

**Teach me  
Your ways,  
O Lord . . .**

Jesus sees nothing wrong with the disciples wanting to be first, provided they know that to be first among his followers they must consider themselves last and beneath all others. To rule is to serve and to be first is to be last. Many of today's problems could be resolved easier if only people were able to curb their ambitions and see their work as a service to people in the community. If ambitions get out of control, it can lead to an unhealthy mix of greed, jealousy, envy and resentment among individuals. The words of this gospel passage give us a fresh opportunity to reflect on the type of disciple we are striving to become. When we serve those who are most in need we come closest to what Christian leadership means.



**Mass Intentions**

Monday	Soul of <b>Thomas Dermody</b>
Tuesday	Souls of <b>Mirna Pina, Hilda Bueten, Bernard Hannan</b> and for the Intention of <b>Susan Hannan</b>
Wednesday	Souls of <b>Hana, Haney &amp; Jamale</b>
Thursday	Departed Soul
Friday	Soul of <b>John Frederick Jack Wilson</b>

**PRAYER REQUEST LINE**  
905 881-2786 ext. 250

**WHY YOU SHOULD HAVE THE COURAGE TO  
SPEAK ABOUT YOUR FAITH**

It is getting more and more difficult to openly and freely live a Christian life in today's social environment. Catholics can freely worship, send their kids to Catholic school, and privately pray. Isn't this good enough? Imagine for a moment that I only ever expressed my love for my family in the privacy of my own home and never in public; I never held my wife's hand or played with my daughters in public. I can already tell you what my wife would say: "Are you ashamed of me and the girls!?"

**Don't Be Ashamed**

I am of course not ashamed of my family. I love talking about my family, showing pictures of my daughters, playing with them and going on dates with my wife. I have learned that the public witness of our family brings joy to many. We have come across the occasional "Grouchy Smurf," but they are few.

If we are not ashamed to publicly express our love for our families, why are we so hesitant to express our love of Jesus? Jesus is asking us, "Are you ashamed of me?" I think most of us can honestly say we are not ashamed of Jesus, but he does challenge our societal mood and can bring offense to some "Grouchy Smurfs." Our societal tendency to take offense can easily discourage us from publicly expressing our faith (or having authentic discussion in general).

**Are You In Love?**

When we're in love, offending someone is the last thing on our minds. If someone misinterprets it as "showing off," to be blunt, I don't care. I also have the same attitude with my Catholic faith. I love sharing how our family's Catholic faith has affected our marriage: We pray as a family (yes, in public too), we remain open to kids by not using contraception, and we sometimes sit with homeless people and share a coffee. I don't share this to "show off," but simply to express how my faith has affected my life. Here is the reality. I think our world is in increasing in "Grouchy Smurfs." As a result, if we openly express our relationship with Jesus, we will receive backlash. However, this is nothing new. In the book of Wisdom the author expresses how the righteous were persecuted (see Wisdom 2:12-20). Jesus was also put to death because the "grouchy" political and religious authorities found offense in his message. Remember, Jesus never incited hatred or violence; he peacefully shared a message that pierced people's comfort; still he was killed.

Next time you're out for lunch with co-workers or grabbing coffee with a friend will you openly share your faith?

Greg Garda, *Youth Minister*.

## **BIBLE STUDY**



***Mondays: October 15 through November 26***

The topic of study this year is the Gospel of Matthew: "On the Road with Jesus" (Loyola Press).

**Registration:** Weekends of **Sept. 22 & 23 and 29 & 30 after all the masses.**

**Cost:** Book and reading materials \$15.00

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

## **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

***Sept. 22/23 and Sept. 29/30***

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, etc.) to the church **this weekend or September 29/30.** Your contributions will be sent to the Georgina Food Bank to help the poor.

Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!

## **TUNA CASSEROLES**

The Tuna Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Ministries are due on **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** (last Sunday of the month).

We are always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in supporting this program please contact Kay Holker (416-493-0906) or Bev McMahon (905-889-2905).

## **LIFE CHAIN**

Please join us next Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 3:00 pm to give public witness that abortion destroys a 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.



Hello again seniors!

We are starting the second year of our St. Luke's program for seniors.

We will tell you about it this weekend as Denis Kelly speaks from the ambo.

We will talk to you about it next weekend in the narthex. Only new members need to register.

## **BLESSING OF PETS**

***Saturday, October 6th***

***2:00 p.m. 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.



## **GRIEF, THE UNTOLD STORY**

You are invited to join Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home for their upcoming seminars. You will learn how to explore your grief, experience healing and renew your faith.

**Location:** Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home  
211 Langstaff Rd. East, Thornhill, ON

**Date:** **Tuesday, September 25, 2018 @7:00 pm**

**RSVP:** (416) 733-8544 ext. 2047

## **RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS OF CHRIST**

The precious Relic of the True Cross of Christ will visit St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. A special Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Wayne Kirkpatrick at 4:00 pm, followed by the adoration of Relic of True Cross of Christ at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 4260 Cawthra Road, Mississauga.