

## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



As Christians, our vocation in life is to proclaim the dignity of every human person and to be at the service of the poor and needy. We have got to seek out ways in which we become a voice for the voiceless because the poor of the world are our brothers and sisters. We must never be content to leave them on the breadline. If we have surplus of anything then we should share. Let us remember that it is in giving that we receive. The poor provide us with an opportunity of opening our hearts and practising charity. **Lazarus** was the rich man's sole opportunity of shaping his eternal destiny for the better. He was the lifeline to help Dives place himself within the range of God's grace. Dives was not condemned for being rich but rather for his indifference to the poor man's plight. Sins of omission are all too easily overlooked. Lazarus is all around us. Not as an apparition from another world but in the pitiful spectres of humanity who aimlessly walk our city streets, sleep in doorways and beg for money. The fact we cannot fix every situation is not an excuse for doing nothing at all. Every Lazarus at the gate is a challenge to remember where God is ... at the side of the poor.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	<b>Departed Soul</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Guadalupe Aguirre Leon</b> Soul of <b>Sonia Cordeiro</b> Soul of <b>Julie McKenzie</b> Soul of <b>Vilma Adams</b> Soul of <b>Catherine Velikonja</b>
Wednesday	Souls of <b>Thomas &amp; Carol Bader</b>
Thursday	<b>Departed Soul</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>John Frederick Jack Wilson</b>

### **Please pray for the sick in our community**

We pray for those who are carrying the cross of suffering, especially: **Ave Warren, Brian Dorrian, Tony da Camara Jr., Tracey Hutchinson, Kevin Arcand, Jairus Papiro, San Hu and Elona**

### **PRAYER REQUEST LINE**

905 881-2786 ext. 250

## **GLEANINGS FROM THE ELECTION GUIDE AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

### **Indigenous Issues**

Many Canadians see reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, First Nations, Inuit and Métis – as a priority. As a country we can restore positive relationships and move forward together. Voting responsibly, means engaging in dialogue with Indigenous communities on ways to reduce poverty and ensure adequate funding for education, health care, clean water and housing. All levels of government, but especially the federal government, can work to do this. Our Catholic community must advocate where any injustice remains, recognizing the unique history and contributions offered by Indigenous peoples.

### **Newcomers: Immigrants, Migrants and Refugees**

*“Biblical revelation urges us to welcome the stranger; it tells us that in doing so we open our doors to God, and that in the faces of others we see the face of Christ himself. Today the context of the economic crisis unfortunately fosters the emergence of attitudes of closure and not of welcome. The only way to a solution is that of solidarity with the migrant, with the foreigner”* (Pope Francis). Our vote can help ensure that the government considers their needs so they are less vulnerable.

### **Health Care: Access for All**

Political parties know that voters expect the government to be concerned and proactive about Canadian's well-being. Health and health care are fundamental rights. In addition to caring for our own wellbeing, we must show concern for the most vulnerable people in our communities – especially those experiencing extreme poverty. Access to medication - the need for a comprehensive pharmacies program is an issue as well as full accessibility for people living with developmental or physical disabilities.

**There are some copies of the Election Guide available at the back of the Church.**

Every election campaign involves issues that we need to address if we hope to build a more just society for everyone. For most of us the issues that are top of mind are those that affect us personally. Because we are one body, one community, issues that affect the most vulnerable are also our issues.

It is important to look at all the party platforms and reflect on what kind of society we would like, what kind of social safety nets we need, what is in the common good so that people thrive. When more people thrive we are then all better off individually and as a society.

*Natalie Doucet*

# PARISH NEWS



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 14.

**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.



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

Thanksgiving is approaching! As we reflect upon the many blessings 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 support to those in need in their community. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**THANK YOU!**

### **First Friday**

Please join us Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> for an hour of Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 7:30pm  
Come spend an hour with Jesus.

## **Educate, Reflect, Act!**

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

Four archdiocesan parishes (located in Brampton, North York, Barrie and Oshawa) 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](http://www.archtoronto.org/election)

## **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **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.

## **LIFE CHAIN**

**SUNDAY, OCT 6<sup>TH</sup> 2-3:00 PM**

Please join to give public witness to the evil of abortion and to the sanctity of human life. Again this year we can join parishioners from Blessed Trinity Parish at Bayview and Finch or St. Pascal Baylon at Yonge and Steeles.



## **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**

Circle of Friends is a program for seniors at St. Luke's. It begins its third year on **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**. Our goal is to affirm and support each other, seeking opportunities to grow stronger mentally, physically and spiritually as we journey through the second half of our lives. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Antoinette Agostinelli at ext. 233 for more information.