



Today's gospel, makes the point that we are but stewards of creation and that everything is given to us on trust and for safe keeping. All is on loan, our tenure is brief and we are held accountable for our management. In a world of limited resources we cannot afford to squander our environment and are called to live responsibly, using what we need and sharing what we can. Material goods, which are necessary for life, are meant to be shared and it is decidedly immoral for a portion of the earth to become wealthy at the expense of the poorer parts. In achieving material abundance, we have lost sight of our moral and spiritual bearings. Otherwise, how can it be that in the midst of plenty there are still people dying of hunger, condemned to illiteracy, lacking the most basic medical care and without a roof over their heads? The scenario of poverty is so widespread that we all tend to feel overwhelmed and rendered powerless by the magnitude of the problem. Nevertheless, each of us can make a difference and we have a duty to do what we can to improved life for at least a few.

GLEANINGS FROM THE ELECTION GUIDE AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Catholic Charities has prepared a **Guide to Catholic Social Teaching and the Federal Election** that reflects on 7 key issues that will have an impact on creating the type of just society we hope to build. The Environment (last week's column), Human Dignity, Poverty, Homelessness, Health Care, Indigenous issues and Newcomers. The following is a short summary of the Election Guide.

Human Dignity From the Beginning to the End of Life

We want to elect governments that actively works to shape a world where human life receives full respect at all stages. Just as children are to be protected, those who are at the end of their lives also deserve care, such as high quality palliative care, long term care and home care. A respect for life issues includes not only critical life issues such as abortion and assisted suicide, but also a commitment to life in the broader sense. We must also be committed to work in solidarity with the poor and marginalized. It is up to us to gauge the various political parties' responses when it comes to; improving health care, reducing poverty, providing quality education, creating affordable hand offering other social supports.

Poverty: Income Insecurity, Food Insecurity and Homelessness

In 2017 3.4 million Canadians lived below the poverty line. The human cost of poverty is staggering: broken families, children underachieving or failing in school, homelessness, health problems and more. Having a place to call home is the key to ending poverty. Precarious employment, having several part time jobs, with minimum wage and little security is an issue as is food insecurity. Studies have shown that 1 in 8 households do not have enough money to buy the food they need. Our social teaching tells us that governments must protect those who are marginalized in society, must protect economic security and an acceptable quality of life for those who are unemployed, impoverished or afflicted by a mental or physical disability.

Our actions matter and so does our vote.

On **October 3**, the Archdiocese will host an **all-party Debate**. The free tickets for the live debate downtown are sold out. However in our area St. Edward the Confessor Parish in North York will be providing live streaming at the parish. For more information please go to www.archtoronto.org/election.

More on the election guide in next week's column

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Celine D'Souza
Tuesday	Soul of Eugene Penoso Soul of Esteban Alde & Eufenia Azuela Soul of Thomas Joseph Donnelly Soul of Helen Snares Soul of Mirna Ana Flores
Wednesday	Soul of Alice D'Souza
Thursday	Intentions of Joseph Chen
Friday	Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

Please pray for the sick in our community

May we be gentle and caring in reaching out to those in our midst who are sick or troubled in anyway, especially: **Ave Warren, Brian Dorrian, Tony da Camara Jr., Tracey Hutchinson, Kevin Arcand, Jairus Papio, San Hu and Elona**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250



DROP-IN & LINE DANCING

Friday afternoons have once again become a hub of activity in the parish hall. Please join us for a light lunch followed by line dancing from 2 until 3:30pm. All are welcome!



The topic of study this year is the Gospel of John - "My Peace I Give You."

When: Mondays: October 07 through November 25.
Afternoon session 1-3pm, Evening Session 7:30-9:30pm
** No Bible Study on Thanksgiving Monday, October 14th

Registration: The weekends of Sept 21/22, Sept 28/29 and Oct 5/6 – after all masses.

Cost: Book and reading material \$15.00

Let us find time explore God's word together and experience real lasting peace, strength and serenity in today's troubled world.

Educate, Reflect, Act! Join us October 3, 2019 – 7:30 pm **Federal Election Debate from a Catholic Perspective**

Thanks to an overwhelming response, in just three days, more than 1,000 free tickets were ordered for the Thursday, October 3, 2019 Federal Election Debate from a Catholic Perspective. While tickets for the John Bassett Theatre are sold out, four archdiocesan parishes (located in Brampton, North York, Barrie and Oshawa) equipped with the appropriate technology are opening their halls for viewing parties to bring interested Catholics together to participate in this important evening. Individuals can also livestream the event from their own home. To order free tickets for a viewing party near you or to learn more about the livestream, the debate and related resources, please visit www.archtoronto.org/election



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE** **SEPT 28/29 & OCT 5/6 WEEKENDS**

Thanksgiving is approaching! As we reflect upon the many blessing God has given us, let us remember the less fortunate.

Please bring your donations of non-perishable food (canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, flour, baby food, coffee etc.) to the church. Your donations enable the Georgina Food Bank to provide much needed aid to those in need in their community.

Your help is greatly needed and much appreciated!

THANK YOU!

2nd Annual **Parish Ministry Conference** **Saturday, October 19, 2019**

This year's Parish Ministry conference will address the reality of being Catholic in today's world.

Register Now - Tickets are ½ price!

Please see the bulletin board for more information.

If anyone attending can accommodate additional passengers, please contact Natalie Doucet at x235.



All are welcome to join us Monday, Sept 23rd at 7:30pm for an evening of **Praise & Worship** in the parish hall. Bring a friend!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The prayer shawl ministry meets in the lounge every Friday from 1-2pm. New members are always welcome!

BLESSING OF PETS **Saturday, October 5th** **1:00 pm in the Parish Hall**

On this day, all are welcome to bring their pets to worship and praise God in the spirit of St. Francis, lover of creation and Patron Saint of Ecology.