today. God, who dwells in unapproachable light, shatters our darkness and brings us into His light. Lastly, any adults in our parish who are interested in learning more about becoming a Core team member or who just wish to work behind the scenes in either our Edge or Lifeteen programs please let me know. For all Youth ministry inquiries please contact me, Dennis Wardle, personally at the church by calling **(905) 655-3286 ext. 103** or email me at youth@stleothegreat.ca. Thank you everyone for your continued prayers and incredible support, Peace and blessings (Dennis Wardle, Youth Director)

FALL BAZAAR

Items for all tables can be dropped off at the office door side of the building on the following days:

Tues. Oct. 10, Wed. Oct. 11 and Thurs. Oct. 12 from 10 - noon, 1-3 and 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Needed: Items for the bake table. Don't forget to drop off your favorite baked item for the bake table.

Bazaar takes place Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 - 3:00. Everyone welcome. Bring friends and neighbours!

Call 905-620-0724 for info.

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER


The St. Leo the Great Knights of Columbus are inviting everyone to the Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Tickets sold after each Mass. Adults \$15.00, Youth(4-12) \$10.00, Children under 4 Free.




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