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Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Rob....

One of the scenes played over and over again in the Gospels is that of Jesus bringing healing to situations of stress, sickness and worry. In all of those moments, Jesus speaks a word of peace. He commands with a voice of authority. He brings confidence and comfort to those who are suffering. In today's Gospel He relieves a man possessed of a demon in order to bring peace. Jesus wants to free all of us from what burdens us each day. These burdens weigh heavily upon us and cry out for relief. Only in the Lord can we find the true relief we are searching for each day.

One aspect of this pandemic has been a sense of fear, frustration, impatience, anger and lack of kindness. Fr. Daniel and I both have had moments where other professionals in the healthcare field, funerals homes, service industries etc. have turned to us in the moment to ask for prayers, for peace, for a word of comfort as they seek to serve. It is humbling for us and we do what we can to bring them God's peace in the midst of difficult circumstances.

Each day as we both pray together and celebrate mass, we look for ways to bring the Word of God to every situation we encounter. Twice this week we found solace in the words of the saints as we celebrated mass and took to heart their advice.

1. From St. John Vianney: **"Do not try to please everybody. Try to please God, the angels, and the saints -they are your public."**
2. From St. Angela Merici: **"You will accomplish more by kind words and a courteous manner than by anger or sharp rebuke, which should never be used except in necessity."**

Good advice for all of us to ponder.

Pastoral Team

Pastor:

Fr. Rob Rocheleau

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Daniel Bombardier

Pastoral Minister:

Rachelle Leslie

Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry:

Maria Mollica

Priest Chaplains to St. Anthony:

Fr. Barnabas Kiss OFM & Fr. Angelus Ligeti OFM

New Mass Schedule (Temporary times due to COVID-19):

Saturday

5 pm Our Lady of the Atonement

5 pm St. John Vianney

Sunday

8:30 am Our Lady of the Atonement for
St. Vincent de Paul Parish

9:00 am St. John Vianney

10:30 am Our Lady of the Atonement

The mass for Hungarian Community is on hold
for time being

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available by appointment only at this time.

Call the office to arrange a time.

Baptism

Contact the Pastoral Minister to discuss baptism.

Marriage

Contact the office at least eight months in advance.

Marriage preparation is required.

Sacrament of the Sick


Communal Celebrations Seasonally.

Individually anytime - Speak to one of the priests.

Office Hours

Monday: 9 am-3 pm

Tuesday-Friday: 9 am-4pm

Vocations Calendar Please Pray for...	
Tuesday, February 2 9 am @ SJV <i>Presentation of the Lord</i> Fr. Sekar Raj	Julius Van Den Bossche- Theresa Bombardier Cathy Laporte- Slavka Kireta Nancy Peltier- Tony & Agnes D'Andrea
Wednesday, February 3 9 am @ OLOA <i>St. Blaise</i> Mrs. Maija Wilson Campus Minister	Dr. Ian Crawford- Joe & Maureen Comartin Beatrice Gracie- The Pottie Sisters & Family Giuseppe Mollica- Theresa Mollica
Thursday, February 4 9 am @ SJV Fr. Gilbert Simard	Ints. of Rev John Shiha- Damian & Lou Ann Bryce Bill Couvion- Loving wife Sandra Couvion & Family Roger Garant- Tony & Agnes D'Andrea
Friday, February 5 <i>St. Agatha</i> Mrs. Rachelle Leslie Pastoral Minister	Ints. of Steve & Joan Schell- Theresa Cullen Ints. of Joan Fuerth- Theresa Cullen Deceased Members of the Yap & Galizio Families-
Saturday, February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki & Companions</i> Deacon Henry Tomaszewski	Intentions of the Parishioners
Sunday, February 7 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon Ronald Vermette	Intentions of the Parishioners 1st Reading: Job 7.1-4, 6-7 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23 Gospel: Mark 1.29-39



PASTORAL CHALLENGES AND UPDATES

These indeed are challenging times for all of us and the uncertainty of the virus has made for difficult moments for everyone. No one could have imagined that we would face more moments of isolation away from family and friends and even our worshipping community. We must continue to have hope.

Parish groups continue to reach out to their membership with virtual meetings and times of support. Recently we were able to send to the Downtown Mission on behalf of the CWL of Our Lady of the Atonement donations of pie dough and chicken that were in the freezer for their pot pies. Being unable to gather to make them, we did not want to see it go to waste. Thanks to them for their generosity to help the Downtown Mission.

Our three St. Vincent de Paul Societies respond to calls for food assistance every week. We thank the members for their outreach to those in need and to our parishioners for their financial and food donations.

Parishioners continue to pray daily for one another, especially for those who are sick at home and in hospital. We mourn with families who have lost loved ones and journey with them through funeral celebrations that are different yet so important to help bring healing and peace.

We continue to face many financial challenges due to the fact that we are not celebrating on the weekends. We appreciate the financial support that has been given that allows us to keep operating. We have benefitted from the government wage subsidy programme that has enabled us to keep working (even though we are in lockdown, there is still a ton of work being done to keep us operating).

As prudent stewards, we continue to engage in a comprehensive review of all expenditures and are eliminating, cutting back and making changes wherever we can in order to live with a reduced operating budget. We have no choice in this regard if we are to weather the financial challenges that we are experiencing along with so many other businesses in our communities.

We look forward to being able to gather in worship again soon. Please pray for one another.



The first weekend of February is our annual collection to help support our Family of Parishes mission partners. Last year thanks to your tremendous support, we were able to send \$10,000 to our partners in Northern Canada, Peru, Haiti, India and Zambia in Africa.

This year we invite you to continue your support of the missions. Over the next few weeks, you can use the green mission envelopes included in your offertory envelopes which can be dropped off to the parish office during the week or mailed in to us. Or just write "Parish Missions" on an envelope with your information.

We continue to pray for our mission partners and the work they are doing to assist so many of our sisters and brothers throughout the world. Thank you for your support of the Missions.

There is a Time for Everything under Heaven...

Let us all pray for all those who are in need of healing, at home, nursing homes or in hospital, and all those who care for them. Let us pray also for our deceased parishioners and family members who have died:

Tom Deane, Matthew Janisse, Kathryn Wight, Emillie Labaty, Pasqualina Soave

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the Risen Lord bring peace and comfort to those who mourn.



We are in the process of preparing information which will go home via the 4 schools affiliated with the parish once they return to class and we will also post the information on our website. For families with children in public, French immersion or French first language schools, please consult the parish website for information which we will post soon.

At this time we have not established a firm schedule. The pastoral team is meeting to determine an appropriate timeline. Most likely we are looking at sometime in March for Reconciliation and May for Eucharist. A lot depends on the children returning to school and our ability to connect with them.

We have at-home materials which we will be distributing to families to prepare for these sacraments.

Sacrament of Baptism



Please contact Rachelle in the parish office for any baptism inquiries (519) 735-6023 ext. 32

We are unable to celebrate baptisms during this period of lockdown but Rachelle can apprise you of all the essential details about future planning when you speak with her.

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They are offering a wonderful series on St. Paul whose letters we hear every Sunday. It is called "Footprints of God: Paul Contending for the Faith. You will gain a better understanding of the life, ministry and sufferings of St. Paul.

They also have a ton of resources on other faith formation topics like prayer, scripture, evangelization as well as handy resources such as daily meditations as we prepare for Lent. Check it out!

Bingo Fundraising: All monies raised for Our Lady of the Atonement came from Paradise Charitable Gaming Association. Thanks to all who supported us. Paul Ratko, Parish Rep.



From the Accounting department....



Thanks to the many who continue to drop off their envelopes each week or use the monthly pre-authorized remittance (PAR) or the e-transfer function (St. John Vianney & Our Lady of the Atonement only). We appreciate the support. For those who use envelopes, they can be obtained by calling the office or emailing us and we will arrange to have you pick them up from the office mailbox. Thanks to Robin who has been delivering many to homes in the past week. We will do some more this coming week. Thank you for your financial stewardship.

If you have any questions about your donations, envelopes, PAR, have an address change etc. please speak to Pauline: planglois@dol.ca.

Please note that CRA requires us to prepare tax receipts and have them completed for the end of February. Because of the pandemic, they will be prepared and mailed out rather than made available for pick-up. Staff is working remotely at this time so the process will take time. We will advise when they will be mailed. Thank you.

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