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Sail On Silver Girls & Boys



The lakeside of Galilee, not far from the spot where Jesus had invited his disciples to leave their nets and come follow him, he is tending a charcoal fire. With dawn breaking, seven of his disciples are approaching with empty nets drifting alongside their boat. They are disappointed after a long night. A voice from shore tells them to cast their nets one last time. The apostles do and are stunned at the size of their catch. When they are invited to come and have breakfast, Peter suddenly realizes that the mysterious helper is Jesus and leaps overboard into the water to be the first to greet the Master. The memory of his cowardice during the trial of Jesus, when he was caught lying must have been uppermost in his mind. On the dawn of that new day, Peter is brought out of his darkness, healed of his guilt and afforded an opportunity to affirm his love for the Lord.

When feeling discouraged and disappointed, we need to listen out for the sound of a voice coming from the shores of eternity beckoning us to try something new, to take a different direction. The good news of Easter is that Jesus is alive, watching over us and more interested in our future prospects than our past failures. Like Peter, we have been freed, not just for the hereafter but also for the here and now. We can reach out to others because the Risen Lord reached out to us. Ours is a life made new by the Risen Lord. We are children of the resurrection.

This weekend we warmly welcome the children receiving their First Communion. One thing we focused on in their preparation was how to receive the Eucharist, how to tenderly open their hands making a temporary manger for Jesus prior to him making his home in them. We point out that unlike Adam who ‘took’ the fruit from the tree, we ‘receive’ the Eucharist and we reflect on the difference. To take something signifies entitlement and competition whereas to receive something signifies gratitude and gift.

At times some of the children worried if they would do well enough in the program to receive Communion. We assured them that unlike most things in life our relationship with God is not about achieving but receiving, about receiving what God has already given us, His unconditional love. We cannot earn it; we just receive it. Holiness is not earned, as we are all loved many, many times beyond our capacity to appreciate. Our goal is to grow in our appreciation of just how much we are loved and to grow in relationship as the beloved. We journey restlessly throughout the world to discover that our primary pilgrimage is from heart to head, a distance of about a foot. Consequently, 99.9% of our prayers should be prayers of gratitude and praise for we have already received all we need.

Our journey then is a growing awareness through contemplation. The word ‘contemplation’ originated with the Romans where they would examine the biology of animals in the Temple to reveal the ‘wonder’ of God’s creation. We are called to be contemplatives and to examine our lives for the ‘wonder’ of God. Pausing each day to reflect on our experience reveals the many ways that we encounter God’s wonder and the sacred in all things. Once we begin to do this, we can no longer tolerate the desecration of anything and we stand up for all that is precious in our world.

Sin is anything that prevents us from receiving what God desires to give us which is why the devil’s primary goal is our preoccupation with the trivial. To preoccupy us from receiving sacred gifts like reconciliation and the Eucharist our children are receiving this weekend. So, let us guard ourselves and our children from this preoccupation as it is the community’s responsibility to always remind them of the sacredness of Communion and our own inherent sacredness as Vessels of God.

So sail on silver girls and boys. Sail on by. Your time has come to shine, all your dreams are on their way. See how you shine and oh, if you need a friend, Jesus is sailing right inside, like a bridge over troubled water He is sailing right inside.
John Humphries.



Mass Intentions

- Monday Soul of **Laima O’Sullivan**
- Tuesday Soul of **Malcolm Francis MacKinnon**
Soul of **Laima O’Sullivan**
Soul of **Pasqualina Zuppa**
Intentions for the **RCIA team**
- Wednesday Souls of **Felipe & Elvina Menezes**
- Thursday Soul of **Rupert Javier**
- Friday Soul of **John Frederick Jack Wilson**

PRAYER REQUEST LINE

905 881-2786 ext. 250

PARISH NEWS



MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE

For the month of May, the statue of Mary is available for display in your home. The rosary can then be recited by family and friends.

Throughout the month, the statue will travel to other homes. The sign up schedule is available in the narthex. On May 31st, the statue will return to the church where we will gather at 7:00pm to pray the rosary as a community.

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2019 PARISH GOAL - \$147,000.00

Collection to date - \$ 62,786.00

LIVING THE GOSPEL WITH JUSTICE AND LOVE

“ShareLife represents a reliable signpost on the course mapped out by our Pastoral Plan – namely, its core direction of “Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love.” The work of our agencies and your generosity towards them, serve as a pathway through which acts of justice and love are realized, and the witness of the Catholic faith is strengthened. **This is our 2nd ShareLife Sunday. Your generosity mean so much to so many. Thank you.**

Cardinal Thomas Collins

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, May 11th

Knights of Columbus, St. Luke's Council 4393, will accept donations for The Canadian Wheelchair Foundation on Sunday, May 11th after all masses. The donations will help purchase wheelchairs for disabled children whose families cannot afford them.

For a donation of \$195.00 you will receive a beautiful certificate with a photo of the wheelchair recipient.

Donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt

EDGE CAMP 2019

Registration Deadline May 15th

Families with children in grades 5-8 are invited to register for Edge Camp 2019. Edge Camp is a Catholic outdoor camp that will be held at Camp White Pine, in Haliburton from August 25-29th.

For more information, please visit

<https://stlukesth.archtoronto.org/Ministries/youth-ministry> or contact Greg Garda @

SaintLukesYM@gmail.com or at ext 232.

The cost is \$475 for the entire camp.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

BUNDLE UP WEEKEND

A St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot the weekend of **May 11/12th** to collect **gently used clothing, household linens, shoes, bedding, draperies and small household goods.** Please share what you can with our neighbors in need. Our container will be open all day Saturday until 6:30 pm and Sunday until 2:00pm. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Mass.

THANK YOU!

TOTUS TUUS Day Camp 2019

Totus Tuus registrations are now open for the day and evening programs.

Day Program

Who: Students entering grades 1-6

When: July 22-26 from 9am – 2:30pm

Cost: \$60 first child & \$30 for each additional child

Evening Program

Who: Students entering grades 7-12

When: July 21-25 from 7pm-9pm

Cost: \$30

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<https://stlukesth.archtoronto.org/Ministries/youth-ministry> OR <http://eepurl.com/gkvfU1>

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